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## LHSAA ANNUAL CONVENTION PROPOSAL AGENDA

*2025 Annual Convention General Business Meeting Agenda*

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### I. Items To Ratify Under Article 4.4.4

<i>Item</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Article/Bylaw</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Voting Designation</i>
I-1	Baseball	Bylaw 10.8.1 and 10.9	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Baseball schools
I-2	Basketball	Bylaw 11.7.1 and 11.11.2	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Basketball schools
I-3	Softball	Bylaw 19.7.1 and 19.8	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Softball schools

### II. Administrative Bylaw Proposals

<i>Item</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Article/Bylaw</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Voting Designation</i>
II-1	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.11.14	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
II-2	Eligibility	Bylaw 1.13, 1.13.1, 1.13.3 and 1.13.4	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
II-3	Recruiting	Bylaw 2.1.3	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
II-4	Administration	Bylaw 3.4.6	Patrick Fontenot (Barbe) and David Pool (Sulphur)	Simple Majority All membership
II-5	Administration	Bylaw 3.11.2 and 3.11.3	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
II-6	Penalty Code	Bylaw 5.7.3	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
II-7	Penalty Code	Bylaws 5.7.3 and 5.7.4	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
II-8	Penalty Code	Bylaw 5.11.10	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
II-9	Penalty Code	Bylaw 5.14.2(1)	Executive Committee	Simple Majority All membership
II-10	Athletic Contests	Bylaw 6.11.6	Micah Coleman (Natchitoches Central)	Simple Majority Basketball schools
II-11	Athletic Contests	Bylaw 6.13.12 (new)	Rusty Farrar (West Ouachita)	Simple Majority All membership

### III. Athletic Bylaw Proposals

<i>Item</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Article/Bylaw</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Voting Designation</i>
III-1	Baseball	Bylaw 10.1	Billy Carter (Quitman) and Chris Jones (Choudrant)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-2	Baseball	Bylaw 10.4.4	David Huckaby (Weston)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-3	Baseball	Bylaw 10.10.1	Anthony Cain (Downsville Community Charter)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-4	Bowling	Bylaw 12.2.2	Stacia Andricain (St. Joseph's Academy)	Simple Majority Bowling schools
III-5	Bowling	Bylaw 12.4.1 and 12.6.1	Stacia Andricain (St. Joseph's Academy)	Simple Majority Bowling schools
III-6	Bowling	Bylaw 12.6.3	Stacia Andricain (St. Joseph's Academy)	Simple Majority Bowling schools
III-7	Cross Country	Bylaw 13.3.1	Paulette Campbell (Hackberry); Lindsey Fontenot (South Cameron) and Charlotte Hooks (Hornbeck)	Simple Majority Cross Country schools
III-8	Golf	Bylaw 15.4.16	Ryan Gallagher (Brother Martin)	Simple Majority Golf schools
III-9	Golf	Bylaw 15.4.17	Rob Hereford (Metairie Park Country Day) and Stacia Andricain (St. Joseph's Academy)	Simple Majority Golf schools
III-10	Tennis	Bylaw 21.5 and 21.6.1	Michael Hilton (Woodlawn) and Marty Cannon (St. Thomas More)	Simple Majority Tennis schools
III-11	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.3.4 and 23.3.8	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Track and Field (Outdoor) schools
III-12	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.4.3	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Track and Field (Outdoor) schools
III-13	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.6.11(6)	Billy Carter (Quitman) and Chris Jones (Choudrant)	Simple Majority Class C Track and Field (Outdoor) schools
III-14	Wrestling	Bylaw 25.2.2	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Wrestling schools



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# Items to Ratify Under Article 4.4.4

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# I-1

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

## 2024-2025 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

**Proposed Amendment Details:** (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

10.8	<b><u>QUALIFYING PROGRAM</u></b>						
10.8.1	Qualifying teams shall be allotted to each class and division as follows:						
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10.9	<b><u>SEEDING THE BRACKET</u></b> - In Non-Select Divisions I - IV, all teams shall be seeded 1-24 according to their power rating, and Class B and C teams shall be seeded 1- <b><u>20 24</u></b> . In Select Divisions I - IV teams shall be seeded 1-20 according to their power rating.						

