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14.1 IMPORTANT DATES

2011-2012 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Monday, August 8, 2011 – Monday, August 21, 2011	6th – 8th	On-Site Rules Clinic - Locations to be Announced (Mandatory for all Head Coaches)
Monday, August 8, 2011	6th	1st Practice (Medical, parents' permission, and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Thursday, August 11, 2011	6th	1st Practice in full gear
Thursday, August 11, 2011	6th	Deadline for submitting Application for Jamboree approval
Monday, August 15, 2011	7th	Earliest Scrimmage Allowed
Thursday August 25, 2011 – Saturday, August 27, 2011	8th	Jamborees (Eligibility must be filed online.)
Thursday, September 1, 2011	9th	1st Contest (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be filed online.)
Monday, October 10, 2011	15th	Deadline for submitting GPAs online for seniors for All Academic
Saturday, October 22, 2011	16th	Last date to add a game for power rating purposes.
Saturday, November 5, 2011	18th	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named (All Classes)
Sunday, November 6, 2011	19th	Playoff Pairings Show
Saturday, November 12, 2011	19th	Bi-district Deadline
Saturday, November 19, 2011	20th	Regional Deadline
Saturday, November 26, 2011	21st	Quarter-finals Deadline
Friday, December 2, 2011	22nd	Semi-finals Deadline
Saturday, December 3, 2011	22nd	Superdome Qualifiers' Meeting (Mandatory for Head Coaches)
Friday, December 9, 2011	23rd	State Finals – Superdome Classic (Classes 1A and 4A)
Saturday, December 10, 2011	23rd	State Finals – Superdome Classic (Classes 2A, 3A, and 5A)
Monday, January 16, 2012	27th	Deadline for submitting All-Star Nominations
Thursday, February 2, 2012	31st	All-Star Selection Committee
End of Schools' Season – Saturday, April 21, 2012	TBD – 42nd	Weight training/conditioning permitted. No practice/contests allowed.
Tuesday, May 1, 2012	44th	Deadline for submitting schedules online
Monday, May 7, 2012	45th	Spring Practice
Monday, May 14, 2012	46th	Summer Rules Begin

14.2 CONTEST LIMITS

14.2.1 Pre-Season:

1. A team shall be limited to one (1) fall pre-season scrimmage.
2. A team shall be limited to one (1) jamboree.

14.2.2 Season: A team shall be limited to the following:

1. Ten regular season contests
2. One bowl game per season

14.2.3 Calendar Week: A team shall be limited to one contest per week. (Sunday-Saturday)

14.2.4 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.

14.3 GENERAL

14.3.1 Schools shall submit an online version of their varsity football schedules to the LHSAA by the deadline cited in Rule 14.1, Important Date, in this section, Only games shown on this schedule shall be counted as official games for state champion-

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ship team qualifying. If a school adds a varsity football game(s) to its schedule after the 8th calendar week of the season, the additional game(s) shall not be counted when determining power points for either school. Unless the LHSAA is notified in writing prior to the playing of the contest, the school(s) shall present to the LHSAA a valid contract that was consummated for the game prior to the 9th calendar week in order to be validated.

