

**LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
AGENDA FOR THE
2012 ANNUAL CONVENTION
CROWNE PLAZA, BATON ROUGE
JANUARY 25-27, 2012**

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS C

1. Class C must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the upper half of its districts (1-4) to serve a two-year term.

Principal

School

2. Amend Section 11-Basketball by amending Rules 11.7.1, 11.8.1, and 11.8.7 on pages 90 and 92 of the 2011-12 LHSAA Handbook.

11.7.1 Wildcard teams shall be allotted to each class as follows:

CLASS	# OF DISTRICTS	# AUTO QUALIFIERS	# WILDCARD TEAMS	# BYES REMAINING
C	9	1st and 2nd	4 <u>6</u>	0

11.8.1 In Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A and B, all teams shall be seeded (1-32) according to their power rating. In Class C, all teams shall be seeded (1-24) according to their power rating.

11.8.7 The seeding for the 24-team bracket shall be as follows:

<u>1 vs. Bye</u>	<u>5 vs. Bye</u>	<u>9 vs. 24</u>	<u>13 vs. 20</u>
<u>2 vs. Bye</u>	<u>6 vs. Bye</u>	<u>10 vs. 23</u>	<u>14 vs. 19</u>
<u>3 vs. Bye</u>	<u>7 vs. Bye</u>	<u>11 vs. 22</u>	<u>15 vs. 18</u>
<u>4 vs. Bye</u>	<u>8 vs. Bye</u>	<u>12 vs. 21</u>	<u>16 vs. 17</u>

To Become Effective Immediately,

Carl Langley
Hackberry High School

Items Pertaining to Class Business

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS B

1. **Class B must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the upper half of its districts (1-4) to serve a two-year term.**

Principal	School
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2. **Amend Section 10-Baseball, by amending Rule 10.10.1, Page 80 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:**

10.10.1 In Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A and B, all teams shall be seeded (1-32) according to their power rating. In ~~Class B, all teams shall be seeded (1-24) according to their power rating, and in~~ Class C all teams shall be seeded (1-16) according to their power rating.

To Become Effective Immediately,

Lisa Bastion Choudrant High School	Curtis Williams Downsville High School
Ricky Durrett Simsboro High School	Paula Green Holden High School
Steve Harris Forest High School	Kerry Rogers Oak Hill High School
Kay Blackburn Grace Christian School	

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 1A

1. **Class 1A must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the upper half of its districts (1-5) to serve a two-year term.**

Principal	School
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ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 2A

1. **Class 2A must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the lower half of its districts (6-10) to serve a two-year term.**

Principal	School
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Items Pertaining to Class Business

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 3A

1. Class 3A must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the upper half of its districts (1-5) to serve a two-year term.

Principal

School

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 4A

1. Class 4A must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the lower half of its districts (6-10) to serve a two-year term.

Principal

School

ITEMS PERTAINING TO CLASS 5A

1. Class 5A must elect an LHSAA Executive Committee member from the lower half of its districts (5-9) to serve a two-year term.

Principal

School

I. ITEMS INTRODUCED DURING THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR PERTAINING TO SECTION 1, ELIGIBILITY, THAT ACCORDING TO THE LHSAA CONSTITUTION SHALL BE TABLED FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2013 ANNUAL CONVENTION.

1. Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rules 1.5.2, 1.5.2.2 and 1.5.2.3, page 15 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.5.2 *Schools classified as a three-grade high school (grades 10-12) by the DOE may allow students in the 9th grade from a specified feeder school, that has been submitted to and approved by the LHSAA, to participate in interscholastic athletics at the school.* A member school *classified as a grades 10-12 high school,* for interscholastic athletic purposes, the principal of the 10-12 *high school* shall not have interscholastic athletic jurisdiction over any grades below the 10th grade. In order for eligible 9th grade students to participate *in interscholastic athletics at the 10-12 high school,* the *feeder school* shall not be under the jurisdiction of an individual who is the principal, assistant principal or faculty member of the *10-12 high school.* *In addition, the two schools shall not share the same commons area of a school, such as administrative office, cafeteria, gymnasium, science labs, computer labs, automotive/bus drop-off and pick-up areas.* A student from *the specified feeder school* choosing to participate in athletics at a *10-12* high school shall not, after *being registered at that* school with *the LHSAA,* transfer to another senior high school in that attendance zone and be eligible for athletics until he/she has been enrolled there for one calendar year.

Executive Committee

2. Amend Section 1-Eligibility, Rules 1.6 and 1.6.1, Page 15 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.6 **AGE AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

1.6.1 A student becomes ineligible for interscholastic athletic participation if he/she has reached his/her 19th birthday before ~~September 1~~ **August 1** of that school year. If he/she becomes 19 on or after ~~September 1~~ **August 1,** he/she shall be eligible for the remainder of the school year, if he/she meets all other eligibility rules.

**Leonard Enger
Holy Rosary High School**

**George Hebert, Jr.
Fisher High School**

Items Pertaining to Eligibility

3. Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by deleting Rule 1.11.18, and amending Rule 1.11.17, page 19 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

~~1.11.17 Summer School:~~

~~1.11.18 Correspondence Courses and/or Approved Credit Recovery Courses:~~

1.11.17 Credit Through Non-traditional Means: Carnegie units and grades earned in state approved subjects taken through non-traditional means such as but not limited to summer school, correspondence courses, credit recovery, virtual school, etc. may be used for scholastic eligibility under the following provisions:

1. If a subject is repeated, this shall be accomplished through a remedial program approved by the State Department of Education.
2. The non-traditional course shall count as a Carnegie unit or one-half unit.
3. In order for a non-traditional course that is taken during the second semester or over the summer months to be considered for scholastic eligibility for the first semester of the succeeding school year, the student shall complete the course prior to his/her school's participation in a jamboree contest or the first day of classes in the school year, whichever occurs first.
4. In order for a non-traditional course to be considered for scholastic eligibility for the second semester of the school year, the student shall complete the course no later than the final date of the marking period of the first semester.
5. If a student is repeating a subject by means of a non-traditional course that he/she took during the preceding semester or preceding school year, the subject the student took during the regular school year shall not be used in determining the student's GPA if the school elects to count the grade earned by a non-traditional course. Example: A student takes six subjects during the regular school year and passes all of them except science and math. The student repeats the same math course in a non-traditional course and passes it. The school may discard the math grade and course the student took during the regular school year and divide by six subjects when determining the student's GPA.
6. If a student is taking a subject in a non-traditional course that he/she did not take during the preceding school year, the new subject shall be added to the subjects pursued during the regular school year when determining the student's GPA. Example: The same student in the previous example elects to take typing in a non-traditional course in an attempt to gain scholastic eligibility; he/she did not take typing during the regular school year. The school shall divide by seven subjects when determining the student's GPA.
7. A student who is eligible at the end of the regular school year shall not become ineligible by attempting a non-traditional course.
8. A school that allows a student-athlete to attempt a non-traditional course free of charge or at a reduced fee (if a fee is normally charged) shall be in violation of the illegal recruiting (undue influence) rule.
9. A person or organization connected with the school that pays the non-traditional course fees for a student-athlete (if a fee is normally charged) shall be in violation of the illegal recruiting(undue influence) rule.

Executive Committee

Items Pertaining to Eligibility

4. Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rules 1.14 and 1.14.3, Page 21 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.14.3 If a student transfers to an LHSAA high school located outside of his/her attendance zone, he/she shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school for one calendar year from the date of his/her enrollment in that school. Exception: A first year ~~9th grader~~ student in 9th grade or lower who transfers to or enrolls in an LHSAA high school located outside his/her attendance zone shall be immediately eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the sub-varsity level. If the LHSAA high school does not offer a sub-varsity level of interscholastic athletics in a particular sport, the student shall be ineligible for a competition in that sport.

Dan Savoie
Lafayette Christian Academy

5. Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.30.8, page 29 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.30.8 A *bona-fide* student shall not be allowed to receive scholastic academic credit as a home-schooled student at the same time he/she is earning Carnegie units while attending an LHSAA member school. An approved home-schooled student shall be allowed to audit an academic course at an LHSAA member school. Auditing a class is defined as allowing a student to attend an academic course without asking for or receiving academic credit for it, usually attending all the sessions but not required to do the assignments.

Executive Committee

6. Amend Section 1-Eligibility, by amending Rule 1.31, 1.31.1, 1.31.2, 1.31.3, 1.31.4, 1.31.5, 1.31.6 and 1.31.7, page 29 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.31 STUDENTS IN 7th and 8th GRADE AND BELOW

1.31.1 A school shall not allow a student in the ~~7th and 8th grade and below~~ 7th and 8th grade to practice or play with any of its school teams at any level in any sport unless that grade is under the official jurisdiction of the principal of the member high school as recognized by the State Department of Education. This rule shall only apply to member schools in the lowest 3 classifications (IA, B, C) based on a school's October 1st enrollment that is certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution's Enrollment Calculation. In no circumstances can any student in a grade lower than grade 7 participate at any level in LHSAA sanctioned athletics. Under no circumstances shall a 7th or 8th grader be eligible to participate in the contact sports of football or wrestling at any level.

1. Seventh grade students who qualify to participate in LHSAA sanctioned athletics under the guidelines of 1.31.1 shall be eligible for competition on high school athletic teams only during the ensuing twelve (12) consecutive semesters or terms of 90 days.
2. Eighth grade students who qualify to participate in LHSAA sanctioned athletics under the guidelines of 1.31.1 shall be eligible for competition on high school athletic teams only during the ensuing ten (10) consecutive semesters or terms of 90 days.
3. Once a 7th and/or 8th grade student is registered with the LHSAA as a bona-fide student, the student has established eligibility at the member school and has made his/her school of first choice as outlined in Rule 1.13.2 and does not get another choice upon entering grade 9.