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Due to Class B and Class C passing a proposal to play post-season by Class and not Division bracket sizes needed to be determined in order to have bracket size designations for the 2024-2025 school year/season.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# I-2

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Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

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Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

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### Proposed Amendment Changes

<p><b>11.7 SEEDING</b></p> <p><b>11.7.1</b> Class B teams shall be seeded 1-<del>20</del> <b>24</b> and Class C teams shall be seeded 1-16. In non-select divisions, I-IV shall be seeded 1-28 according to their power ranking. In the select divisions I-IV, all teams shall be seeded 1-24 according to their power ranking.</p>
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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

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Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

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### Proposed Amendment Changes

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Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

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# Administrative Bylaw Proposals

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-1

Date: 08/31/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

### 2024-2025 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Bylaw 1.11.14

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

**1.11.14 Special Education Students:** Special education students other than those classified as "gifted and talented" shall be eligible if they meet the provisions of the present rule. This rule's purpose is to make athletic programs accessible to students; however, once a student reports for a sport, he/she, like any other student, is subject to earning a place on the team. Special education students shall be evaluated every three years for eligibility purposes. A student shall be placed in a special education program for at least two-thirds of a given semester in order to establish eligibility for the next semester. A regular education student who fails to establish scholastic eligibility shall not become eligible as a special education student until he/she has established eligibility for one entire semester. This provision applies equally to special-education students enrolled at non-public schools, so long as the student would otherwise be entitled to receive special-education services in the public school system.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Added for clarification of equity for special education students at public and non-public schools.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- Clarification in handbook

- N/A

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-2

Date: 08/31/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

## 2024-2025 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

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1.13.1 One-time Transfer (New)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

1.13 SCHOOL TRANSFERS - A student shall be considered a transfer student if he/she, after establishing eligibility in a school, changes attendance to another school for any reason. A student will be considered as establishing eligibility when he/she has attended at least one class period or prior to the start of school by playing in a contest (scrimmage, jamboree, or regular season game). A student is considered to have transferred whenever the student changes from that school in which the student was enrolled to any other school regardless of whether the school in which the student transferred or to which the student transfers is public or non-public, member or non-member or whether the high schools are with the same school athletic attendance zone. If a student transfers schools under the one-time transfer rule, he/she shall be ~~ineligible~~ to participate in interscholastic athletic competition at any level of play in all sports at the receiving school, provided he/she had not participated in one scrimmage, jamboree or regular season interscholastic contest in the current sport season after until he/she has officially withdrawn from the latter school. ~~A-The~~ transfer student must have been eligible to represent his/her former school academically as well as eligible under any district, school or athletic policy that was in place when the student transferred to be considered for interscholastic athletic eligibility.

**1.13.1 One-time Transfer:** A student entering a member high school for the first time shall be eligible for all interscholastic athletics. A student will have the option of a one-time transfer outside their athletic attendance zone during his/her high school career with the following exceptions. (Student must meet all other eligibility requirements to be eligible at any level).

#### Exceptions:

- Bona Fide Move of a distance of (150) miles or more based on the distance from school to school with his/her parents. Under no circumstances would a transfer be eligible at the receiving school once the sport's season is more than 60% complete.
- School Closure/Suspension
- New Member School
- On-Staff Faculty Coach, Administrator, Teacher or Athletic Trainer

Note: Once a student has established eligibility as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader, the student may be granted sub-varsity eligibility in their home athletic attendance zone if they have already used the one-time transfer rule.

**1.13.3 Transfers Within the Athletic Attendance Zone:** ~~If at any time a student transfers from one member school to another member school in the same attendance zone, the student shall become immediately ineligible for varsity athletics for a period of one calendar year from the date of enrollment/attendance in the second school. Students not in their senior year shall remain eligible for sub-varsity athletics. The student may be eligible at his/her school of first choice in the attendance zone.~~ A transfer student will be ineligible for a period of one calendar year at the new school unless he/she transfers under one of the following exceptions:

- One-time Transfer Rule
- Majority to Minority Transfer as written into a federal court desegregation order.
- Transfers from Academically Unacceptable Schools pursuant to the Louisiana School and District Accountability System.
- Homeless Students as defined by the Federal McKinney-Vento Act that go through the hardship appeal process and are approved through the Hardship Program.