- 14.3.2** In varsity competition, a visiting team shall furnish the home team with a list of players' full names, jersey numbers, positions, and classifications at least ten days prior to the contest.
- 14.3.3** A home team shall wear dark jerseys and a visiting team shall wear light-color jerseys.
- 14.3.4** All tied games, district, non-district, and playoff games, shall be played until a winner is decided by applying the 10-yard overtime procedure as outlined in the NFHS Football Rules Book. Exception: Beginning with the third extra period, teams scoring a touchdown must attempt a two-point try. A one-point try by Team A (although not illegal) will not score a point.
- 14.3.5** By mutual agreement of the opposing schools' principals, a half time may be extended a maximum of five minutes. The home schools' principal shall inform the referee of this extension.
- 14.3.6** During the months of August and September, there shall be a mandatory heat time-out at the six minute mark of every quarter. These time-outs shall be official time-outs and will allow the players to rest briefly and hydrate their bodies.
- 14.3.7** If anyone connected with a school or acting at the instructions or request of anyone connected with one school is detected using any type of radio scanning device or other scanning device to intercept radio and/or wire transmissions from coaches of the opposing school during a game, the offending school shall be ruled ineligible for district and state championship honors for the season and fined \$5,000 along with other penalties that may be assessed under the wholesome competition rule located in Section 5.
- 14.3.8** Game contracts shall be made and signed by the competing schools' principals. Contracts are explained in the by-laws in Section 6: Athletic Contests.
1. Each game's date shall be specific not "corresponding date" on a contract.
 2. Two-year contracts shall be made in classification years so that contracts shall expire in the same year.
 3. A one-year contract, however, shall be made for games played between classification years.
 4. If contracts conflict in scheduling district games, non-district games shall become null and void until the district schedule is prepared.
 5. Games may be played between Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A teams, but games played between schools in different classes shall have no bearing on the respective district championships.
- 14.3.9** In varsity football, the visiting team shall furnish the home team with a roster of players' full names, jersey numbers, positions, and classifications at least ten days prior to the playing of the contest.

14.4 ADDING THE SPORT OF FOOTBALL

- 14.4.1** In a classification year a school which was non-football the preceding year but desires to participate in varsity football the coming season shall notify the LHSAA Executive Director in writing by October 15, which shall be prior to the classification committee's first meeting.
- 14.4.2** A school officially declaring in writing to field a varsity football team for the first time shall be required to post a \$10,000 bond in the name of the LHSAA or deposit \$10,000 with the LHSAA to be held in trust for two years prior to being classified a football school. The bond shall remain in effect for the first two years that the school fields a varsity football team that is placed in a district and competing for championship honors. The bond shall be distributed to schools with signed contracts, should the school cancel the scheduled varsity game(s) for any reason. The Executive Director will determine how the bond money will be distributed to the school(s) affected by the cancellation of a scheduled game.
- 14.4.3** A non-football school shall be allowed to compete in sub-varsity football no more than two years or in varsity football no more than one year without being required to commit to a football school classification. Thereafter, the school shall be required to compete in football at the varsity level and be classified as a football school or discontinue competing in football at all levels of play for the next football season.

14.5 DISCONTINUING FOOTBALL

- 14.5.1** A school voluntarily discontinuing varsity football shall not resume the sport at the varsity level for two years from the date of discontinuance. The school may resume football at the sub-varsity level only after one calendar year from the date it was discontinued.
- 14.5.2** When a school discontinues varsity football, its scheduled games shall be null and void, and no game shall count for or against any team for championship honors.

14.5.3 The forfeit of two or more scheduled games shall be considered discontinuing the sport.

14.6 **PRE-SEASON PRACTICE**

14.6.1 Beginning with the first official practice day, teams shall practice a minimum three days in shorts for conditioning purposes. Helmets and shoulder pads may be worn during the three-day conditioning period.

14.6.2 Practice in full gear may begin after the three-day conditioning period.

14.6.3 Interschool scrimmages may begin with the seventh week of the NFHS calendar and after the minimum three days practice in shorts and minimum three days in full pads.

14.7 **CONTESTS**

14.7.1 Interschool Scrimmages (Refer to Section 6.10)

14.7.2 Jamborees (Refer to Section 6.11)

14.8 **REPORTING WEEKLY GAME RESULTS**

14.8.1 Beginning with the first playing date of the season, the principal or his/her designee of the winning school shall report to the LHSAA office via the LHSAA Members' Only website www.lhsaaonline.org no later than 4:00 p.m. each Monday its varsity game results from the previous week and continue this process for each of the first nine playing dates.

14.8.2 The weekly results shall be submitted and/or confirmed by every school to include the date, opponent, opponent's class, and the results of the contest.

14.8.3 The principal or his/her designee of the school shall report the results of an out-of-state contest. The principal or his/her designee of the school shall report an open date. The report shall be submitted online by the deadline established in Rule 14.8.1.

14.8.4 Any school failing to submit and/or confirm weekly results or that reports incorrect weekly results shall be fined \$50 for each report not submitted and/or confirmed or submitted incorrectly to the LHSAA by the established deadline.

