

SECTION 18: SOCCER

Rules in this section shall apply to both boys' and girls' soccer unless otherwise specified.

18.1 **IMPORTANT DATES**

2011-2012 DATES	CALENDAR WEEK	ACTIVITY
Monday, August 8, 2011 – Saturday, October 22, 2011	6th – 17th	Weight training/conditioning permitted. No practice/contests allowed.
Monday, September 26, 2011 – Sunday, October 16, 2011	13th – 16th	Online Rules Clinic (Mandatory for all Head Coaches)
Monday, October 24, 2011	17th	1st Practice (Medical, parents' permission, and substance misuse forms must be on file.)
Monday, October 24, 2011	17th	Earliest Scrimmage Allowed
Monday, October 24, 2011	17th	Deadline for submitting Application for Jamboree approval
Monday, November 7, 2011 – Saturday, November 12, 2011	19th	Jamborees (Eligibility must be filed online.)
Monday, November 14, 2011	20th	1st Contest (If jamboree not played, eligibility must be filed online.)
Monday, January 9, 2012	28th	Deadline for submitting GPAs online for seniors for All Academic
Monday, January 30, 2012	31st	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named (Girls – All Divisions)
Tuesday, January 31, 2012	31st	Coaches Ranking of Teams (Girls – All Divisions) - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 31, 2012	31st	Playoff Pairings Released (Girls – All Divisions)
Tuesday, January 31, 2012	31st	End of Regular Season/District Representatives Named (Boys)
Wednesday, February 1, 2012	31st	Coaches Ranking of Teams (Boys – All Divisions) - 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 1, 2012	31st	Playoff Pairings Named (Boys - All Divisions)
Friday, February 3, 2012	31st	Bi-district Deadline (Girls – All Divisions)
Saturday, February 4, 2012	31st	Bi-district Deadline (Boys – All Divisions)
Wednesday, February 8, 2012	32nd	Regional Deadline (Girls – All Divisions)
Thursday, February 9, 2012	32nd	Regional Deadline (Boys – All Divisions)
Monday, February 13, 2012	33rd	Quarter-finals Deadline (Girls All Divisions)
Tuesday, February 14, 2012	33rd	Quarter-finals Deadline (Boys – All Divisions)
Friday, February 17, 2012	33rd	Semi-finals Deadline (Girls All Divisions)
Saturday, February 18, 2012	33rd	Semi-finals Deadline (Boys – All Divisions)
Friday, February 24, 2012 - Saturday, February 25, 2012	34th	State Championship Finals (Boys and Girls - All Divisions)
Monday, April 9, 2012	41st	Deadline for submitting All-Star Nominations
Sunday, April 15, 2012	42nd	All-Star Selection Committee Meeting
End of Schools' Season – Saturday, May 12, 2012	TBD – 45th	Weight training/conditioning permitted. No practice/contests allowed.
Monday, May 14, 2012	46th	Summer Rules Begin
Saturday, July 7, 2012	1st	All Star Game

18.2 **CONTEST LIMITS**

18.2.1 **Pre-Season:**

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

18.2.2 **Season:** A team shall be limited to the following

1. Eighteen (18) contests per season plus three tournaments

18.2.3 **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.

18.2.4 Waiver: To decide a tie in district standings, the following limitations shall be waived for a school:

1. Total number of regular-season games played
2. The fewest possible games shall be played to decide a district tie.

18.3 GENERAL

18.3.1 Boys' schools shall be divided into three divisions: (A school shall not play in a lower division.)

Division I - Class 5A

Division II - Class 4A

Division III - Class 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C

18.3.2 Girls' soccer shall be divided into three divisions: (A school shall not play in a lower division.)

Division I - Class 5A

Division II - Class 4A

Division III - Class 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C

18.3.3 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.

1. The school shall play in the higher division for the next two years.
2. Schools that have both a boys' and girls' team, shall declare to play in the higher division for both sports.

18.3.4 In a varsity game, the home team shall ensure that the opposing team wear jerseys of contrasting colors. A necessitated jersey change, therefore, shall be by the home team.

18.3.5 Team areas shall be specifically designated on the same side of the field and separated by an official's area for in-going substitutes, scorers, and timers.