Items Pertaining to Eligibility

4. *Once a 7th and/or 8th grade student is registered with the LHSAA as a bona-fide student to participate in LHSAA sanctioned athletics at any level, the student shall be ineligible for 7th and/or 8th grade level competition in that sport. Any such competition shall be declared as an independent team and shall be subject to penalty under the independent team rule.*
- 1.31.3 A bona fide student ~~below the 9th~~ *in the 7th and 8th* grades shall meet the requirements of the Residence And School Transfers Rule to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at an LHSAA school under the same principal.
- 1.31.4 If a student transfers to an LHSAA high school located outside of his/her attendance zone, a bona fide student ~~below the 9th~~ *in the 7th and/or 8th* shall be ineligible at the LHSAA school for one calendar year from the date of his/her enrollment in the LHSAA school that is under the same principal.
- 1.31.2 A student in ~~elementary~~ *the 7th and 8th* grades who participates on a high school team shall meet the same eligibility requirements as a high school student, excluding the scholastic rule.
- 1.31.5 For a student to be ruled eligible for the first semester of the school year, he/she must ~~pass at least three fourths of the subjects taken during the previous school year~~ *have been promoted to the next grade level and shall have earned a "C" average as determined by the Local Education Authority when considering all "graded" subjects.*
- 1.31.6 For a student to be ruled eligible for the second semester of the school year, he/she must pass ~~at least three fourths of the~~ *all core credit subjects (math, language arts, science, and social studies)* taken during the first semester *and shall have earned a "C" average as determined by the Local Education Authority when considering all "graded" subjects.*
- 1.31.7 If a student passes ~~at least three fourths of~~ the academic requirements in the 6th, 7th and/or 8th grade and is required to repeat one of these grades because of mandates of the school system pupil progression plan, he/she shall be ineligible for the first semester of the next school year.

Executive Committee

II. ITEMS INTRODUCED DURING THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR PERTAINING TO SECTION 1, ELIGIBILITY THAT ACCORDING TO THE LHSAA CONSTITUTION SHALL BE TABLED FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2012 ANNUAL CONVENTION.

1. Amend Section 1-Eligibility, Rule 1.14.1, Page 23 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

- 1.14.1** If a student transfers to an LHSAA high school located outside of his/her attendance zone, he/she shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school for one calendar year from the date of his/her enrollment in that school. **Exception:** A ~~first-year 9th grade~~ student who transfers to or enrolls in an LHSAA high school located outside his/her attendance zone, shall be immediately eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the sub-varsity level. If the LHSAA high school does not offer a sub-varsity level of interscholastic athletics in a particular sport, the student shall be ineligible for competition in that sport.

**James Reiss
Vandebilt Catholic High School**

2. Amend Section 1-Eligibility, Rule 1.22.1, Page 28 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

1.22 ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFERS

- 1.22.1** ~~The LHSAA shall not honor school system approved administrative transfers that are granted for the following reasons:~~
- ~~To a student attending a school in which his/her parent(s) is employed if the school is located outside of the student's home attendance zone.~~
Exception: The above rule does not apply to a student whose parent(s) is an on staff full time faculty coach or an on staff full time administrator. A coach must provide verification that he/she has been an on staff full time faculty coach for a minimum of the three previous school years. The transfer of the student shall occur at the first opportunity to attend after the coach or administrator is hired.
 - ~~To a student attending a school located outside of his/her home attendance zone because of medical or health reasons.~~
 - ~~To a student attending a school located outside of his/her home attendance zone because of academic reasons or because a specific course(s) is not offered at the school in his/her home attendance zone. A transfer to a magnet school, a school with a magnet program, or Recovery School District (RSD) public high schools shall be an exception to this rule, if the transfer meets the requirements outlined in Rule 1.29.~~
 - ~~To a student attending a school located outside of his/her home attendance zone because an LHSAA sport is not offered at the school in his/her home attendance zone.~~
 - ~~All other school system administrative transfers granted a student attending a school located outside of his/her attendance zone for a reason not covered by any exceptions under the residence and school transfers rule. A student who is reassigned to a different school within the same school system as approved by the school district's superintendent or his/her designee shall be eligible at the new school as long as the reassignment is not for disciplinary reasons and the student meets all other eligibility requirements. The reassigned student shall not be eligible for interscholastic participation until a principal's concurrence form has been submitted to the LHSAA office and the transfer has been approved in writing by the Executive Director or his/her designee. During his/her eight semesters in high school, a student shall be allowed to make only one transfer under the administrative transfer rule.~~

Executive Committee

Items Pertaining to Eligibility

3. Amend Section 6-Penalty Code, by adding Rule 6.10.2 and renumbering any subsequent rules, Page 53 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

6.10.2 *If a team has to forfeit one third or 33% of its contests during a season due to a violation in the eligibility rules, the school shall be placed on restrictive probation and shall be ruled ineligible to compete in championship honors in that sport for the remainder of that season.*

Executive Committee

III. ITEMS INTRODUCED TO THE ENTIRE ASSOCIATION PERTAINING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LHSAA THAT SHALL BE VOTED ON IF THE AUTHOR(S) IS/ARE PRESENT.

- 4. Amend Article 3-Membership, by amending Rules 3.2, 3.2.2.2, 3.2.2.1 and 3.2.2.6, Page 2 of the 2011-12 Constitution, to be worded as follows:**

3.2 APPLICATION

3.2.2 Before a school can be admitted as a member of the LHSAA, its application shall be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. The school will be classified according to its enrollment. A school's application for LHSAA membership shall only be considered by the LHSAA Executive Committee during the week of the association's annual convention. A school shall not be allowed to join the LHSAA at any other time. If accepted, the school's membership shall not become effective until July 1 of the next school year. A new school joining the LHSAA shall also be governed by the following requirements:

1. The school shall be admitted into the LHSAA on a ~~two-year~~ **one-year** conditional basis. During the conditional period, the school is subject to having its membership revoked if it is penalized for flagrant rule violation or three other rule violations during the conditional period.
6. During the conditional period, the school shall not be considered for championship honors in any branch of athletics. **EXCEPTION: A school will not be considered for championship honors in football until the next reclassification cycle.**

**Dan Savoie
Lafayette Christian Academy**

**Brennan McCurley
Lakeshore High School**

**Patrick Greer
Booker T. Washington High School**

**Randy Trahan
Northside Christian School**

**Michael Galler
Centerville High School**

- 5. Amend Article 4-Executive Committee, by amending Rule 4.4.4, Page 4 of the 2011-12 LHSAA Constitution to be worded as follows:**

4.4.4 The actions of the officers and director of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association for the ~~2009-10~~ **2010-11** calendar year are hereby ratified and adopted.

**To Become Effective Immediately
Executive Committee**

- 6. Amend Article 4-Executive Committee, by amending Rules 4.4.5, Page 4 of the 2011-12 Constitution, to be worded as follows:**

4.4.5 Regulate all financial expenditures. **The Executive Committee shall be authorized to collect annual dues as provided in this Constitution and levy fees and such other assessments on all schools participating in any sanctioned interscholastic athletics as shall be adequate to meet the total expenses involved in the conduct of such activity and such proportionate share of overhead as deemed necessary. Such dues and assessments shall be considered current funds of the Association and shall be used by the Executive Committee in financing the various activities of the Association. The Executive Committee shall determine all necessary expenditures of money in conducting the affairs of the Association.**

Executive Committee

Items Pertaining to Constitution

7. Amend Article 5-Administration, by adding Rule 5.1.4.5.1, Page 5 of the 2011-12 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

5.1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

5.1.4 The duties of the Executive Director include:

5. Direct and assist with the planning and supervising of district play, state playoffs, and tournaments.
 - a. The Executive Director shall be prohibited by the Executive Committee from allowing the LHSAA to enter into a written or verbal contract with any type or form of management company, agency, or organization which would authorize the company/agency or organization to secure state playoff and/or tournament sites and/or organize and/or administer LHSAA playoff events to include state championship.
 1. The LHSAA shall be authorized to secure and use the assistance of college and/or university officials, contest officials, recreation department representatives and/or facility officials in conducting state playoff events to include state championship events, only when necessary as determined by the Executive Committee. In this case, the Executive Director and his/her staff shall still be responsible for the overall administration of the event(s).

All present rules that are in conflict with these rules shall be amended accordingly. To become effective when the present contract with Varsity Event Management Company expires.

Gene Couvillion
Haughton High School

David Thrasher
Bossier High School

8. Amend Article 8-Classification, by adding, amending, or deleting the following rules in the follow Sections of the LHSAA By-Laws:

8.1.2 The official titles of the LHSAA classifications shall be: Class 4A, Class 3A, Class 2A, and Class 1A.

8.7.3 Schools that compete in football shall be classified every two years according to the one-~~fifth~~ fourth principle for each division.

8.7.4 Schools Competing in Football:

1. Football schools shall be divided into four equal or nearly equal divisions.
2. Counting to achieve equal fourths shall begin with the highest and end with the lowest football school enrollment.
3. Schools with equal enrollment that form the lower dividing line in a division shall play in the higher division.

8.7.5 All schools shall be classified every two years according to the one-fourth principle for each class. The one-fourth classification principle shall be the basis for all sports that are played in classes.

1. Schools shall be divided into four equal or nearly equal classes.
2. Counting to achieve equal fourths shall begin with the highest and end with the lowest school's enrollment. All-boys schools shall be included in the counting to achieve equal divisions. All-girl schools shall be classified according to their enrollment after the classifications have been divided.
3. Schools with equal enrollment that form the lower dividing line in a classification shall play in the higher classification.

Items Pertaining to Constitution

- 8.7.6 Sports that are played in classifications (baseball, basketball, cross country, softball, and outdoor track and field) shall be placed in districts for interscholastic athletic competition. The following sports that are played in divisions (football, volleyball, and soccer) shall be placed in districts for interscholastic athletic competition.
- 8.7.7 For the sports listed in Rule 8.7.6, in playoff competition, member schools shall be sub-divided into select admission and non-select admission schools. A non-select admission school is a public school that has a designated attendance zone. A select admission school is a public or non-public school that has an admission policy to select the students who attend the school. Select admission schools shall include all non-public, charter, university lab, and magnet schools. Dual-curriculum schools that include at least 33% of their enrollment as select admission students who do not live in the designated attendance zone shall also be included as a select admission school.

Baseball

- 10.3.1 Effective for the 2013-2014 season and thereafter, baseball shall be divided into four equal or nearly equal classifications. Baseball classifications shall be based on a school's October 1 enrollment that is certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution – Enrollment Calculation. Schools shall compete in Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A and shall compete in districts as adopted by the LHSAA Executive Committee. The LHSAA shall district baseball schools in each classification and shall consist of both select and non-select admission schools.
- 10.3.2 For playoff competition, baseball schools that are classified as non-select schools shall compete in four divisions: Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A.
- 10.3.3 For playoff competition, baseball schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in two divisions. Schools in Classes 4A and 3A shall be combined to form Division I and schools in Classes 2A and 1A shall be combined to form Division II.