14.8.5 Confirmations and disputes of game results shall be submitted online by 9:00 a.m. on each Tuesday of each week or the results will stand as reported. On the tenth playing date, confirmations and disputes shall be submitted by 10:00 p.m. on that Saturday.

14.8.6 On the weekend of the tenth playing date, the principal or his/her designee of every school in every district of every class shall report the results of the contest to the LHSAA office via the LHSAA Members' Only website www.lhsaaonline.org no later than 10:00 p.m. on that Friday or no later than 8:00 p.m. on Saturday for games played on Saturday.

14.9 **SUSPENDED AND CANCELED CONTESTS**

14.9.1 The host school principal or designated representative and the head official (referee) shall have mutual authority to delay the start of a game any time weather conditions are considered hazardous to life or limb.

14.9.2 The referee, once a game has started, shall have the authority, by rule, to suspend a game any time weather conditions are hazardous to life or limb.

14.9.3 If severe weather develops while a game is in progress and the administration feels safety is questionable but the game officials have not acted, the host principal or designated representative shall intervene by informing the referee who shall cause the contest to be suspended.

14.9.4 Once the game has been suspended, it shall only be resumed when the principals of both schools or their designated representatives and the referee agree it is safe to do so.

1. If after a delay of a maximum of 45 minutes the hazardous weather has not subsided, the decision to suspend shall be made by the principals of both schools or their designated representatives after consultation with the referee.
2. If there are extenuating circumstances such as extreme travel distances or a rescheduling problem, the principals of both schools or their designated representatives may ask for an additional 30 minutes of waiting time.
3. If the principals of both schools or their designated representatives and the referee cannot mutually agree that weather conditions are safe, the game shall be suspended.

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- 14.9.5** If opposing schools' principals and coaches do not agree to call a game a "complete game," the game shall be completed from the point of suspension as if it were never suspended.
- 14.9.6** A Thursday or Friday night suspended game shall be completed the following day or by mutual agreement on any day before midnight Monday of the following week.
- 14.9.7** A suspended Saturday game may be completed on Sunday by mutual agreement but shall be completed no later than midnight Monday of the following week.
- 14.9.8** If, by mutual agreement, a district game is canceled, the game shall be disregarded for district honors. If, by mutual agreement, a non-district game is canceled, it shall be disregarded in determining power rating of the teams involved in the cancellation.

14.10 DISTRICT PLAY

- 14.10.1** Each district shall determine its own method for determining its first place playoff representative. In the case of a tie, Rule 14.10.5 shall be applied. The district shall set the number of district games a school shall play to be eligible for district honors. If a district consists of five or fewer teams, each member school shall play a minimum of five district games or play a round-robin schedule to be eligible for district honors. If two schools do not play the required number of district games and do not play each other, they shall be ineligible for championship honors. However, a school which agrees in writing to play shall not be penalized by this rule.
- 14.10.2** If a school lacks sufficient district games and another school in the district refuses to play it, the school may present a letter to the LHSAA by September 1 explaining the deficiency. However, if that school is offered a district game on any playing date other than the one on which a district game is already scheduled, it shall be accepted within one year.
- 14.10.3** District first-place representatives shall be named by district committees and reported to the LHSAA by 8:00 p.m. on the Saturday of the 10th playing date. District chairperson(s) are asked to certify records for all teams in the district by 10:00 p.m., Friday, of the 10th playing week.
- 14.10.4** A regular season football game played on the Saturday of the 10th playing date shall not begin after 5:00 p.m.
- 14.10.5** A playoff game shall not be played to decide a district tie. If a district championship is tied, all tied teams shall share championship honors. If there is a first-place district tie between two teams that played each other during the season, the team that defeated the other team shall be the first-place playoff representative. If teams play overtime to determine a winner, and this game is counted for points to determine the district state playoff representative, the overtime win shall count as one point.
- 14.10.6** A district with 11 or more teams may subdivide and the games they play in sub-district shall count as district games. Teams in one sub-district may schedule games against the other sub-district's teams, but the games shall not count as district games. The game between the sub-district winners shall decide the first-place team on the tenth playing date and shall count as a district game.