18.3.6 The home team shall secure and pay officials.

18.3.7 If a soccer match, other than a state playoff match, is terminated before the expiration of regulation time, the following rules shall apply:

1. If the second half of play has not started, it shall be suspended and resumed at a later date as if it had never been interrupted.
2. If the match is in the second half of play and the score is not tied, it shall be called a completed match, and the score of the match at the time of interruption shall be the final score. If the score is tied, the match shall be suspended and resumed at a later date as if it had never been interrupted.

18.3.8 The official scorer in all soccer matches shall be stationed at ground level on the same side of the field and between both teams' benches.

18.3.9 Players may wear knit type stocking caps during inclement weather. All caps must be alike in color. (*Recommended: color should be the same as the jersey*)

18.4 DISTRICT PLAY

18.4.1 Each district shall determine its own method of selecting its first and second place teams.

18.4.2 All non-qualifiers must report to be considered for a wildcard berth. Failure of a non-qualifier to report by 10:00 p.m. on the deadline cited in Rule 18.1, Important Dates, for naming district representatives, shall result in the team not being considered for a wildcard berth.

18.4.3 The wildcard program in boys' and girls' soccer is outlined in this section.

18.4.4 A district meeting called to schedule district contests shall be announced in writing to the members by the district chairperson ten days prior to the meeting. Member schools shall declare at this meeting if they intend to compete for district honors. Minutes of a district meeting listing district schedules shall be valid when adopted and signed by a majority of the district's principals.

18.4.5 In case of a tie within a sub-district or district, a team may play **as many** contests **as necessary** in a week; however, a two-out-of-three series shall not be allowed. The fewest possible contests shall be played. First-place ties need not be broken, but a tie for second place shall be broken.

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18.4.6 The district chairperson shall report all teams in the district, reporting the place each finished and their district, division, and overall records by the deadlines cited in Rule 18.1, Important Dates, in this section.

18.5 WILDCARD PROGRAM

18.5.1 Wildcard teams shall be allotted in each division as follows:

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u># OF DISTRICTS</u>	<u># AUTO. QUALIFY</u>	<u>#WILDCARD TEAMS</u>	<u># BYES REMAINING</u>
I (Boys)	9	1 st , 2 nd	14	0
II (Boys)	9	1 st , 2 nd	6	8
III (Boys)	11	1 st , 2 nd	10	0
I (Girls)	9	1 st , 2 nd	14	0
II (Girls)	9	1 st , 2 nd	6	8
III (Girls)	10	1 st , 2 nd	12	0

18.5.2 The Executive Director's office shall verify playoff wildcard teams and place them on each division's bracket.

18.5.3 Reporting non-automatic qualifying teams **in all** boys' and girls' divisions:

1. The district chairperson shall report the name of the non-automatic qualifying teams on the official LHSAA District Chairperson Certification Form to the LHSAA by 10:00 p.m. on the deadline cited in Rule 18.1, Important Dates, in this section. The district chairperson is asked to verify records for all teams in the district on this form by including the following information:
 - a. The division, district, district finish, and overall record
 - b. District playoff games, out-of-state games, and sub-varsity games do not count in the won-loss record and should not be listed on the official form.

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**.

1. Won-loss district record (*excluding district playoff games*)
2. Won-loss record against all schools in the same division (*including district and tournament games but excluding district playoff games*)
3. Won-loss record of all games played against all schools in all divisions (*including district and tournament games but 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.

18.5.5 Failure to report the **non-qualifying** team's name and required information on time shall exclude a team from wildcard consideration.

18.5.6 A request to correct an error in the wildcard program shall be made within 24 hours from the deadline for reporting wildcard information to the LHSAA; after that time it shall be too late to correct errors.

18.5.7 The following criteria (*in order*) shall be used to select wildcard teams for state playoffs:

1. **The team** with the best won-loss percentage records in district play shall be selected in descending order until wildcard positions are filled on the bracket.
2. If application of the first criterion creates a tie, the team with the best overall won-loss percentage record against teams in the same division, including district and non-district games, shall be the wildcard team.
3. If application of the second criterion creates a tie, the best overall won-loss percentage against all schools shall be the wildcard team.
4. If a tie still exists after applying Rules 18.5.7.1 through 18.5.7.3, the wildcard team(s) shall be selected by a draw conducted in the Executive Director's office by the Executive Director and witnessed by at least one assistant Executive Director and a principal, athletic director or head coach whose school is not involved in the tie.