Basketball

- 11.3.1 Effective for the 2013- 2014 season and thereafter, basketball shall be divided into four equal or nearly equal classifications. Basketball classifications shall be based on a school's October 1 enrollment that is certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution – Enrollment Calculation. Schools shall compete in Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A and shall compete in districts as adopted by the LHSAA Executive Committee. The LHSAA shall district basketball schools in each classification and shall consist of both select and non-select admission schools. In all classes, basketball districts may be separate from the other sports' districts.
- 11.3.2 For playoff competition, basketball schools that are classified as non-select schools shall compete in four divisions: Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A.
- 11.3.3 For playoff competition, basketball schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in two divisions. Schools in Classes 4A and 3A shall be combined to form Division I and schools in Classes 2A and 1A shall be combined to form Division II.

Cross Country

- 13.3.1 Effective for the 2013-2014 season and thereafter, cross country shall be divided into four equal or nearly equal classifications. Cross country classifications shall be based on a school's October 1 enrollment that is certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution–Enrollment Calculation. Schools shall compete in Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A and shall compete in districts as adopted by the LHSAA Executive Committee. The LHSAA shall district cross country schools in each classification and shall consist of both select and non-select admission schools.

Items Pertaining to Constitution

- 13.3.2 For playoff competition, cross country schools that are classified as non-select schools shall compete in four divisions: Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A.
- 13.3.3 For playoff competition, cross country schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in two divisions. Schools in Classes 4A and 3A shall be combined to form Division I and schools in Classes 2A and 1A shall be combined to form Division II.

Football

- 14.3.1 Effective for the 2013-2014 season and thereafter, football shall be divided into four equal or nearly equal classifications. Football classifications shall be based on a school's October 1 enrollment that is certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution – Enrollment Calculation. Schools shall compete in Divisions I, II, III, and IV and shall compete in districts as adopted by the LHSAA Executive Committee. The LHSAA shall district football schools in each division and shall consist of both select and non-select admission schools.
- 14.3.2 For playoff competition, football schools that are classified as non-select schools shall compete in four divisions: Divisions I, II, III, and IV.
- 14.3.3 For playoff competition, football schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in two divisions. Schools in Divisions I and II shall be combined to form Division V and schools in Divisions III and IV shall be combined to form Division VI.

Soccer

- 18.3.1 State competition and honors shall be separate for boys and girls. Effective for the 2013-2014 season and thereafter, boys' and girls' soccer competition shall be divided into two equal or nearly equal divisions. Soccer divisions shall be based on a school's October 1 enrollment that is certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution – Enrollment Calculation. Counting to achieve equal halves shall begin with the highest and end with the lowest soccer school enrollment. All-boy schools shall be included in the counting to achieve equal divisions. All-girl schools shall be classified according to their enrollment after the soccer schools have been divided. A school may not participate in a division below that mandated by its enrollment. Schools with equal enrollment that form the lower dividing line in a division shall play in the higher division. A school may elect to play in the next higher division if it submits a written declaration to the LHSAA by 12:00 noon on the day of the first classification meeting in a classification year. The declaration shall apply for the next two years.
- 18.3.2 For playoff competition, soccer schools that are classified as non-select schools shall compete in two divisions: Divisions I and II.
- 18.3.3 For playoff competition, soccer schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in two divisions: Schools in Division I shall form Division III and schools in Division II shall form Division IV.

Softball

- 19.3.1 Effective for the 2013-2014 season and thereafter, baseball shall be divided into four equal or nearly equal classifications. Softball classifications shall be based on a school's October 1 enrollment that is certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution – Enrollment Calculation. Schools shall compete in Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A and shall compete in districts as adopted by the LHSAA Executive Committee. The LHSAA shall district softball schools in each classification and shall consist of both select and non-select admission schools.
- 19.3.2 For playoff competition, softball schools that are classified as non-select schools shall compete in four divisions: Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A.

Items Pertaining to Constitution

- 19.3.3 For playoff competition, softball schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in two divisions. Schools in Classes 4A and 3A shall be combined to form Division I and schools in Classes 2A and 1A shall be combined to form Division II.

Outdoor Track and Field

- 23.3.1 Effective for the 2013-2014 season and thereafter, outdoor track and field shall be divided into four equal or nearly equal classifications. Schools shall compete in Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A and shall compete in districts as adopted by the LHSAA Executive Committee. The LHSAA shall district outdoor track and field schools in each classification and shall consist of both select and non-select admission schools.
- 23.3.2 For playoff competition, including the district meets, outdoor track and field schools that are classified as non-select schools shall compete in four divisions: Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A.
- 23.3.3 For playoff competition, including the district meets, outdoor track and field schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in two divisions. Schools in Classes 4A and 3A shall be combined to form Division I and schools in Classes 2A and 1A shall be combined to form Division II.

Volleyball

- 24.3.1 Effective for the 2013-2014 season and thereafter, volleyball shall be divided into two equal or nearly equal divisions. Schools shall compete in Divisions I and II and shall compete in districts as adopted by the LHSAA Executive Committee. The LHSAA shall district volleyball schools in each division and shall consist of both select and non-select admission schools.
- 24.3.2 For playoff competition, volleyball schools that are classified as non-select schools shall compete in four divisions: Divisions I and II.
- 24.3.3 For playoff competition, volleyball schools that are classified as select schools shall compete in two divisions. Schools in Division I shall form Division III and schools in Division II shall form Division IV.

All rules or parts of rules that conflict with this rule shall be amended accordingly.

Marlin Ramsey
South Beauregard High School

9. Amend Article 8-Classification, by amending Rule 8.7.3 and 8.7.4 and deleting Rules 8.7.5 and 8.7.6, Page 10 of the 2011-2012 LHSAA Constitution. Amend Section 14-Football, by adding Rules 14.3.1 through 14.3.9 and renumbering subsequent rules, Page 108 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws. Amend Section 11-Basketball, by amending Rule 11.2.2, Page 89 of the 2011-2012 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

- 8.7.3 All schools shall be classified every two years according to the *one-sixth* principle for each class. *The one-sixth classification principle shall be the basis for all sports that are played in classes.*
1. Schools shall be divided into six equal or nearly equal classes.
 2. Counting to achieve equal sixths shall begin with the highest and end with the lowest school enrollment. All-boy schools shall be included in the counting to achieve equal classifications. All-girl schools shall be classified according to their enrollment after the classifications have been divided.
 3. Schools with equal enrollment that form the lower dividing line in a classification shall play in the higher classification.
- 8.7.4 Sports that are played in classifications (baseball, basketball, softball, and outdoor track & field) shall be placed in districts for interscholastic athletic competition.

- 14.4.1 Effective for the 2013-2014 season and thereafter, football shall be divided into five divisions.
- 14.4.2 Football divisions shall be based on a school's October 1st enrollment that is certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution's Enrollment Calculation.
- 14.4.3 Counting shall begin with the highest and end with the lowest football school enrollment.
- 14.4.4 Schools with equal enrollment that form the lower dividing line in a division shall be placed in the higher division.
- 14.4.5 Once placed in a division, a school shall not participate in a higher or lower division but shall compete in the division that is mandated by its enrollment.
- 11.2.2 **Season:** A team shall be limited to the following:
1. 19 games plus three (3) tournaments or 18 games plus four (4) tournaments
 2. Any non-football school in the two (2) smallest classifications may begin practice and regular season competition three (3) weeks earlier than schools that participate in football and shall be allowed an additional three (3) games and three (3) tournaments or four (4) games and two (2) tournament during the three (3) week early period. Games played during the three (3) week early period will not be included in the basketball power point system.

Executive Committee

10. Amend Article 8-Classification, by amending Rule 8.7.1, Page 10 of the 2011-12 Constitution, to be worded as follows:

- 8.7.1 Once classified, a school shall ~~not~~ may compete for championship honors in ~~the a higher or lower~~ classification one higher than that ~~but shall compete in the classification~~ based on its October 1 enrollment that is certified to the LHSAA under the guidelines of Article 8.3 – Enrollment Calculation. If a school chooses to compete for championship honors in the classification one higher, it must do so in all sports. The declaration shall apply for the two-year classification intervals.

To Become Effective Immediately

**Michael Giambelluca
Jesuit High School**

**Wesley Watts
Zachary High School**

11. Amend Article 9-Finances, by amending Rule 9.1.2, page 12 of the 2011-12 LHSAA Constitution and Section 6-Athletic Contests, by amending Rule 6.11.8 and adding Rule 6.11.9, page 59 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

- 9.1.2 Football Jamborees (all levels of play): ~~10 percent of gross ticket receipts after payment of officials' fees and before other deductions to be paid within 30 calendar days of the event.~~ \$200 non-refundable sanctioning fee for each varsity team entered into the jamboree and \$100 non-refundable sanctioning fee for each sub-varsity team entered into the jamboree

- 6.11.8 The member school that is sponsoring the jamboree in the sports of baseball, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer, softball, and volleyball shall pay the LHSAA a \$50 non-refundable sanctioning fee before the event will be sanctioned. Failure to timely request approval of a jamboree shall result in the school paying a \$50 late fee in addition to the \$50 sanctioning fee. A school shall be fined \$250 for hosting a non-sanctioned jamboree. ~~In the sport of football, the member school sponsoring the jamboree shall pay the LHSAA ten percent of gross ticket receipts after payment of officials' fees.~~

Items Pertaining to Constitution

- 6.11.9 *In the sport of football, the member school sponsoring the jamboree shall pay the LHSAA a non-refundable sanctioning fee before the event will be sanctioned. The sanctioning fee shall be based on the number of varsity and sub-varsity teams to participate in the jamboree. The host school shall pay the LHSAA \$200 for each varsity team and \$100 for each sub-varsity team that participates in the jamboree. Failure to timely request approval of a jamboree shall result in the school paying a \$50 late fee in addition to the non-refundable sanctioning fee. A school shall be fined \$250 for hosting a non-sanctioned jamboree in addition to the non-refundable sanctioning fee.*

Executive Committee

12. Amend Article 9-Finances, by amending Rule 9.1.5, page 12 of the 2011-12 LHSAA Constitution and Section 6-Athletic Contest, by amending Rule 6.12.6, page 59 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

- 9.1.5 ~~Basketball Invitational Tournaments (all levels of play): 5 percent of gross ticket receipts after payment of officials' fees and before other deductions to be paid within 30 calendar days of the event. \$100 non-refundable sanctioning fee~~

6.12.6 **Tournament Finances**

1. *The member school sponsoring the invitational basketball tournament shall pay the LHSAA a \$100 non-refundable sanctioning fee before the event will be sanctioned. Failure to timely request approval of a tournament shall result in the school paying a \$50 late fee in addition to the \$100 sanctioning fee. A school shall be fined \$250 for hosting a non-sanctioned tournament.*

Executive Committee

IV. ITEMS INTRODUCED TO THE ENTIRE ASSOCIATION PERTAINING TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE LHSAA THAT SHALL BE CONSIDERED IF THE AUTHOR(S) IS/ARE PRESENT.