14.11 WILDCARD PROGRAM

CLASS	# OF DISTRICTS	# WILDCARD TEAMS	# BYES REMAINING
5A	9	23	0
4A	10	22	0
3A	10	22	0
2A	9	23	0
1A	10	22	0

- 14.11.1** If a qualifying school's principal wishes to withdraw his/her team from the playoffs, he/she shall appear before the football wildcard committee when it meets on the Sunday following the tenth playing date to officially inform the LHSAA of this decision. The decision shall be made in writing and signed by the principal at that time.
- 14.11.2** If a principal fails to comply with this rule and withdraws his/her team from the football playoffs after the wildcard committee meeting, the school shall be fined \$1,000 with 10 percent of this fine paid to the LHSAA and 90 percent paid to the school that the offending school was scheduled to play in the playoffs. The game shall count as a forfeit and be considered as a home game for the team that receives the forfeit.

14.12 WILDCARD SELECTION COMMITTEE

14.12.1 A playoff committee consisting of the LHSAA president, LHSAA vice-president, one LHSAA Executive Committee member from each classification, an LHSCA representative on the Executive Committee, and the athletic directors' representative on the Executive Committee shall meet the Sunday following the tenth football playing date to verify wildcard teams and complete playoff brackets. The president shall have the authority to appoint other Executive Committee members, if necessary, to fill any vacancies that occur because a Committee member is unable to attend the meeting. A request to correct an error in the wildcard program shall be made before the wildcard plan in a classification receives final approval by the wildcard selection Committee at this meeting.

14.12.2 This Committee shall have the authority to make all rulings necessary and prepare to apply the intent of the rules governing the wildcard program and any students which may not be covered by the rules.

14.13 CRITERIA FOR WILDCARD SELECTION

14.13.1 Only the team that is certified as the first place representative from the district or all teams that finish in a tie for first-place in the district shall automatically qualify for the state playoffs from that district.

14.13.2 In completing the playoff bracket, all other teams qualifying for the state playoffs shall be selected on the basis of the established power rating scheme.

14.13.3 Each district shall use Rule 14.10.5, to certify its first place team when ties exist.

14.13.4 The remainder of the byes on the bracket will be filled with wildcard teams (teams that did not automatically qualify) using the highest power rating in descending order to fill the bracket.

14.14 SEEDING THE BRACKET

14.14.1 All teams shall be seeded (1-32) according to their power rating.

14.14.2 The seeding for the 32-team bracket shall be as follows:

1 vs. 32	5 vs. 28	9 vs. 24	13 vs. 20
2 vs. 31	6 vs. 27	10 vs. 23	14 vs. 19
3 vs. 30	7 vs. 26	11 vs. 22	15 vs. 18
4 vs. 29	8 vs. 25	12 vs. 21	16 vs. 17

14.14.3 When two teams have an identical power rating, the following criteria shall be used for seeding purposes:

1. If the two schools played each other during the season, the winning school shall be seeded higher.
2. If the two schools did not play each other during the season, the tie shall be broken by determining each schools strength factor as stated in Rule 14.15.1. The school with the higher strength factor will be the higher seed.
3. If a tie exists after applying the above rules, the tie shall be broken by using the following criteria in this order:
 - A. The team(s) with the best won-lost percentage record(s) against all teams, including district and non-district games, in the school's same classification shall be selected for the playoffs.
 - B. The team(s) with the best won-lost percentage record(s) in district play shall be selected for the playoffs.
 - C. The team(s) with the best won-lost percentage record against all teams played shall be selected for the playoffs.

14.14.4 When three or more teams have an identical power rating, the following criteria shall be used for seeding purposes:

1. The tie shall be broken by determining each schools strength factor as stated in Rule 14.15.1.
2. If two teams are tied in the strength factor rating and played each other during the season, the team that defeated the other team shall be awarded the higher seeded position.
3. If a tie still exists after applying the above rules, the tie shall be broken by using the following criteria in this order:
 - A. The team(s) with the best won-lost percentage record(s) against all teams, including district and non-district games, in the school's same classification shall be selected for the playoffs.
 - B. The team(s) with the best won-lost percentage record(s) in district play shall be selected for the playoffs.
 - C. The team(s) with the best won-lost percentage record against all teams played shall be selected for the playoffs..