18.5.8 In Divisions I and III, 32 teams shall qualify for the state playoffs. In Division II, 24 teams shall qualify for the state playoffs.

18.5.9 Once the 32 teams in Division I and III and the 24 teams in Division II have qualified for the playoffs, the head coach of each team in each division will seed the respective teams in their division.

18.5.10 The 32 head coaches in Division I and III and the 24 head coaches in Division II will seed their divisions on the dates listed in Rule 18.1, Important Dates, in this section.

- 18.5.11 Each coach will receive an information sheet containing the teams in their class that are to be placed on the bracket. The information will include the team's district finish, overall record, and district record.
- 18.5.12 The coaches will rank the teams in their respective divisions, 1-31 or 1-23 (1 being considered the best team in the state. Each coach will leave their respective team out of the ranking.
- 18.5.13 Head coaches will have a time frame between **11:00 a.m.** and **1:00 p.m.** to submit their ranking form to the LHSAA via email from the principal's office. After **1:00 p.m.**, the ranking sheets shall not be accepted by the LHSAA office.
- 18.5.14 Once the ranking emails are received, the points will be added up and the 32 and 24 teams will be placed on the bracket according to their ranking as follows:

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

Seeding for a 24-team bracket shall be as follows:

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

- 18.5.15 If a school wishes to withdraw its team from the playoffs, the school's principal shall submit a signed statement to the LHSAA Executive Director requesting to not be placed on the bracket no later than 10:00 p.m. on the deadline date to name district representatives as cited in Rule 18.1, Important Dates, in this section.
- 18.5.16 If a school fails to withdraw its team from the playoffs and is placed on the bracket and the team withdraws or forfeits its bi-district playoff game, the school shall be fined \$250.00. The LHSAA shall retain 10% of the fine and the offended team shall receive 90% of the fine. The game shall be counted as a forfeit and shall be considered as a home game for the team receiving the forfeit.

18.6 **PLAYOFFS**

- 18.6.1 The LHSAA shall select a site and conduct the finals and develop guidelines in administering the boys' & girls' playoffs.
- 18.6.2 Each team entering the playoffs shall submit a \$26 entry fee to the LHSAA at the bi-district level.
- 18.6.3 All contests above district play shall use four officials. Opposing coaches shall mutually agree on officials. The LHSAA shall not assign officials for soccer.
- 18.6.4 Both schools shall mutually agree on the playing time of the match. If an agreement cannot be reached, the starting time shall be 3:30 p.m.
- 18.6.5 If a playoff contest is postponed because of inclement weather, darkness, or mechanical problems, the contest shall be rescheduled for the next day (*except Sunday*). The contest may be rescheduled on Sunday by mutual agreement of the schools involved. Depending on the playing conditions at the time, the contest shall be rescheduled on a day-to-day basis.
- 18.6.6 Five percent of a playoff contest's gross receipts before any deductions shall be paid to the LHSAA.
- 18.6.7 The earliest date that a bi-district state playoff contest may be played in all divisions shall be the day after the deadline for naming district playoff representatives. Schools found to be in violation of this rule shall be required to replay the contest provided the winner of the bi-district contest has not played its regional contest.
- 18.6.8 ***In all divisions, the*** boys' and girls' finals shall be conducted in tournament play. The Executive Director's office shall be responsible for developing the plans for the tournament and designate a school to be responsible for tournament management.
 1. If the dates of the soccer tournament conflict with the dates of Mardi Gras, the Executive Director shall have the authority to adjust the dates of the tournament.
 2. The LHSAA shall assign the officials for ***all divisions of the*** boys' and girls' finals.
 3. ***In all divisions***, once a team qualifies for boys' and girls' finals, it shall not practice on the game field. A school that violates this rule shall forfeit the contest.

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18.7 PLAYOFF DATES - Refer to Rule 18.1, Important Dates, for specific playoff dates.

18.7.1 Tie-breaker Criteria-Regular Season (*Non-district*)

1. Opposing coaches shall mutually agree prior to the start of the contest if they wish to use the tie breaker. If one coach does not agree, the tie-breaker rule shall not be used, and the contest shall end in a tie.
2. If a non-district match ends in a tie and both coaches agreed prior to the match to play overtime, a 10-minute overtime period shall be played. If the match is still tied, a second 10-minute overtime period shall be played; if the match is still tied, the match will go to penalty kicks (*shootout*) until a winner is determined.