13. Amend Section 2-Recruiting, by amending Rule 2.4, 2.4.1, and 2.4.5, page 37 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

2.4 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

2.4.1 If tuition is charged, it must be paid by parents, legal guardian, or other relative. If a parent, guardian, or other relative secures a loan for payment of tuition, it must remain an obligation of the parent, guardian, or other relative to repay the principal and interest in full with no exceptions. Schools that charge tuition may administer school-based financial assistance programs for students who attend those schools. Financial assistance is defined as funds from various sources that are administered and provided by a school to students to pay or assist in paying costs directly related to their education at the school. Financial assistance must be totally unrelated to a student's athletic interest, potential or performance.

2.4.5 Records Relating to Financial Assistance: The school must keep detailed records of school-based financial assistance provided to each student. This includes the report of the student's financial need as determined by the school's financial aid guidelines. The school must make all records available to the Executive Director or his/her designee for inspection upon request. Failure to provide records upon request shall render the student(s) ineligible for participation in any athletic contests until the records are made available. **Member schools that award financial aid shall complete the LHSAA Financial Assistance Records Form and remit to the LHSAA signed by the principal of the school by September 15 each year giving the following information:**

- 1. Number of students in grades 9-12 enrolled in the school**
- 2. Number of students in grades 9-12 receiving financial aid**
- 3. Number of students in grades 9-12 participating in LHSAA athletics**
- 4. Number of students in grades 9-12 participating in LHSAA athletics receiving financial aid (The names of the students receiving financial aid may be requested)**
- 5. Number of students in grades 9-12 in school who are male and number who are female**
- 6. Number of students in grades 9-12 receiving financial aid who are male and number who are Female**
- 7. Total dollar amount of financial aid that has been awarded to students in grades 9-12**
- 8. Total dollar amount of financial aid that has been awarded to students in grades 9-12 participating in LHSAA athletics**

Executive Committee

14. Amend Section 4-Sports Seasons, by amending Rule 4.1.7, Page 44 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

4.1.7 Subject to the approval of the school principals, coaches may teach the fundamental skills and techniques of the specific sport during the out-of-season period with a limited number of student athletes. Outside the sports seasons but during the school year, coaches are prohibited from providing coaching at any one time under one roof, facility, or campus to more than three students in grades 7-12 of the school or school system for which they coach. This does not allow two coaches to coach six students from the same school; no matter how many coaches are present, no more than three players from the same school may be involved in out-of-season drills and techniques during the school year. This not only applies to the specific sport(s) coached by the coach, but it applies to all levels and all genders, whether the coach is paid or volunteers.

Executive Committee

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

15. Amend Section 4-Sports Seasons, by amending Rule 4.1.9, Page 44 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

- 4.1.9 Subject to the approval of the school principal, facilities may be used for voluntary out-of-season play, open to all students and required, *directly or indirectly*, of none. For safety purposes, school personnel may be present as observers of free play, but coaching and instruction are forbidden. *“Open gym/field activities” are permitted if they are voluntary and not part of the team selection process and adhere to these principles:*
1. *Diversity of students - must be open to all;*
 2. *Student conducted - students choose from offered activities and any coach of a sport under LHSAA jurisdiction shall not coach, instruct, critique, direct, evaluate, or participate in a sport he/she coaches;*
 3. *Recreational emphasis - the program is not an organized program of instruction and/or competition and there shall not be any organized drills, practice structure and no instruction regarding offensive or defensive schemes by any person, including team members and parents.*

Executive Committee

16. Amend Section 4-Sports Seasons, by amending Rules 4.2.8 and 4.2.9, Pages 45 and 46 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws:

4.2.8 **Exceptions and Legal Participation:** Participation with an independent team in the following sports shall not be considered violations of this rule:

Bowling (<i>only on non-school days</i>)	Cross Country
Golf	Gymnastics
Swimming	Tennis
<u><i>Track and Field, Indoor</i></u>	Track and Field, Wheelchair

4.2.9 Other legal participation includes the following situations:

1. Participation at a professional baseball tryout camp provided the student has written permission from his principal. If a tryout camp is conducted during the high school sports season, the student shall be limited to participating in individual drills and restricted from participating in any type of team play.
2. ~~Participation in an independent team tryout session, during the school sports season provided the student is limited to participating in individual drills and refrains from participating in any type of team play.~~
3. Participation in a sports clinic/camp, during the high school sports season, provided the student is limited to participating in individual drills and refrains from participating in any type of team play.
4. ~~Participation in an invitational indoor track and field meet as an individual and not as an LHSAA school representative during the outdoor track and field season.~~
5. Participation in a road run as an individual and not as a school representative during the indoor and/or outdoor track season.
6. Participation in sports not recognized as LHSAA sports such as rodeo or bicycling, *etc.* during an LHSAA sports season. *Any subdivision or variation of a sport such as 3-on-3 basketball, beach volleyball, etc. is still considered to be an LHSAA sponsored sport.*
7. Participation on an independent team in another sport that is different from the LHSAA sport during an LHSAA sports season. *Example: Participating on an independent basketball team while the student is a member of the school baseball team.*
8. Participation at a basketball evaluation showcase during the fall NCAA contact period provided the student is classified as a senior and/or is in his/her seventh or eighth semester of eligibility and has written permission from his/her principal.
9. Participation with an Olympic Development soccer program as approved by the Louisiana Soccer Association.

Executive Committee

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

17. Amend Section 4-Sports Seasons, by adding Rules 4.3 and 4.3.1 and renumbering all subsequent numbers, page 46 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

4.3 OUT-OF-SEASON - DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

- 4.3.1 Schools shall not require or sponsor activities in the name of the school team outside the school season of the sport involved. A school sponsored team or group of any number of students sponsored by the school which resembles the school's team, is not permitted to practice or compete outside the LHSAA defined season for that sport. Any non-school group can sponsor activities which involve groups of athletes which are mainly or exclusively members of a school team but a school cannot sponsor practice or competition by its team out-of-season. No competition between groups that resemble school teams may occur in that sport at any school facility and/or any other location with any of that school or school systems personnel present. Students may participate on a voluntary basis in any activity, as a member of a non-school team or on an individual basis. Neither the member school nor its coaches shall allow the out-of-season activity to be mandatory or to be any part of the basis for selection of the school team.

Executive Committee

18. Amend Section 4-Sports Seasons, by adding Rule 4.4.4, Page 47 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

- 4.4.4 Strength and Conditioning Programs are permissible out of season if they are voluntary and not part of the team selection process and do not involve equipment which is specific to a sport conducted by on an interscholastic basis by the LHSAA. Activities shall be limited to running, weight training, and stretching exercises. Agility drills that do not involve specific skills of a given sport are permitted. Coaches cannot use this opportunity to teach athletes game or sport techniques. Examples of prohibited equipment include, but are not limited to, basketballs; volleyballs or nets; track starting blocks, batons, shots, discuses, hurdles, or high jump and pole vault standards; footballs, football pads, sleds or dummies; baseball/softball bats, balls, or bases; wrestling mats. Generic equipment such as cones, weights, jump ropes, and other fitness apparatus are permitted. Regardless of what they are called or where they are held, coach-conducted running sessions which involve the structure of distances and timing and/or teach sport specific techniques shall not be provided even on a voluntary basis if they are conducted by the school coaches of those sports.

Executive Committee

19. Amend Section 4-Sports Seasons, by adding Rules 4.5, 4.5.1, 4.5.2, 4.5.3, 4.5.4, 4.5.6, 4.5.7, 4.5.8, 4.5.9 and 4.5.10, Page 47 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

4.6 CAMPS, CLINICS, & PRIVATE LESSONS

- 4.6.1 The LHSAA shall not sanction, endorse, ratify, confirm, or approve any camps, clinics, or private lessons.
- 4.6.2 Bona fide sport camps/clinics are those sponsored by institutions or business enterprises including: colleges, individual schools or school districts, community school programs, etc. For a member school and/or coaches to sponsor a sports camp/clinic for students in grades 7-12, the camp/clinic must be promoted and advertised in public media and be opened to students from more than one school. Sports camps/clinics sponsored by member schools and/or coaches shall be allowed only during the summer period. The camp/clinic shall be from one to five days in length and all days must be consecutive.

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

- 4.6.3 Member schools and/or coaches shall not advertise and/or operate camps, clinics, private lessons exclusively for their own athletes.
- 4.6.4 Member schools and/or coaches shall not pay fees, meals, lodging, or other expenses on behalf of student athletes.
- 4.6.5 Free sports camp/clinics are permissible provided the camp/clinic is free to everyone.
- 4.6.6 It is permissible for member schools to donate, rent or lease their facilities for use by non-school entities, including coaches, in accordance with the rental/lease policy of the school or school system.
- 4.6.7 Student athletes in grades 7-12 may attend as many individual or team camps/clinics of their choosing during the out-of-season and summer periods on an unattached basis provided they do so at their own expense. Student-athletes shall NOT attend any type of camp/clinic in a sport once that sport season has started and the athlete has officially reported for membership on the school team. To do so would be a violation of the independent team rule.
- 4.6.8 Students may take private lesson at any time provided they do so at their own expense.
- 4.6.9 Coaches may teach private lessons at any time if they are the owner, employee and/or volunteer of a club or nonprofit entity operated separately from the school and school facilities. Private lessons are not to be competitive and comparable fees shall be charged to all participants.
- 4.6.10 Coaches may coach their son or daughter at any time on an individual basis. This does not give a coach the authority to coach an entire team that their son or daughter may be participating on.

Executive Committee

20. Amend Section 5 – Penalty Codes by amending Rule 5.11.7, page 51 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

5.11.7 Player ejected from a contest in a sport for unsportsmanlike conduct:

1. First offense – The player shall receive, through the school, an official warning. Additional Penalty: Any student-athlete who is ejected from an LHSAA sanctioned contest will be required to take the NFHS Coach Education/Certification Program elective course – Sportsmanship-It’s Up to You. The course must be viewed prior to being able to return and participate in an interscholastic contest and the certificate of course completion must be sent to the LHSAA office. There is no cost for this course.
2. Second offense – ~~the school shall be fined \$100, and~~ The student shall be placed on probation. The student-athlete shall be suspended for the next regularly scheduled contest at that level, including post-season play.
3. Third offense – ~~the school shall be fined \$200, and~~ The student shall be suspended from participating in the same sport for the remainder of the season.