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- 5. **Non-Member Schools:** A student, who has been attending a non-member school, may be immediately eligible at the LHSAA school of his/her first choice should he/she elects to attend an LHSAA school in his/her athletic attendance zone.
- 6. **School Closure/Suspension:** In the event a member school closes or is suspended from membership in the LHSAA, all students who have been in attendance at the member school for at least the preceding calendar year, may be eligible at a member school of their choice in the same athletic attendance zone of the school closing. When a school is closed and legally merges with another member school, all students who have been in attendance at the school that closes for at least one calendar year may be immediately eligible at the latter school.
- 7. **New Member Schools:** A student who has already attended a member school in that athletic attendance zone may be granted a new option when a "new" member school is added to that athletic attendance zone. This choice shall be afforded only at the beginning of the first year the "new" school is in operation in the athletic attendance zone.

**1.13.4 Outside the Athletic Attendance Zone:** Any student who attends a school outside his/her athletic attendance zone shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic ~~Varsity~~ athletics, ~~but will be eligible for sub-varsity~~ at that school for a period of one calendar year from his/her first day of attendance unless he/she transfers under one of the following exceptions:

1. One Time Transfer Rule (unless the student has established eligibility prior to the 9th grade)

- ~~1. A student not in their senior year who is transferring outside his/her athletic attendance zone shall be eligible to participate at the sub-varsity level.~~
- ~~2. The student continuously attended the entire 7th and/or 8th grades at a middle/junior high school of that same member school or school system located outside of his/her athletic attendance zone. The school shall be required to register and certify the student's eligibility status on the Members' Only website.~~

No changes to numbers 3-7

- ~~8. Once a student has established athletic eligibility at a school outside his/her athletic attendance zone, that school shall become the student's school of eligibility and a subsequent transfer to another member school without a corresponding bona fide move, unless returning to first school of choice in the student's home attendance zone, shall cause the student to become ineligible for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of his/her attendance/enrollment in the school.~~

**Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:**

1.13.1, 1.13.2 1.13.3, 1.13.4 Renumber all following changes.

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

There are now multiple opportunities for students to enhance or pursue other academic options that best meet their needs in institutions that are outside of their zone attendance. A one-time transfer would allow those students to pursue academic programs at other institutions without losing their ability to participate in varsity athletics. All recruiting penalties remain in place to deter any transfer for athletic purposes.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

- Allows students the opportunity of a one-time transfer without losing varsity eligibility.
- Same school system/programs could be utilized.
- Recruiting penalties remain intact.
- Remedies the eligibility feeder pattern to high schools

- Perception of allowing transfers for athletic purposes.
- Students at the receiving school could lose their varsity starting positions due to these transfers.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-3

Date: 11/12/2024

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

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Bylaw 2.1.3

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

#### 2.1 Recruiting Violations

2.1.3 Recruiting for athletic purposes is not only a violation by the student who has been recruited but is also a violation by the school and/or the school personnel who recruited the student. It is a violation to recruit for athletic purposes regardless of a student's age or grade level. If proof is established that a school has secured an athlete under any of the conditions set forth in this section, the principal shall be required to appear before a three-person Executive Committee sub-committee, either in person or via video, ~~the Executive Committee and the Executive Director~~ to answer the allegations against his/her school and the student(s) may be ineligible to participate in athletics, not to exceed four calendar years.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Clarifies when schools should appear before the Executive Committee or 3-person subcommittee for recruiting violations.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Clarifies due process for recruiting violations

N/A

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-4

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Patrick Fontenot		Barbe High School
David Pool		Sulphur High School

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Bylaw 3.4.6

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

3.4.6 A school shall be limited to five non-faculty coaches per sport and not more than 30 non-faculty coaches' total, per school year excluding football and limited to six non-faculty coaches in football. A school will be limited to not more than 30 non-faculty coaches per school year unless the school has six non-faculty football coaches and then they will be limited to not more than 31 non-faculty coaches for the year. **Retired coaches holding a Lifetime card shall not count against a school's non-faculty number.**