18.7.2 Tie-breaker Criteria (*District*)

1. The tie-breaker rule shall be used for all district contests.
2. If a district match ends in a tie, a 10-minute overtime period shall be played. If the match is still tied, a second 10-minute overtime period shall be played; if the match is still tied, the match will go to penalty kicks (*shootout*) until a winner is determined.

18.7.3 Tie-breaker Criteria-Invitational Tournaments and State Playoffs

1. The LHSAA has adopted the tournament progression tie-game procedure as outlined in the NFHS Soccer Rules, numbers 1-5. Number 6 was not adopted as the LHSAA does not recognize co-champions.
2. A tournament or playoff contest that has been suspended because of inclement weather, darkness, or mechanical problems shall be resumed from the point of interruption.

18.8 PLAYOFF PLAN

18.8.1 The home team shall have the option to name the site it normally uses as its home field as the playoff game site. If the home team chooses a playing field other than its normally used home field, both teams shall agree to the change.

18.8.2 Two playoff schools, by mutual agreement, may reverse the site of their game. A reversal of the home/away site for any reason shall not affect the criteria cited in Rules 18.8.4, 18.8.5, 18.8.6, and 18.8.7.

18.8.3 The winning school in each playoff round shall report the game results to the LHSAA by telephoning immediately after the game. Collect calls shall not be accepted.

18.8.4 Bi-District Round Of Play

1. In all divisions, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

18.8.5 Regional Round of Play

1. In all divisions, any team drawing a bye in bi-district shall be home team.
2. In all divisions, the team that traveled in bi-district shall be the home team.
3. If both teams traveled or were home teams in bi-district, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

18.8.6 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 bi-district and regional rounds, the higher seeded team shall be the home team.

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.

18.8.8 *The higher seeded team shall be the home team in the state championship game.*

18.9 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

18.9.1 In bi-district through final contests, the home team shall furnish ticket sellers, gatekeepers, security, scorers, tickets, and all other game incidentals. In bi-district through final contests, teams shall split the gate 50-50 after the following deductions:

1. 5% of gross ticket sales to LHSAA (**before any deductions**)
2. Officials
3. Security personnel
4. Travel: 60 cents per mile, one way, map mileage

18.9.2 Admission prices to "home and away" games shall be by mutual agreement.

1. Home team shall not be responsible for visiting team's travel expenses if not covered by gate receipts.

2. If the “home” school does not charge admission to the game for any reason, it shall be required to pay the visiting team’s travel expenses and an additional \$50 each to the visiting team and the LHSAA.

18.9.3 The home team shall control concessions from bi-district through final contests.

18.10 SPRING PRACTICE

18.10.1 A school shall not conduct spring soccer practice.

18.11 SUMMER ACTIVITIES

18.11.1 The coach of a school team may conduct practice sessions during summer months.

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



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BOYS' SOCCER DISTRICTS

18.13 BOYS' DIVISION I (Class 5A)

DISTRICT 1

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

DISTRICT 2

Natchitoches Central
Ouachita
Pineville
Ruston
West Monroe

DISTRICT 3

Acadiana
Barbe
Carencro
Comeaux
Houston, Sam
Lafayette
St. Thomas More
Sulphur

DISTRICT 4

Central, BR
Denham Springs
Live Oak
Walker
Zachary

DISTRICT 5

Baton Rouge
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.
Riverdale

DISTRICT 9

Archbishop Rummel
Brother Martin
Chalmette
Jefferson, Thomas
Jesuit
King, Grace
West Jefferson

18.14 BOYS' DIVISION II (Class 4A)

DISTRICT 1

Benton
Calvary Baptist
Minden
Northwood, SH

DISTRICT 2

Bastrop
Neville
West Ouachita
Wossman

DISTRICT 3

Alexandria
Bolton
Peabody
Tioga

DISTRICT 4

Leesville
DeRidder
St. Louis

DISTRICT 5

Beau Chene
Northside
Opelousas
Teurlings Catholic

DISTRICT 6

Belaire
Broadmoor
Lutcher
Plaquemine
St. Michael
Tara

DISTRICT 7

Franklin, Ben
Hammond
Holy Cross
Lakeshore
Pearl River
Salmen

DISTRICT 8

Ellender, A.J.
Morgan City
South Terrebonne
Vandebilt Catholic
White, E.D.