Executive Committee

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

21. Amend Section 5 – Penalty Codes by adding Rules 5.11.8 and 5.11.9, page 51 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

5.11.8 Player ejected from a contest in a sport for fighting: If a player is ejected under NFHS rules for fighting, the player shall be suspended as follows:

1. First Offense – The player shall be suspended for the next contest at that level, including post-season play. (If the player is ejected from a sub-varsity contest, then he/she shall be suspended from the next scheduled sub-varsity contest.) The player shall receive, through the school, an official warning and a meeting shall be held with the principal, coach, student, and student’s parents/guardian within one week of the ejection. A written report shall be filed with the LHSAA. The suspended player may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room, or be affiliated with the team in traveling to or from, or during the contest from which he/she has been made ineligible. If the ejection occurs during the last contest of the season, including post-season play, the student shall be suspended for the next LHSAA sanctioned contest in which he/she is to participate. Additional Penalty: Any student-athlete who is ejected from an LHSAA sanctioned contest will be required to take the NFHS Coach Education/Certification Program elective course – Sportsmanship-It’s Up to You. The course must be viewed prior to being able to return and participate in an interscholastic contest and the certificate of course completion must be sent to the LHSAA office. There is no cost for this course.
2. Second Offense – The student shall be suspended from participating in the same sport for the remainder of the season.

5.11.9 Player(s) ejected from a contest in a sport for coming off the bench onto the court or field: If a player(s) is ejected under NFHS rules for coming off the bench onto the court or field, the player(s) shall be suspended as follows:

1. First Offense – The player(s) shall be suspended for the next game at that level. (If the player is ejected from a sub-varsity game, then he/she shall be suspended from the next scheduled sub-varsity game.) The player(s) shall receive, through the school, an official warning and a meeting shall be held with the principal, coach, student(s), and student’s parents/guardian within one week of the ejection. A written report shall be filed with the LHSAA at the completion of the meeting. The suspended player(s) may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room, or be affiliated with the team in traveling to or from, or during the contest from which he/she has been made ineligible. The school may be subject to a sportsmanship hearing. Additional Penalty: Any student-athlete who is ejected from an LHSAA sanctioned contest will be required to take the NFHS Coach Education/Certification Program elective course – Sportsmanship-It’s Up to You. The course must be viewed prior to being able to return and participate in an interscholastic contest and the certificate of course completion must be sent to the LHSAA office. There is no cost for this course.
2. Second Offense – The player(s) shall be suspended for the next game at that level and a sportsmanship hearing shall be held.

Executive Committee

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

22. Amend Section 5 – Penalty Codes by amending Rules 5.11.9, page 51 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

5.11.9 Coach ejected from a contest in a sport for unsportsmanlike conduct:

1. First offense – the coach shall receive an official warning. *Additional Penalty: Any coach at any level, grades 9-12 who is ejected from an LHSAA sanctioned sport is required to take the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching elective course entitled - Teaching and Modeling Behavior. This course must be viewed prior to being able to return and coach an interscholastic contest and the certificate of completion must be sent to the LHSAA office. The cost of the course will be the responsibility of the individual coach.*
2. Second offense – the school shall be fined \$200, and the coach shall be placed on probation. *The coach shall be suspended for the next game at that level, including post-season play.*
3. Third offense – the school shall be fined \$300 and may be prohibited from playing in a contest(s) with the coach serving as the coach of the team in the contest(s).

Executive Committee

23. Amend Section 6 – Athletic Contests by adding Rule 6.3.9, page 56 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

- 6.3.9** *SHIRT & SHOE POLICY - Shirts and shoes are required attire for all in attendance at any indoor LHSAA-sponsored athletic events. In the sport of football, this rule applies to games in the Superdome in New Orleans.*

Executive Committee

24. Amend Section 6 – Athletic Contests by amending Rule 6.7.4, page 58 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

- 6.7.4** A school that voluntarily discontinues baseball, either boys' or girls' basketball, football, either boys' or girls' soccer, softball, or volleyball, shall ~~not resume said sport at the varsity level~~ *be removed from district play and not eligible for championship honors in said sport* for two calendar years from the date of discontinuance.

Executive Committee

25. Amend Section 8-Contest Officiating, by adding Rule 8.2.1.5.1, Page 66 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

- 8.2.1.5.1** *The assignment secretaries pay for all sports should be determined by the LHSAA with approval by the Executive Committee. The amount paid by each school, per sport will include all varsity, junior varsity, and freshman games in that sport.*

All present rules that are in conflict with these rules shall be amended accordingly. To become effective with the school year 2012-13.

Gene Couvillion
Haughton High School

David Thrash
Bossier High School

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

26. Amend Section 9-Athletics and Instructional Time, by amending Rules 9.1.1 and 9.3.2, Pages 74 and 75 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

9.1.1 All regular season contests shall be scheduled after school hours of the school that is hosting the event.

9.3.2 Scratch meetings for track and field meets and the weigh-in process for wrestling matches, during the regular season, shall be conducted after school hours of the school that is hosting the event.

Sherry Jones
Caldwell Parish High School

27. Amend Sections 10, 11, 14, and 18 – Baseball, Basketball, Football and Soccer by amending Rules 10.13.5, 11.10.4, 14.18.3, 14.18.4, 18.8.4, and 18.8.7 the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

10.13.5 Quarterfinal Round of Play (except Class 5A)

1. The team that has traveled more in the bi-district and regional rounds shall be the home team.
2. If both teams have traveled the same number of times in the ~~first two rounds~~ bi-district and regional rounds, the team that traveled last ~~the higher seeded team~~ shall be the home team.
3. ~~If both teams have traveled the same number of times and both teams traveled or both teams were home teams in the regional round, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.~~

11.10.4 Quarterfinal Round of Play

1. The team that has traveled more in the bi-district and regional rounds shall be the home team.
2. If both teams have traveled the same number of times in the ~~first two~~ bi-district and regional rounds, the team that traveled last ~~the higher seeded team~~ shall be the home team.
3. ~~If both teams have traveled the same number of times and both teams traveled or both teams were home teams in the regional round, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.~~

14.18.3 Quarterfinal Round of Play

1. The team that traveled more times in the ~~first two~~ bi-district and regional rounds shall be the home team.
2. If both teams traveled the same number of times in the ~~first two~~ bi-district and regional rounds, the team that traveled last ~~higher seeded team~~ shall be the home team.
3. ~~If teams traveled the same number of times in the first two rounds and both teams traveled or both were home teams in the regionals, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.~~

14.18.4 Semi-final Round of Play

1. The team that traveled more times in the first three rounds shall be the home team.
2. ~~If both teams traveled the same number of times in the first three rounds, the team that traveled last shall be the home team.~~
3. If both teams traveled the same number of times in the ~~first three rounds and both teams traveled or both were home teams in the quarterfinals,~~ bi-district, regional, and quarterfinal rounds, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

18.8.4 Bi-District Round Of Play

1. In all divisions, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.
2. A "bye" shall be counted as a home game.

18.8.7 Semi-final Round of Play

1. The team that has traveled most shall be the home team.
2. ~~If both teams have traveled the same number of times, the team that traveled last shall be the home team.~~
3. If teams have traveled the same number of times in the bi-district, regional, and quarterfinal rounds, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

Executive Committee

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

28. Amend Section 10-Baseball and Section 19-Softball, by amending Rules 10.2.1 and 19.2.1, Pages77 and 139 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

10.2.1 Pre-Season

1. Starting the second week of December prior to practice officially starting, a school shall be permitted to also throw and condition as part of the strength and conditioning workouts after school. This throwing is limited to warming up and long toss. These sessions are supervised by the team coach. Bullpen workouts and infield/outfield drills are not allowed during these workouts.

Buffy Fegenbush
Berwick High School

Mike Galler
Centerville High School

Milton "Mickey" Fabre
Morgan City High School

Ty Burdett
Franklin High School

19.2.1 Pre-Season

1. Starting the second week of December prior to practice officially starting, a school shall be permitted to also throw and condition as part of the strength and conditioning workouts after school. This throwing is limited to warming up and long toss. These sessions are supervised by the team coach. Bullpen workouts and infield/outfield drills are not allowed during these workouts.

Buffy Fegenbush
Berwick High School

Kim Adams
Hanson Memorial High School

Milton "Mickey" Fabre
Morgan City High School

Ty Burdett
Franklin High School

Mike Galler
Centerville High School

Dr. Derrick White
West St. Mary High School

29. Amend Section 10-Baseball and Section 19-Softball, by amending Rules 10.2.1 and 19.2.1, Pages77 and 139 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

10.2.1 Pre-Season

1. For the two week period prior to practice officially starting, a school shall be permitted to throw and condition with a ball in workouts after school. This throwing shall be limited to warming up and long toss. Bullpen workouts and infield/outfield drills shall not be allowed during these workouts.

19.2.1 Pre-Season

1. For the two week period prior to practice officially starting, a school shall be permitted to throw and condition with a ball in workouts after school. This throwing shall be limited to warming up and long toss. Bullpen workouts and infield/outfield drills shall not be allowed during these workouts.

Kelly Jones
Denham Springs

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

30. Amend Section 10-Baseball, by adding Rule 10.3.8, Page 78 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

10.3.8 *All first and third base coaches shall be required to wear protective coaching helmets for all LHSAA sanctioned competition including scrimmages, jamborees, tournaments, non-district, district, and playoff competition.*

To Become Effective Immediately

Michael Giambelluca
Jesuit High School

31. Amend Section 10-Baseball, by deleting Rule 10.12.1, 10.12.2, 10.12.3, 10.12.4, and 10.12.7, page 82 and Rule 10.15 and 10.16, pages 83-84 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws and amend to be worded as follows:

~~10.12.1 As long as it adheres to the LHSAA constitutional rules and by laws, each class may adopt its own playoff plan.~~

10.12.2 ~~Unless otherwise adopted by a class,~~ All playoff games shall be played on a “home and away” basis through the quarterfinal round for Classes 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C. All playoff games shall be played on a “home and away” basis through the regional round for Class 5A.

~~10.12.3 Playoff rules, financial arrangements, and other provisions that do not conflict with the LHSAA’s general playoff rules may be adopted by individual classes.~~

~~10.12.4 In setting its own financial arrangements, a class shall not prescribe fees, allotments and expenses that are less than or in conflict with the LHSAA’s general financial agreements.~~

10.12.7 In “home and away” games, both schools shall mutually agree on the playing *date and* time of the contest. *If the date of the game cannot be reached by mutual agreement, the game shall be played on the deadline cited in Rule 10.1, Important Dates, in this section.* If the game time cannot be reached by mutual agreement, the starting time shall be 3:30 p.m. Playoff games shall not be played on dates that conflict with district, regional or state track and field meets without mutual agreement of both schools.