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14.15 DETERMINING POWER RATING

14.15.1 The power rating for each school shall be determined as follows:

RESULT OF CONTEST		ADD	ADD
Win (10 points)	Same Class	N/A	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10
	Higher Class	Add 2 points for each class up	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10
	Lower Class	N/A	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10
Loss (0 points)	Same Class	N/A	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10
	Higher Class	Add 2 points for each class up	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10
	Lower Class	N/A	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10
Double Forfeit		Add 1 point to team that defeated both teams forfeiting	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10
Tie (5 points)	Out of State	Add ½ point if opponents has a tie	Opponent's Wins/Opponent's Games Played x 10

14.15.2 A team's power rating shall be the result of the contest plus any additional points for playing a larger classification plus opponent's wins divided by the opponent's games played multiplied by 10 to get the total power points of games which is divided by the number of total games played during the regular season. Refer to Rule 14.15.5 for further explanation.

14.15.3 When a team's opponent is an out-of-state team, the classification of the out-of-state team shall be determined by verifying the latest enrollment of the team through its state association and applying its enrollment to the enrollment numbers used in classifying LHSAA schools at the last classification meeting.

1. When a school plays an out-of-state school that has a game remaining on its schedule after the LHSAA's tenth playing date, that game shall not be used in determining the school's power rating.
2. When a school plays an out-of-state school that plays a pre-season regular football game in lieu of a jamboree contest, the result of this game shall not be used in calculating the school's power rating.
3. If an out-of-state opponent plays more than 10 regular season games by the time of the LHSAA's 10th playing date, only the results of the first 10 games it played shall be applied in the LHSAA's Wild-Card Program.

14.15.4 When a team's opponent is a junior varsity or "B" team, the result of that game shall not be used in determining the team's power rating or the strength factor.

14.15.5 Determining power rating: Example for Class 4A School

OPPONENT	OUTCOME	CLASS	RECORD	POINTS
A	Canceled (0)	---	---	0+0+0=0.00
B	Lost (0)	3A (0)	6-3	0+0+((6/9* 10)=6.67
C	Won (10)	3A (0)	1-8	10+0+((1/9* 10)= 11.11
D	Lost (0)	4A (0)	6-3	0+0+((6/9* 10)= 6.67
E	Lost (0)	4A (0)	1-7	0+0+((1/8* 10)= 1.25
F	Lost (0)	4A (0)	3-6	0+0+((3/9* 10)=3.33
G	Lost (0)	4A (0)	9-1	0+0+((9/10* 10)= 9.00
H	Won (10)	4A (0)	4-5	10+0+((4/9* 10)= 14.44
I	Lost (0)	4A (0)	8-1	0+0+((8/9* 10)= 8.89
J	Lost (0)	4A (0)	7-2	0+0+((7/9* 10)= 7.78
Totals: Game Calculated = 9		34	45 wins	69.14

Power Rating = 69.14 divided by 9 = 7.68

14.16 DETERMINING STRENGTH FACTOR

14.16.1 The opponent's strength factor shall be determined by adding the sum of the opponent's class to the sum of the opponent's wins and dividing the result by the total number of games played.

14.16.2 Example of determining strength factor:

OPPONENT	OUTCOME	OPPONENT'S CLASS	OPPONENT'S RECORD
A	Canceled (0)	---	---
B	Lost (0)	3A (0)	6-3
C	Won (10)	3A (0)	1-8
D	Lost (0)	4A (0)	6-3
E	Lost (0)	4A (0)	1-7
F	Lost (0)	4A (0)	3-6
G	Lost (0)	4A (0)	9-1
H	Won (10)	4A (0)	4-5
I	Lost (0)	4A (0)	8-1
J	Lost (0)	4A (0)	7-2
Totals: Game Calculated = 9		34	45 wins

Strength Factor = 34 + 45 divided by 9 = 8.78

14.17 **FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS**

14.17.1 Playoff games include all games played for state championship honors after the tenth playing date.

14.17.2 In all rounds of playoff games, the Officials' Association will be assigned by the LHSAA's Director of Officials.