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

With coaches/teachers being more difficult to come by each year, yet sports being added such as girls wrestling, bass fishing, and the growth of powerlifting, E-sports, and lacrosse, it allows schools to rely on experienced individuals who have entered retirement, but still want to work with our students. As time goes by, we are becoming more reliant upon CECP/nonfaculty coaches and by passing this amendment schools participating in most, if not all sports, will have the opportunity to utilize the abilities and experience of those earning a Lifetime coaching card, yet not count against a sport or schools limit on nonfaculty coaches.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Provide more opportunities for schools to expose their student athletes to the most experienced individuals available as related to athletics --- enough to warrant the distinction of receiving a Lifetime coaching card.

Some may feel that it circumvents the CECP/non-faculty limits established by the LHSAA

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-5

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### Proposed Amendment Changes

- 3.11.2 ~~A principal, assistant principal, superintendent, athletic supervisor, coach, full-time athletic director, trainer and Regional Coordinator of Officials (RCO)~~ Any/all LHSAA/LHSCA cardholder who misuses his/her card or allows another to use his/her card shall be denied use of his/her card for one calendar year from the date of misuse.
- 3.11.3 A principal, assistant principal, coach, or athletic trainer, who was a full-time employee of a Louisiana school system, becomes eligible for a lifetime card when he/she has met the requirements in Bylaw 3.6. To receive a Lifetime Card, he/she must submit an application through the LHSAA with the proper documentation. The privilege shall be retroactive to the year 1930. Lifetime card holders prior to July 1, 2020, shall be grandfathered in. This pass shall be non-transferable.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This will add the position of "Athletic Trainer" for those school system personnel members who qualify for Lifetime Cards in Bylaw 3.11.3.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Athletic trainers are vital school/school system support staff that ensure the safety and well-being of student-athletes and entire school communities. This is a mechanism to value and appreciate the role athletic trainers play in their position in education-based athletics. Athletic Trainer is included in the language of 1.13.4.6 concerning the LHSAA honoring the transfer of a student across athletic attendance zones that is a child of a parent as an on-staff faculty coach, athletic trainer, or administrator. Continue the tradition of valuing important school personnel that serves their community.	N/A
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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-6

Date: 8/11/2023

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

## 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Bylaw 5.7.3

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

Bylaw 5.7.3 Any legal action of any kind and nature instituted by a member school or member school employee contesting or challenging a ruling of the Executive Director, Assistant Executive Directors, and/or the Executive Committee shall be brought in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana. This rule shall apply to all legal actions related thereto, including but not limited to Petitions for Injunction, Temporary Restraining Orders, Damages, Declaratory Relief, and all other causes of action that may arise as a result of the LHSAA's interpretation and implementation of its constitution and bylaws.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

N/A

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

All legal action should take place in East Baton Rouge parish where the LHSAA Office is located. They are knowledgeable about the LHSAA handbook and policies.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

All legal action will take place in the East Baton Rouge Parish Court

All legal action will not be in the school's own judicial court system.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-7

Date: 11/12/2024

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Bylaw 5.7.3 and 5.7.4 (new)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

5.7	<b><u>LITIGATION AGAINST THE LHSAA</u></b>
5.7.3	<u>Member Schools agree to abide by all LHSAA Articles, Bylaws and adjudications, including the disciplinary decisions of the LHSAA Executive Director, Executive Committee and all its sub-committees. The LHSAA may revoke the membership of any member school that refuses to abide by the LHSAA Articles, Bylaws and adjudications and commences litigation against the LHSAA. The membership revocation may not exceed two (2) calendar years.</u>
5.7.4	<u>Member Schools in litigation with the LHSAA may not participate in postseason play or be placed on a bracket in the sport that is being litigated.</u>

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

The number of schools who are seeking litigation and affecting the entire membership of the LHSAA is increasing at an alarming rate. To be able to effectively enforce bylaws that the membership principals have passed those schools, coaches, and parents associated with the school will have to remove themselves from the association to pursue legal action.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

The entire membership will not be affected by one school in the association seeking legal action.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

A school will have to remove themselves from membership to pursue legal action.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-8