10.15 **PLAYOFF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS (all classes)**

10.15.1 Admission prices shall be set by mutual agreement of the participating schools.

10.15.2 The home team retains rights to concession sales.

10.15.3 *Disbursement of revenue from gross ticket receipts shall be divided equally among schools before any deductions.*

10.15.4 Home team shall be responsible for securing and compensation for the following:

1. *Contest Officials*
2. Official Scorekeepers
3. Ticket Sellers and Takers
4. Security
5. Ground Crew
6. Baseballs *and other items necessary to conduct the game*
7. Field Rental (if necessary)

10.15.5 *The visiting team is responsible for their travel expenses.*

Executive Committee

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

Amend Section 19-Softball, by deleting Rules 19.11.1, 19.11.3, 19.11.4 and 19.14.1, and amending Rule 19.11.7 on pages 140-141 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

~~19.11.1 As long as it adheres to the LHSAA constitutional rules and by laws, each class may adopt its own playoff plan.~~

~~19.11.3 Playoff rules, financial arrangements, and other provisions that do not conflict with the LHSAA's general playoff rules may be adopted by individual classes.~~

~~19.11.4 In setting its own financial arrangements, a class shall not prescribe fees, allotments and expenses that are less than or in conflict with the LHSAA's general financial agreements.~~

19.11.7 In "home and away" games, both schools shall mutually agree on the *date and* playing time of the contest. ***If the date of the game cannot be reached by mutual agreement, the game shall be played on the deadline cited in Rule 19.1, Important Dates, in this section.*** If the game time cannot be reached by mutual agreement, the starting time shall be 3:30 p.m. ***Playoff games shall not be played on dates that conflict with district, regional or state track and field meets without mutual agreement of both schools.***

~~19.14.1 Playoff rules, financial arrangements, and other provisions that do not conflict with the LHSAA's general playoff rules may be adopted by individual classes. In setting its own financial arrangements a class shall not prescribe fees, allotments, and expenses that are less than or in conflict with the LHSAA's general financial agreements.~~

To Become Effective Immediately

Executive Committee

Endorsed by the Baseball Advisory Committee

32. Amend Section 11-Basketball, by amending Rules 11.8.2 and 11.8.5, page 92 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

11.8.2 Schools that fail to play ***18*** games during the regular season, including district play and invitational tournament play, shall be ranked separately using the same ranking system that is used to rank schools that played at least ***18*** games or more during the regular season.

11.8.5 After schools are ranked, they shall be seeded from the highest to lowest against the highest to lowest seeded teams that have played at least ***18*** games or more during the regular season.

Executive Committee

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

33. Amend Section 11-Basketball, by deleting Rules 11.9.1, 11.9.2, 11.9.3, 11.9.4, 11.13, 11.13.1, 11.13.2, 11.13.3, 11.13.4, 11.13.5, 11.13.6, 11.13.7, 11.13.8, 11.13.9, 11.13.10, 11.14, 11.14.1, 11.14.2, 11.14.3, 11.14.4, 11.14.5, 11.14.6, 11.14.7, 11.14.8, 11.14.9, 11.14.10, 11.15, 11.15.1, 11.15.2, 11.15.3, 11.15.4, 11.15.5, 11.15.6, 11.15.7, 11.15.8, 11.15.9, 11.15.10, 11.16, 11.16.1, 11.16.2, 11.16.3, 11.16.4, 11.16.5, 11.16.6, 11.16.7, 11.16.8, 11.16.9, 11.16.10, 11.16.11, 11.17, 11.17.1, 11.17.2, 11.17.3, 11.17.4, 11.17.5, 11.17.6, 11.17.7, 11.17.8, 11.17.9, 11.17.10, 11.18, 11.18.1, 11.18.2, 11.18.3, 11.18.4, 11.18.5, 11.18.6, 11.18.7, 11.18.8, and 11.18.9, pages 94-100 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws and amend to be worded as follows:

~~11.9.1 As long as it adheres to the LHSAA constitutional rules and by laws, each class may adopt its own playoff plan.~~

~~11.9.2 Unless otherwise adopted by a class, All playoff games shall be played on a “home and away” basis from bi-district through the quarterfinal rounds.~~

~~11.9.3 Playoff rules, financial arrangements, gymnasium selection criteria, and other provisions that do not conflict with the LHSAA’s general playoff rules may be adopted by individual classes.~~

~~11.9.4 In setting its own financial arrangements, a class shall not prescribe fees, allotments and expenses that are less than or in conflict with the LHSAA’s general financial agreements.~~

11.13 **PLAYOFF PLANS FOR ALL CLASSES (Financial and Other Arrangements)**

11.13.1 The home team is responsible for providing and for the expense for the following (if applicable):

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| 1. Tickets | 6. Scoreboard Operator |
| 2. Ticket Sellers and Takers | 7. Custodial Personnel |
| 3. Door Guards | 8. Other Personnel, as needed |
| 4. Official Scorekeepers | 9. <u>Rental of Facility, if needed</u> |
| 5. Official Timer | 10. Other items, as needed |

11.13.2 Home team retains rights to concession sales.

11.13.3 Admission prices for home and away games shall be set by mutual agreement of the participating schools. Admission price shall be a minimum of \$2. **Game receipts shall be verified and counted by officials of both schools at the conclusion of the game unless prior arrangements have been agreed upon.**

11.13.4 **Thirty (30)** complimentary passes shall be allotted to both participating schools for entrance into the game for coaches, players, and cheerleaders in uniforms.

11.13.5 The following deductions are used when disbursing revenue received from gross ticket receipts, to include tickets sold in advance and at gate:

1. Payment of 5 percent of gross ticket receipts to LHSAA before deductions
2. Payment to contest officials, including official timer.
3. **Payment for uniformed security at the game.**
4. Travel payment to visiting team, \$1.00 a mile. (one way, map mileage)
5. All remaining revenue after the above payments shall be shared equally by both schools.

11.13.6 If the game receipts are not sufficient to pay for the expenses cited, the following payments shall be made and the visiting team shall retain the revenue that remains:

1. Payment of 5 percent of gross ticket receipts to LHSAA before any other payments.
2. Payment to contest officials, including official timer.

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

11.13.7 All boys' and girls' playoff games (from the bi-district round through the quarterfinal round) shall be played in the home team's gym if it meets the following minimum seating capacity:

- 5A – 1000
- 4A – 800
- 3A – 600
- 2A – 500
- 1A – 500
- B – 500
- C – 350

Note: The two participating schools may mutually agree in writing to play on a court that does not meet the minimum seating requirements.

The following shall be used in determining seating capacity:

1. For bleachers, pews and bench-type seating – 18 linear inches per person.
2. For chair-type seating, capacity will be total number of such type seats.
3. No moveable chairs may be placed for fan seating nor may such be used to expand seating capacity.
4. Standing room may not be used to determine seating capacity.
5. Portable bleachers are legal with at least 3 feet of space beyond the out-of-bounds line.

11.13.8 The playing court shall be marked so that a 3-point shot may be taken around the complete circumference of the arc of the 3-point line.

11.13.9 The following plans have been adopted for use through the quarterfinals if the home team's gymnasium does not meet the established minimum seating criteria for the specific class **and/or legal playing court.**

1. The site shall be within a **30** miles radius from the home team's gymnasium.
2. The neutral site shall be selected **by the home team without approval from the visiting team if the site meets all other criteria. If the home team cannot secure a gym that meets the criteria, schools shall mutually agree on a site that meets the criteria outside of the radius. If schools cannot agree on a neutral site, each school secures a neutral gym that meets the criteria and submits their request to the Executive Director to make a final decision.**
3. Once a neutral site is selected and agreed upon, neither team shall practice on the court prior to the game **without written agreement of both school's principals. Schools may conduct a shoot around on the court the day of the game no earlier than two (2) hours prior to the start of the game. Violation of the practice restrictions will result in the game being forfeited by the offending school.**

Executive Committee

34. Amend Section 11-Basketball, by amending Rule 11.12.3 and adding the following rules on Page 93 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

11.12.3 The tournaments shall consist of semi-final and final rounds. The semi-final rounds shall be played at three different regional sites and the final rounds shall be conducted at one selected site. Semi-final teams shall be assigned to a regional site by the LHSAA administrative staff. Teams will be assigned to the regional sites based on geographical location of the school from the selected site. Every attempt shall be made to assign the higher ranked team to the regional site closest to the location of the school.

11.12.3.1 **Financial Plan for the combined boys' basketball and girls' basketball regional tournaments.**

11.12.3.1.1 **Each participating school shall be paid a team guarantee of \$900 along with a travel allotment of \$5 per mile (map mileage, one way) for each time travelled.**

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

- 11.12.3.1.2 In each regional tournament after the following listed valid expenses have been deducted from the gross ticket sales (advance and at the gate), the net profit from ticket sales shall be deducted as follows:
1. The LHSAA shall be paid two equal shares (one for the boys' play and one for the girls' play).
 2. Each participating school shall be paid one equal share.
 3. EXAMPLE: A regional tournament consisting of six girls' teams and six boys' team: total shares to be divided equally – 14 (two for the LHSAA and one for each of the 12 schools participating in the tournament)
- 11.12.3.1.3 The net profits from each regional tournament shall be determined after the following valid deductions have been made:
1. Payments for all participating schools' guarantees and team travel allowances
 2. Facility rental charges (if applicable)
 3. Facility staffing charges (if applicable)
 4. Facility security charges (if applicable)
 5. Contest officials' fees to include game fees, travel fees, and per diem fees
 6. Travel charges, overnight lodging, per diem and meal charges for LHSAA staff personnel working to administer the tournament
 7. NOTE: Deductions shall not be allowed for any payments made to any events management organization(s), official tournament program producers and/or sellers, tournament souvenir producers and/or sellers, radio and/or television announcers, and related costs or to any other agencies outside the LHSAA.
- 11.12.3.1.4 The LHSAA shall be allowed to retain any and all revenue received from:
1. Tournament sponsors, donors, and contributors secured by the LHSAA
 2. Fees received from radio and/or television broadcasts
 3. Official tournament program and souvenir sales
 4. Generated by any events management organization(s)
- 11.12.3.1.5 Within 30 days after the completion of these regional tournaments, the LHSAA shall present to the LHSAA Executive Committee and each participating school a true and accurate accounting of the financial records of each tournament to include advance and at-the-gate ticket sales; valid tournament expenses that were deducted from gross ticket sales; revenue the LHSAA received from tournament sponsors, donors, contributors, program sales (if applicable), and souvenir sales (if applicable); revenue received from radio and/or television broadcasts; and any revenue generated by any events management organization(s).
1. Along with this financial report, the LHSAA shall include a check made payable to each participating school for its team guarantee, travel allotment, and one equal share of the net profits from the regional tournament in which it participated.
- 11.12.3.2 Financial plan for boys' basketball and girls' basketball combined state tournament.
- 11.12.3.2.1 Each participating team shall receive a \$900 team guarantee and a travel allotment of \$5 per mile (map mileage, one way).
- 11.12.3.2.2 The LHSAA shall retain all other revenue generated by the tournament.
- 11.12.3.3 Any and all rules that are in conflict with these rules shall be amended in the appropriate manner in order for the above rules to be numbered and implemented as passes.