14.17.3 Ticket prices shall be set by mutual agreement of participating teams. If an agreement cannot be reached, a coin flip shall be conducted to decide the ticket price.

14.17.4 Game time shall be set by mutual agreement. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be 7:30 p.m.

14.17.5 If a stadium conflict exists and/or a game time cannot be mutually agreed upon, then the home team shall set the starting time. The starting time shall not be before 5:00 p.m. and no later than 8:00 p.m. This rule applies only to metropolitan areas when the home team's stadium is involved. If this matter cannot be resolved by applying this rule, the Executive Director shall possess full authority to resolve the conflict.

14.17.6 Unless participating teams mutually agree to play a Thursday night or Saturday night, playoff games shall be played Friday nights. Participating teams shall mutually agree to play a Thursday or Saturday night if stadium conflicts exist Friday night. If a stadium conflict exists Friday night and teams cannot mutually agree to play Thursday or Saturday night, a coin flip shall be conducted to determine if the game shall be played Thursday or Saturday.

14.17.7 Schools shall be required to distribute and sell numbered tickets from the bi-district round through the semi-final round for all state football playoff games. Both teams shall possess the right to be directly involved in the collection and accounting for and selling of all tickets. A school shall not be allowed to use season tickets as admission to any playoff game.

14.18 **DETERMINING THE HOME TEAM**

14.18.1 Bi-District Round of Play

1. The higher seeded team shall be the home team.
2. "Byes" shall count as a home game.

14.18.2 Regional Round of Play

1. Any team that drew a "bye" in the bi-district round shall be home teams.
2. Teams that traveled in the bi-district round shall be the home team unless Rule 14.18.2.1 applies.
3. If both teams traveled or were home teams in the bi-district 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 rounds shall be the home team.
2. If both teams traveled the same number of times in the first two rounds, the team that traveled last 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.



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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, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

14.18.5 The higher seeded team shall be the home team in the Superdome Classic.

14.18.6 Through the semi-final round, the home team may use its regularly-used home field as its playoff game site. If the home team chooses to use a field other than its regularly-used home field, opposing schools shall agree to the change.

14.18.7 Opposing schools may, by mutual agreement, reverse a game site. A reversal of the home/away site for any reason shall not affect the criteria previously cited in Rules 14.18.1, 14.18.2, 14.18.3 and 14.18.4.

14.18.8 The winning team shall call the LHSAA immediately after each playoff game to report game results so that the next playoff game may be scheduled. Collect calls shall not be accepted.

14.19 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

14.19.1 The traveling team shall receive \$4 per mile, one way, map mileage in all classes.

14.19.2 With the exception of contest officials, the home team shall furnish the stadium, ticket sellers, gatekeepers, guards, janitors, advertising, printed tickets, and other items incidental to the game. The cost of these obligations shall not be charged against game receipts. The home team shall maintain concession rights.

14.19.3 Gross ticket receipts, including pre-game sales, shall be divided as follows: Teams shall share 50-50 after the following deductions: 10 percent of gross ticket receipts, including pre-game sales, shall be paid to the LHSAA before paying for contest officials' travel and fees and visiting team's travel.

14.19.4 If gate receipts do not cover the cited expenses, the visiting team shall receive the balance of the receipts after payments to the LHSAA and contest officials.

14.19.5 The home team shall not be liable for any traveling team's expenses not covered by gate receipts.

14.19.6 When both playoff teams are from the same metropolitan area and play in a municipal stadium (one that is not located at either school's facility, but instead is contracted, scheduled, and rented, and neither school has concession rights) the following shall apply:

1. The LHSAA shall receive 10 percent of gross receipts, including pre-game sales, before paying contest officials.
2. Both teams shall share other necessary expenses.
3. No travel allowance shall be applied.
4. Net receipts shall be split 50-50.