DISTRICT 9

Archbishop Shaw
Belle Chasse
Cox, Helen
East Jefferson
Walker, O.P.

18.14 BOYS' DIVISION III (Class 3A & Below)

DISTRICT 1

Bossier
Loyola Prep
North Caddo
North DeSoto

DISTRICT 2

Carroll
Ouachita Christian
St. Frederick

DISTRICT 3

Buckeye
Glenmora
Grace Christian
Holy Savior Menard
Rapides
Red River

DISTRICT 4

Abbeville
North Vermilion
Notre Dame
Westminster

DISTRICT 5

Catholic, NI
Episcopal of Acadiana
Erath
Opelousas Catholic

DISTRICT 6

Catholic, PC
Christian Life
Dunham
Runnels

DISTRICT 7

Episcopal
Parkview Baptist
Redemptorist
University Lab
West Feliciana

DISTRICT 8

Independence
Northlake Christian
Pope John Paul II
St. Thomas Aquinas

DISTRICT 9

Ecole Classique
Fisher
Houma Christian
Lutheran
Ridgewood

DISTRICT 10

Haynes Academy
Riverside
St. Charles
St. Martin's
Taylor, Patrick F.

DISTRICT 11

De La Salle
Lusher Charter
Met. Pk. Country Day
Newman, Isidore
Reed, Sarah
Sojourner Truth

GIRLS' SOCCER DISTRICTS

18.16 GIRLS' DIVISION I (Class 5A)

DISTRICT 1

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

DISTRICT 2

Bastrop
Natchitoches Central
Ouachita
Pineville
Ruston
West Monroe

DISTRICT 3

Acadiana
Barbe
Carencro
Comeaux
Houston, Sam
Lafayette
St. Thomas More
Sulphur

DISTRICT 4

Central, BR
Denham Springs
Live Oak
Walker
Zachary

DISTRICT 5

Baton Rouge
Dutchtown
East Ascension
McKinley
St. Amant
St. Joseph's Academy
Woodlawn, BR

DISTRICT 6

Covington
Fontainebleau
Mandeville
Northshore
Ponchatoula
Slidell
St. Scholastica

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.
Riverdale

DISTRICT 9

Archbishop Chapelle
Chalmette
Dominican
Jefferson, Thomas
King, Grace
Mt. Carmel
West Jefferson

18.17 GIRLS' DIVISION II (Class 4A)

DISTRICT 1

Benton
Calvary Baptist
Minden
Northwood, SH
Woodlawn, SH

DISTRICT 2

Bastrop
Neville
West Ouachita
Wossman

DISTRICT 3

Alexandria
Bolton
Peabody
Tioga

DISTRICT 4

Leesville
DeRidder
St. Louis

DISTRICT 5

Beau Chene
Northside
Opelousas
Teurlings Catholic

DISTRICT 6

Lutcher
St. Michael
Tara

DISTRICT 7

Cabrini
Franklin, Ben
Franklinton
Lakeshore
Pearl River
Salmen

DISTRICT 8

Ellender, A.J.
Morgan City
South Terrebonne
Vandebilt Catholic
White, E.D.

DISTRICT 9

Academy of Our Lady
Belle Chasse
Cox, Helen
East Jefferson
Karr, Edna
Ursuline Academy

18.18 GIRLS' DIVISION III (Class 3A & Below)

DISTRICT 1

Bossier
Loyola Prep
Mansfield
North Caddo
North DeSoto

DISTRICT 2

Ouachita Christian
St. Frederick

DISTRICT 3

Grace Christian
Holy Savior Menard
Red River

DISTRICT 4

Acad. Sac. Ht., G.C.
Catholic, NI
Episcopal of Acadiana
Erath
Opelousas Catholic

DISTRICT 5

Catholic, PC
Christian Life
Runnels

DISTRICT 6

Episcopal
Parkview Baptist
Redemptorist
University Lab
West Feliciana

DISTRICT 7

Archbishop Hannan
Independence
Northlake Christian
Pope John Paul
St. Thomas Aquinas

DISTRICT 8

Ecole Classique
Fisher
Ridgewood

DISTRICT 9

Haynes Academy
Riverside Academy
St. Charles
St. Martin's
Taylor, Patrick F.

DISTRICT 10

Acad. Sac. Ht. - NO
De La Salle
Lusher Charter
McGehee, Louise
Met. Pk. Country Day
Newman, Isidore