

Media and LSWA All-State Guidelines

What to report: the final score and statistical leaders for your team and the opposing team. Include first names and last names for players from both teams. The home team traditionally reports results, win or lose. If you question whether your results have been reported, call and check. Provide a phone number where you can be contacted if there are any questions.

General all-state information: Included is a breakdown of districts across the state and which newspaper handles the all-state nominations for that district. The names of contact persons at each newspaper and a list of LSWA officers is provided.

A copy of your all-district team, which follows the criteria listed below must be provided prior to all-state meetings. Here are the sport-by-sport guidelines. While the LSWA only selects teams for football, basketball, baseball and softball, guidelines to follow for bowling, soccer and volleyball should also be followed. If guidelines are not followed, member newspapers are not required to publish the teams.

FOOTBALL: Offense: two receivers, one tight end, two tackles, two guards, one center, one quarterback, three running backs and one placekicker. If there are not enough lineman nominations to fill the positions as listed, the top five linemen, regardless of position, will be chosen. **Defense:** four linemen, four linebackers, four defensive backs, one punter, one athlete. One MVP and one Coach of the Year are also selected. MVP must be part of the team as a position player.

BASKETBALL: Teams should include five players on the first team and five on the second team. MVP must be part of the five-player first team. No ties for positions on the first team, MVP or Coach of the Year are allowed. Use statistics and head-to-head competition to break ties.

BASEBALL: Teams for Classes 5A to 1A should include four pitchers, one catcher, one first baseman, one second baseman, one shortstop, one third baseman, three outfielders and five utility players. If players are not nominated for all infield positions, the top four players regardless of infield positions, will be selected. In Classes B-C, the top 16 players regardless of position are selected.

SOFTBALL: Teams for Classes 5A to 1A should include four pitchers, one catcher, one first baseman, one second baseman, one shortstop, one third baseman, three outfielders and five utility players. If players are not nominated for all infield positions, the top four players regardless of infield positions, will be selected. In Classes B-C, the top 16 players regardless of position are selected.

Other Guidelines

VOLLEYBALL: All-district teams should consist of no more than 10 players. The MVP must be among the players selected. Ties for MVP and Coach of the Year are not allowed.

SOCCER: All-district teams should include no more than seven offensive players and seven defensive players with the goalkeeper included as one of the defensive players. An Outstanding Offensive Player, an Outstanding Defensive Player and a Coach of the Year are selected. The outstanding players chosen must be part of the 14-player first team.

BOWLING: All-district teams should consist of no more than 12 players. The MVP must be among the 12 players selected. Ties for MVP and Coach of the Year are not allowed.

Lswa All-State Nomination District Assignments

- **Alexandria (Mike Doyle and Bob Topkins, The Daily Town Talk):**
Districts 2-5A, 3-4A, 3-3A, 3-2A, 3-1A, 6-B, 6-C
- **Baton Rouge (Robin Fambrough, The Advocate):**
Districts 5-5A, 6-5A, 7-4A, 7-3A, 8-3A, 7-2A, 5-1A, 6-1A, 8-1A
- **Hammond (John Lenz, The Daily Star):**
Districts 7-5A, 9-3A, 8-2A
- **Houma-Thibodaux (Teddy Renois, The Comet and Courier):**
Districts 8-5A, 8-4A, 6-3A, 8-B
- **Lafayette (Kevin Foote, The Daily Advertiser):**
Districts 3-5A, 4-5A, 5-4A, 4-3A, 5-3A, 6-3A, 5-2A, 6-2A, 5-1A, 7-1A, 7-B
- **Lake Charles (Johnathan Manning, American Press):**
Districts 3-5A, 4-4A, 4-3A, 4-2A, 5-2A, 4-1A, 7-B, 8-C
- **Leesville (Daniel Green, Leesville Leader):**
4-2A, 4-B, 5-B, 3-C, 4-C

- **Monroe (Krysten Oliphant, The News-Star):**
Districts 2-5A, 2-4A, 3-4A, 2-3A, 2-2A, 3-2A, 2-1A, 3-1A, 2-B, 2-C
- **New Orleans (Ted Lewis, Lori Lyons and Mike Strom, New Orleans Times Picayune):**
Districts 6-5A, 7-5A, 9-5A, 10-5A, 8-4A, 8-3A, 10-3A, 11-3A, 9-2A, 10-2A, 6-1A, 8-1A, 9-1A, 8-B, 10-C
- **Ruston (O.K. “Buddy” Davis, Ruston Daily Leader):**
Districts 3-4A, 2-1A, 3-B
- **Shreveport (Scott Ferrell, Jason Pugh, Shreveport Times):**
Districts 1-5A, 1-4A, 2-4A, 1-3A, 1-2A, 1-1A, 1-B, 1-C

Note: *The fact that a newspaper is assigned a district to collect all-state nominations from does not mandate that the newspaper provide game coverage to any or all schools in the district. These assignments are a way to foster cooperation between the media and the schools but giving coaches a chance to see who they should contact about LSWA All-State teams.*