14.20 SUPERDOME CLASSIC

14.20.1 The LHSAA shall conduct the state championship finals in the Louisiana Superdome.

14.20.2 The ten participating schools' principals or their designee and the head coaches shall meet at 1:00 p.m. at the LHSAA office on the Saturday following the semi-final games to review plans for the Classic and pick up pre-game tickets. Schools failing to attend, shall not be issued a practice time nor receive pre-game tickets.

14.20.3 The state championship finals for Classes 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A shall be played on the dates listed in Rule 14.1, Important Dates, in this section.

14.20.4 Subject to approval of the Executive Committee, the playing time schedule shall be determined by the Executive Director.

14.20.5 If the LHSAA realizes financial loss after the following expenses have been paid, the loss shall be deducted on a pro-rata basis from the ten participating teams' guarantees.

1. Superdome rental charges
2. Superdome staffing and game administration charges
3. Superdome ticket-servicing charges
4. Press room charges
5. Ten percent of gross ticket sales to the LHSAA
6. Team expenses

14.20.6 If possible, a contract-team-guarantee check shall be mailed to each participating school within 30 days following the Classic:

CLASS	GUARANTEE PER TEAM	TOTAL GUARANTEE
5A	\$11,500	\$23,000
4A	\$10,000	\$20,000
3A	\$8,500	\$17,000
2A	\$7,000	\$14,000
1A	\$5,500	\$11,000

Each participating school shall receive \$5.00 per mile, one way, map mileage in all classes.

14.21 SPRING PRACTICE

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.

14.21.2 An interschool scrimmage shall not be allowed during the ten days of spring practice.

14.22 SUMMER ACTIVITIES

14.22.1 During the summer months before regular practice, players may meet with coaches for chalk talks and supervised participation in a weight program, calisthenics, conditioning drills, and other drills without pads. Helmets and shoes shall be permitted.

14.22.2 Players may attend summer football camps and clinics but may not participate in any activity while wearing pads.

14.23 OFFICIALS: Rules regarding football officials and officiating in general are cited in the by-laws in Section 8.



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FOOTBALL DISTRICTS

14.24 CLASS 5A (56 teams)

DISTRICT 1

Airline
Byrd, C.E.
Captain Shreve
Haughton
Parkway
Southwood

DISTRICT 2

Natchitoches Central
Ouachita
Pineville
Ruston
West Monroe

DISTRICT 3

Acadiana
Barbe
Carencro
Comeaux
Houston, Sam
Lafayette
Sulphur

DISTRICT 4

Central, BR
Denham Springs
Live Oak
Scotlandville
Walker
Zachary

DISTRICT 5

Catholic, BR
Dutchtown
East Ascension
McKinley
St. Amant
Woodlawn, BR

DISTRICT 6

Covington
Fontainebleau
Mandeville
Northshore
Ponchatoula
Slidell
St. Paul's

DISTRICT 7

Bourgeois, H.L.
Central Lafourche
New Iberia
South Lafourche
Terrebonne
Thibodaux
Westgate

DISTRICT 8

Bonnabel
Destrehan
East St. John
Ehret, John
Hahnville
Higgins, L.W.

DISTRICT 9

Archbishop Rummel
Brother Martin
Chalmette
Jesuit
King, Grace
West Jefferson

14.25 CLASS 4A (58 teams)

DISTRICT 1

Benton
Fair Park
Huntington
Minden
Northwood, SH
Woodlawn, SH

DISTRICT 2

Bastrop
Franklin Parish
Neville
West Ouachita
Wossman

DISTRICT 3

Alexandria
Bolton
Grant
Leesville
Peabody
Tioga

DISTRICT 4

Beau Chene
DeRidder
LaGrange
Opelousas
St. Louis
Washington-Marion

DISTRICT 5

Breaux Bridge
Cecilia
Northside
St. Martinville
St. Thomas More
Teurlings Catholic

DISTRICT 6

Belaire
Broadmoor
Istrouma
Lutcher
Plaquemine
St. Michael
Tara

DISTRICT 7

Franklinton
Hammond
Lakeshore
Pearl River
Salmen

DISTRICT 8

Assumption
Ellender, A.J.
Morgan City
South Terrebonne
Vandebilt Catholic

DISTRICT 9

Archbishop Shaw
Belle Chasse
Cox, Helen
Karr, Edna
McDonogh #35
Walker, O.P.