To Become Effective Immediately

Dr. Melanie Ezell
Parkview Baptist School

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

35. Amend Section 11-Basketball, by adding Rules 11.13.4.1, 11.14.4.1, 11.15.4.1, 11.16.4.1, 11.17.4.1, and 11.18.4.1, Pages 94-99 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws all to be worded as follows:

11.13.4.1 *The visiting team shall be guaranteed at least 30 percent of a gym's seating capacity if requested by the principal/athletic director prior to the contest.*

Laura LeBeouf
Kaplan High School

36. Amend Section 14-Football, by amending Rule 14.21.1, Page 116 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

14.21.1 Spring practice shall be limited to 10 days with or without pads and shall be conducted ~~beginning with the 45th week of the NFHS calendar~~ *either Weeks 28 through 31 or beginning week 43 of the NFHS calendar. Every school would have to declare to the LHSAA whether it will participate in spring practice Weeks 28-31 or after Week 43. A school can participate in either one but not both and cannot split the ten days between the two time periods.*

Ken Oertling
Hahnville High School

Rochelle Bates
Kentwood High School

37. Amend Section 15-Golf, Rule 15.8.5, Page 122 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

15.1 IMPORTANT DATES

<u>2012-2013 DATES</u>	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
<u>Monday, April 8, 2013 – Saturday, April 13, 2013</u>	41st	<u>Boys' District</u> Tournament
<u>Monday, April 15, 2013</u>	42nd	Boys' <u>and Girls'</u> Entry to Regional's
<u>Monday, April 22, 2013 – Friday, April 26, 2013</u>	43rd	Boys' <u>and Girls'</u> Regional Tournament
<u>Monday, April 29, 2013 – Friday, May 3, 2013</u>	44th	Boys' <u>and Girls'</u> State Tournament

15.3.8 *Boys' Golf – District Meet – Each district shall determine its policies for hosting a district golf meet for the purpose of determining its first, second, third, and fourth place team and individual representatives to advance to the regional meet. The district meet shall be conducted by the deadline cited in Rule 15.1, Important Important Dates, in this section.*

15.8.5 *Boys' Golf – Qualifiers from District Meet to Regional Meet. Each of the four (4) districts shall qualify the first, second, third, and fourth place teams and the first, second, third, and fourth place individual finishers to one of the two regional competitions. The individual finishers to advance to regional competition shall be the four highest ranked individuals who are not on an advancing team.*

15.8.5 *Boys' Golf – Qualifiers from Regional Meet to State Meet. Each of the two (2) regions shall qualify the first, second, third, and fourth place teams and the first, second, third, and fourth place individual finishers to state competition. The individual finishers to advance to state competition shall be the four highest ranked individuals who are not on an advancing team.*

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

- 15.8.6 Girls' Golf – Qualifiers from Regional Meet to State Meet. Each of the two (2) regions shall qualify the first, second, third, and fourth place teams and the first, second, third, and fourth place individual finishers to state competition. The individual finishers to advance to state competition shall be the four highest ranked individuals who are not on an advancing team.
- 15.9.4 The Executive Director shall secure possible sites for the boys' and girls' Regional Golf Tournaments and present them to the Executive Committee for selection. The boys' and girls' Regional Golf Tournaments shall be conducted by hosts selected by the Executive Committee. The rotation plan for conducting these tournaments shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee

38. Amend Section 15-Golf, Rule 15.2.4, Page 119 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

- 15.2.4 **School Day Contest:** A school shall not compete during instructional time (*Monday-Friday*) during the regular season. This rule is explained in by-laws in Section 9: "Athletics and Instructional Time." This rule shall be waived for the state playoffs. *Exception: A school shall be allowed to participate in ~~four~~ **two** boys' and ~~or~~ **two** girls' 18-hole golf matches or tournaments during a school day from February 15 for girls and March 1 for boys through the week prior to the regional golf tournament provided the contest does not begin before 11:00 am ~~and provided the school participates in no more than one match or tournament during a school week.~~ If a student is receiving a failing grade in any class at the time, he/ she shall not be permitted to be released from school to participate in the match or tournament.*

To Be Effective Immediately

Executive Committee

39. Amend Section 15-Golf, by deleting Rules 15.9.1, 15.9.2, 15.10.1, 15.10.3, 15.10.4, 15.10.5, 15.10.6, 15.10.7, 15.10.8 and amending Rule 15.3.1, Page 119 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

- 15.3.1 Boys' golf shall be divided into four equal or nearly equal divisions. Girls' golf shall be divided into two equal or nearly equal divisions. (Effective for the 2013 Season)
- 15.3.2 Golf divisions shall be based on a school's October 1st enrollment that is certified to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association under the guidelines of Article 8.3 of the Constitution-Enrollment Calculation.
- 15.3.3 Counting to achieve equal fourths for boys' and equal halves for girls' shall begin with the highest and end with the lowest golf school enrollment.
- 15.3.4 A school may not participate in a division below that mandated by its enrollment.
- 15.3.5 Schools with equal enrollment that form the lower dividing line in a division shall play in the higher division.
- 15.3.6 A school may elect to play in the next higher division if it submits a written declaration to the LHSAA by 12:00 noon on the day of the first classification meeting in a classification year. The declaration shall apply for the next two years.
- 15.3.7 The LHSAA shall place each boys' golf school into one of four equal or nearly equal districts and shall place each girls' golf school into one of two equal or nearly equal regions.

Executive Committee

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

40. Amend Section 15-Golf, Rule 15.7.11, Page 121 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

15.7.11 Golfers shall be required to adhere to proper sportsmanship while on the course. Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as profane, vulgar and/or abusive language audible to others; carelessly and/or deliberately throwing clubs and/or slamming a club to the ground; verbalizing with intent of intimidation; or exhibiting behavior not in accordance with the spirit of fair play. Violation of this rule shall result in the following penalty structure:

First Offense – Warning

Second Offense – Two stroke penalty

Third Offense – Disqualification

(Note: If a golfer is disqualified because of an unsportsmanlike act, the act shall be reported in writing to the LHSAA.)

15.7.15 Each school shall provide an adult to serve as a monitor who may shall be assigned to each group to observe play, assist with rulings, request professional rulings and unofficially compute scores for each golfer in the group. These individuals should not be placed in positions of making decisions about students from their school.

15.7.8 A coaches' meeting shall be scheduled before the round of tournament play begins. All coaches/faculty representatives and adult monitors shall be present at the meeting. If this rule is violated, the school shall be fined \$50 for one golfer or \$100 for two or more golfers to allow them to participate in the tournament.

To Be Effective Immediately

Executive Committee

41. Amend Section 15-Golf, Rule 15.7.25, Page 122 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

15.7.25 ~~In girls' tournament play, if a golfer shoots more than 72 strokes the first 9 holes of play, she shall be eliminated from the tournament at that point, and her score shall be doubled giving her a final score for the day that the elimination occurred. This score may also count toward her team score.~~ In regional and state competition, after a player hits two consecutive shots into a hazard, his/her next shot shall be played from a designated drop area between the hazard and green if permitted by the tournament director. In regional and state competition, a player shall pick up his/her ball and record a ten (10) after the ninth (9th) stroke of the hole. If a player continues to play, the player is not disqualified, but must count all shots played.

To Be Effective Immediately

Executive Committee

42. Amend Section 15-Golf, Rule 15.8.8, Page 123 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

15.8.8 ~~Entry Information: In both boys' and girls' tournaments, a team may enter a maximum of five golfers in a regional tournament.~~ In boys' Division I-V, a maximum of five golfers may be entered in a regional or state tournament. In boys' Division VI, a maximum of four golfers may be entered in a regional or state tournament. In girls' play, in all Divisions, a maximum of three golfers may be entered in a regional or state tournament.

To Be Effective Immediately

Executive Committee

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

43. Amend Section 18-Soccer, by Amending Rule 18.5.4, Page 133 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws and changing the order of numbers 1, 2, and 3 as follows:

- 18.5.4** ALL schools shall submit the official LHSAA District Final Standing Form to the LHSAA by 10:00 p.m. on the deadline date cited in Rule 18.1, Important Dates, in this section. The form must be verified and signed by the head coach and the school's principal. The following information shall be accurately reported about the district's non-automatic qualifying teams in all divisions.
12. Won-loss record against all schools in the same division (*including district and tournament games but excluding district playoff games*)
 23. Won-loss record of all games played against all schools in all divisions (*including district and tournament games but excluding district playoff games*)
 34. Won-loss district record (*excluding district playoff games*)
 4. If a school plays a regular season contest(s) after it has reported wildcard information to the LHSAA, the results of this additional contest(s) shall not be counted for wildcard purposes.

**James Reiss
Vandebilt Catholic High School**

44. Amend Section 19-Softball, by amending Rule 19.2.2 and 19.2.4, page 139 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

19.2.2 Season:

3. A team shall be limited to two 7-inning ~~or three 5-inning~~ games in one day.

19.2.4 Tournaments:

1. In all regular season invitational tournaments, ***for the game to be declared an "official game" and count in determining a school's power ranking it shall meet the guidelines of an "official game" as outlined in this section, 19.4.*** The tournament director has the authority to elect to use the LHSAA adopted tie-breaker procedure. The decision to use this tie-breaker procedure shall apply to all games in the tournament and shall be announced to the team's head coach prior to its first game. Umpires shall also be made aware of this decision prior to the start of the tournament. Once this procedure is used, it shall be used for the remainder of the game and for all other tied games throughout the tournament. If the score is tied after the teams have played 6 innings, the tie-breaker procedure may be applied. ***While using the tie-breaker, each half-inning begins by placing a runner on second base. That runner is the player in the batting order who preceded the leadoff batter in the inning. Then the game proceeds a full inning or until a winner is determined in that inning.*** This tie-breaker procedure shall not be used in any other regular season games, district and non-district, or any state playoff games including the state tournament.