DISTRICT 10

East Jefferson
Easton, Warren
Franklin, Ben
Holy Cross
Riverdale
St. Augustine

14.26 CLASS 3A (57 teams)

DISTRICT 1

Bossier
Green Oaks
Loyola Prep
North DeSoto

DISTRICT 2

Carroll
Madison
Rayville
Richwood
Union Parish

DISTRICT 3

Avoyelles
Buckeye
Caldwell
Jena
Marksville
Vidalia

DISTRICT 4

Crowley
Iowa
Jennings
Notre Dame
South Beauregard
Westlake

DISTRICT 5

Church Point
Eunice
Livonia
Northwest
Port Barre
Rayne

DISTRICT 6

Baker
East Feliciana
Glen Oaks
Parkview Baptist
West Feliciana

DISTRICT 7

Brusly
Donaldsonville
Port Allen
St. Charles
St. James
White, E.D.

DISTRICT 8

Albany
Amite
Bogalusa
Independence
Loranger
Sumner, Jewel

DISTRICT 9

Abbeville
Berwick
Erath
Franklin
Kaplan
North Vermilion
Patterson

DISTRICT 10

De La Salle
Lusher Charter
McDonogh, John
McMain, Eleanor
Miller-McCoy
Reed, Sarah

FOOTBALL DISTRICTS

14.27 CLASS 2A (60 teams)

DISTRICT 1

Calvary Baptist
Evangel
Mansfield
North Caddo
North Webster
Washington, B.T.

DISTRICT 2

Ferriday
Homer
Jonesboro-Hodge
Lake Providence
Lakeside
Sterlington

DISTRICT 3

Holy Savior Menard
Lakeview
Many
Red River
Winnfield

DISTRICT 4

DeQuincy
East Beauregard
Kinder
Lake Arthur
Pickering
Rosepine
Vinton
Welsh

DISTRICT 5

Bunkie
Iota
Mamou
Oakdale
Pine Prairie
Ville Platte

DISTRICT 6

Catholic, NI
Delcambre
Jeanerette
Loreauville
West St. Mary

DISTRICT 7

Capitol
Dunham
Episcopal
Northeast
Redemptorist
University Lab

DISTRICT 8

Northlake Christian
Pine
Pope John Paul
Springfield
St. Helena Central
St. Thomas Aquinas

DISTRICT 9*

Carver, G.W.
Clark, J.S.
Cohen, W.L.
Curtis, John
Fisher
Haynes Academy
Jefferson, Thomas
Newman, Isidore
Riverside Academy
Sojourner Truth
South Plaquemines
Wright, Sophie B.

*Basic Districts 9 and 10 combined for the sport of football only.

14.28 CLASS 1A (57 teams)

DISTRICT 1

Haynesville
Logansport
Plain Dealing
Ringgold

DISTRICT 2

Arcadia
Cedar Creek
Grambling
Ouachita Christian
St. Frederick

DISTRICT 3

Delhi
Delhi Charter
Mangham
Oak Grove
Tensas

DISTRICT 4

Block
LaSalle
Montgomery
Northwood, Lena
St. Mary's

DISTRICT 5

Basile
Elton
Hamilton Christian
Merryville
Oberlin
South Cameron

DISTRICT 6

Catholic, PC
False River
North Central
Opelousas Catholic
Pointe Coupee Central
Sacred Heart
St. Edmund
Westminster

DISTRICT 7

Archbishop Hannan
Christian Life
Kentwood
Mt. Hermon
Southern Lab
Varnado

DISTRICT 8

Ascension Episcopal
Central Catholic
Gueydan
Hanson Memorial
Vermilion Catholic

DISTRICT 9

Ascension Catholic
Ascension Christian
East Iberville
St. John
West St. John
White Castle

DISTRICT 10

Crescent City
Ecole Classique
Houma Christian
Lutheran
Metairie Park Cntry. Day
Ridgewood
St. Martin's