To Become Effective Immediately

Executive Committee

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

45. Amend Section 19-Softball, by amending Rule 19.2.4, Page 140 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

19.2.4 Tournaments:

1. All games used for power ranking purposes must be in accordance with NFHS rules.
2. Games for power ranking purposes CANNOT end in a tie.
6. In all regular season invitational tournaments, the tournament director has the authority to elect to use the tie-breaker procedure ~~outlined in the NFHS softball playing rules~~. The decision to use this tie-breaker procedure shall apply to all games in the tournament and shall be announced to the team's head coach prior to its first game. Umpires shall also be made aware of this decision prior to the start of the tournament. If the score is tied after the teams have played the ~~required number of innings, 5 or 7,~~ 6th inning, the tie-breaker procedure may be applied. ~~The tournament director shall determine the earliest inning in which the tie-breaker procedure will be used.~~ Once this procedure is used, it shall be used for the remainder of the game and for all other tied games throughout the tournament. This tie-breaker procedure shall not be used in any other regular season games, district and non-district, or any state playoff games including the state tournament.

Buffy Fegenbush
Berwick High School

Ray Simon
Catholic High School, New Iberia

Ivy Landry
Abbeville High School

Martha "Nikki" Broussard
Acadiana High School

Laura LeBeouf
Kaplan High School

Curt Landry
New Iberia High School

Cindy Istre
Notre Dame High School

Karen Bashay
Loreauville High School

Audrey Menard
St. Thomas More High School

Michelle Chiasson
E. D. White High School

Richard Craig
Comeaux High School

Greg Theriot
North Vermilion High School

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

46. Amend Section 19-Softball, by amending Rules 19.4, 19.4.1 and 19.4.2, Page s 140 and 141 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

19.4 OFFICIAL GAME

- 19.4.1 ~~A regulation game shall be seven innings unless shortened by inclement weather or darkness after it has become official or been extended to extra innings because of a tied score after seven innings.~~ All games used for power ranking purposes shall be in accordance with NFHS rules.

Buffy Fegenbush Berwick High School	Ray Simon Catholic High School, New Iberia
Ivy Landry Abbeville High School	Martha "Nikki" Broussard Acadiana High School
Laura LeBeouf Kaplan High School	Curt Landry New Iberia High School
Cindy Istre Notre Dame High School	Karen Bashay Loreauville High School
Audrey Menard St. Thomas More High School	Michelle Chiasson E. D. White High School
Richard Craig Comeaux High School	Greg Theriot North Vermilion High School

47. Amend Section 19-Softball, by amending Rules 19.9, 19.9.1, and 19.9.2, Page 142 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

19.9 WILDCARD PROGRAM

- 19.9.1 The 32 highest seeded teams (16 in Class C) shall be placed on the brackets in each class. Wildcard teams shall be allotted to each class as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u># OF DISTRICTS</u>	<u># AUTO. QUALIFY</u>	<u># WILDCARD TEAMS</u>	<u># BYES REMAINING</u>
5A	9	1 st and 2 nd	14 23	0
4A	10	1 st and 2 nd	12 22	0
3A	10	1 st and 2 nd	12 22	0
2A	10	1 st and 2 nd	12 22	0
1A	10	1 st and 2 nd	12 22	0
B	8	1 st and 2 nd	16 24	0
C	6	1 st and 2 nd	4 10	16 0

If a bye(s) on the bracket exists due to any qualifiers not being represented from a district, the bye(s) shall be filled using the remaining teams from those being considered for wildcard.

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

19.9.2 Criteria for Wildcard Selection

1. Only the teams certified as first ~~and second~~ place district representatives shall automatically qualify for the state playoffs. *If a district championship is tied, all tied teams shall share the championship honors and shall qualify for the state playoffs from that district.*
2. The remainder of the byes on the bracket shall be filled with wildcard teams, teams that did not automatically qualify, by placing them on the bracket starting with the highest power ranking and continuing in descending order.

To Become Effective Immediately,

Buffy Fegenbush Berwick High School	Ray Simon Catholic High School, New Iberia
Ivy Landry Abbeville High School	Martha “Nikki” Broussard Acadiana High School
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Audrey Menard St. Thomas More High School	Michelle Chiasson E. D. White High School
Richard Craig Comeaux High School	Greg Theriot North Vermilion High School

48. Amend Section 19-Softball, by amending Rules 19.9, 19.9.1, and 19.9.2, Page 142 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

19.9.1

<u>CLASS</u>	<u># OF DISTRICTS</u>	<u># AUTO. QUALIFY</u>	<u># WILDCARD TEAMS</u>	<u># BYES REMAINING</u>
5A	9	1 st and 2nd	14 <u>23</u>	0
4A	10	1 st and 2nd	12 <u>22</u>	0
3A	10	1 st and 2nd	12 <u>22</u>	0
2A	10	1 st and 2nd	12 <u>22</u>	0
1A	10	1 st and 2nd	12 <u>22</u>	0
B	8	1 st and 2nd	16 <u>24</u>	0
C	6	1 st and 2nd	4 <u>10</u>	16

19.9.2 Criteria for Wildcard Selection

1. Only the teams certified as first ~~and second~~ place district representatives shall automatically qualify for the state playoffs.
2. *If a district championship is tied, all tied teams shall share the championship honors and shall qualify for the state playoffs from that district.*
3. The remainder of the byes on the bracket shall be filled with wildcard teams, teams that did not automatically qualify, by placing them on the bracket starting with the highest power ranking and continuing in descending order.

Items Pertaining to By-Laws

- 19.9.3** *In all classes, teams with the best won-loss records in district play shall be selected in descending order. The first-place finishers shall automatically qualify for the state playoffs. If a district championship is tied, all tied teams shall share the championship honors and shall qualify for the state playoffs from that district. All remaining slots shall be filled in descending order using the current power ranking system for softball. Upon passage, it shall be put into effect immediately for the 2012 season.*

Martha “Nikki” Broussard
Acadiana High School

- 49.** Amend Section 22-Indoor Track and Field, by amending Rule 22.1, Page 160 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

22.1 IMPORTANT DATES

2012-2013 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Monday, August 9, 2012 – Sunday, December 2, 2012	6th – 27th <u>23rd</u>	Weight training/conditioning permitted. No practice/contests allowed.
Monday, December 3, 2012	27th <u>23rd</u>	1st Practice (Medical, parents’ permission, and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Friday, January 7, 2013	27th	1st Meet (Eligibility must be filed online.)

Ty Burdett
Franklin High School

Rachel Wilson
Patterson High School

Michael Galler, III
Centerville High School

- 50.** Amend Section 23-Outdoor Track and Field, by amending Rules 23.3.4 and 23.5.2.1, Page 160 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

~~23.3.4~~ Each classification shall devise its own plan to conduct its district and regional track and field meets for state meet qualifying purposes. To qualify for a regional meet in its classification, a school (except Class C) shall participate in a district meet prior to the regional meet. In all classes (except Class C) each district shall conduct a meet to qualify regional contestants.

~~23.5.2~~ Each class shall devise its own plan to qualify individuals and relay teams to the state meet.

Qualifying Plans and Special Rules for Regional Meets (All Classes) (Boys and Girls)

- The girls’ and boys’ meets shall be contested at the same site on the same day.*
- Site of Meet: Shall be within the region of the participating schools: preferably at a state university/college or at a centrally located high school.
- Track Surface: Shall be an all weather surface with a minimum of eight lanes around two turns. Lane widths shall be at least 36” (preferably 42”). *It is recommended that it* shall be marked for use in more than one direction for 100/110-meter hurdles and 100-meter dash.
- Timing Device: Shall be fully automatic timing device (FAT), if available. *Semi-automatic timing device is acceptable if FAT is unavailable.*
- Landing Pits for Pole Vault, High Jump, Long Jump, and Triple Jump shall meet standards specified in the NFHS’s Outdoor Track and Field Rule Book.
- Runways for Jumping and Vaulting Events shall meet minimum lengths specified in NFHS’s Outdoor Track and Field Rule Book and shall be marked for use in either direction.
- Recording Trials: Jumps, vaults, and throws shall be measured and recorded.

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8. Breaking Ties: Fourth-place ties shall be resolved at the meet so that state meet alternates can be decided.
9. Seeding Process: Qualifying events' contestants shall be seeded according to their district meet times. If fully automatic time (FAT) is available, all qualifying shall be against time. If FAT timing is unavailable or the timing device malfunctions, qualifiers shall be seeded according to the places they finished in each heat. In all other events, contestants shall be seeded/flighted according to time and/or performance.
10. Awards and Expenses: Participating schools shall be assessed an entry fee determined by the regional meet committee to pay for the meet's awards and administration expenses. The admission price for the meet shall be set by the regional meet committee. The host school shall retain gate receipts and concession sales revenue for expenses relating to facilities, workers, and equipment.

Executive Committee

51. Amend Section 25-Wrestling, by adding Rules 25.11, 25.11.1, 25.11.2, 25.11.3, and 25.11.4, Page 187 of the 2011-12 LHSAA By-Laws to be worded as follows:

25.11 PRACTICE PARTNERS

- 25.11.1 Practice partners shall be defined as a non-coach, non-student practice participants whose sole purpose is to provide greater training, safety, and supervision to student-athlete wrestlers during scheduled wrestling practices.
- 25.11.2 The following restrictions and guidelines relate to practice partner designees:
 1. Practice partners shall only be allowed to participate in scheduled wrestling practices supervised by a head coach and/or assistant coach;
 2. Practice partners shall have not less than two years wrestling experience/training;
 3. Practice partners shall not be associated/affiliated with LHSAA and shall not be employed by the school board;
 4. Practice partners shall not count toward the number of non-faculty coaches;
 5. Practice partners shall be required to undergo a background check to be initiated by the principal of the school that wishes to designate;
 6. Practice partners shall not receive any benefits from LHSAA including but not limited to membership cards;
 7. The principal, athletic director, or wrestling coach may terminate the school's agreement with the practice partner at any time for any reason.
- 25.11.3 Schools must keep a signed waiver of liability on file in favor of LHSAA for injury a practice partner may incur while participating in scheduled wrestling practices.
- 25.11.4 Penalties for violation(s) of rules concerning practice partners are governed by Section 5, Penalty Code.

Any rule contrary to the proposed amendment shall be deemed inapplicable insofar as it is inconsistent with the provisions stated herein.

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