Date: 8/31/2024

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Bylaw 5.11.10

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

#### 5.11.10 Coach ejected from a contest in a sport for unsportsmanlike or flagrant conduct:

1. First Offense - ~~the coach shall receive an official warning. Additional Penalty:~~ If a coach is first warned, restricted to the dugout, yellow-carded, and/or given a foul for unsportsmanlike and/or flagrant conduct and thereafter is ejected from a contest for a second act of unsportsmanlike and/or flagrant conduct, the coach shall be suspended for the next game at that level. Any coach at any level, grades 9-12 who is ejected from an LHSAA sanctioned sport shall receive an official warning and shall ~~is required to~~ complete the NFHS Learn Teaching and Modeling Behavior course ~~This course must be completed~~ prior to being able to return and coach an interscholastic contest. The cost of the course will be the responsibility of the coach.
2. Second Offense - If a coach is ejected for unsportsmanlike and/or flagrant misconduct for a second time during the season, the school shall be fined ~~\$200~~ \$500, and the coach shall be ~~placed on probation. The coach shall be~~ suspended through the next two games ~~game~~ at that level, including postseason play.
3. Third Offense - If a coach is ejected for unsportsmanlike and/or flagrant misconduct for a third time during the season, the school shall be fined ~~\$1000~~ \$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).~~

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

N/A

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This amendment creates harsher penalties for coaches that are ejected from a game.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

- Coaches are encouraged through harsher penalties to set a better example of sportsmanship to the student athlete they coach.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- School fines increase and coaches could be suspended for a longer period of time.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws II-9

Date: 08/31/2024

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Bylaw 5.14.2(1)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

5.14.2 Penalties for a school cited with Lack of Administrative Control:

1. The principal shall may be required to appear before a three-member sub-committee of the Executive Committee and the Executive Director to answer the allegations against his/her school.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

N/A

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Penalties have different levels of severity that may not require the principal to appear before the sub-committee. A required action plan and probation would be sufficient in most cases involving schools with 4 or more penalties, 3 penalties in the same sport, or the same penalty in 3 consecutive years.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May not require the principal and school personnel to travel to the LHSAA office for a hearing based on the severity of penalties incurred.</li> <li>• Cost savings for member schools and LHSAA.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change from shall to may does not change the severity of the bylaw for schools with multiple penalties.</li> </ul> |
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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# II-10

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Micah Coleman	<i>Micah Coleman</i>	Natchitoches Central

## 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend

a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

**Proposed Amendment Change Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:**

**6.11.6 Tournament Finances:** ~~The member school sponsoring an 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 basketball tournament shall result in the school paying a \$50 late fee in addition to the \$100 sanctioning fee. A tournament sanctioning fee is not required in the sports of baseball, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer, softball and volleyball but failure to timely request approval of a tournament in these sports shall result in a school being assessed a \$50 late fee. A \$250 fine shall be assessed to any school hosting a non-sanctioned tournament.

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

Doing away with tournament sanctioning fees for boys' and girls' basketball.  
Adding boys' and girls' basketball to the list of sports who do not pay a tournament sanctioning fee.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Unburdens schools from an unnecessary sanctioning fee.	There appear to be none.
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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# II-11

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Rusty Farrar		West Ouachita

## 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Bylaw 6.13.12 (new)

**Proposed Amendment Details:** (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

#### 6.13.12

In the sports where playoff brackets are based on 'select' and 'non-select' (baseball, girls and boys basketball, football, and softball), divisions in those sports shall be established in the following manner:

1. All schools classified as 5A and any school choosing to play up will be Division I.
2. All other schools that are classified as 4A through 1A shall be divided by 3 and put in Divisions II, III, and IV as evenly as possible.
  - A. This will be done by grouping all Select schools and dividing by 3 and then by grouping all Non-Select schools and dividing by 3.
  - B. This calculation shall be based on the total number of schools, not based on each individual sport.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

There are several schools who may be participate in one division for one sport but another division for a different sport. This is intended to simplify the process. Whatever division a school falls into, that school is in the same division for all the sports where 'select' and 'non-select' playoffs apply. This does not create nor take away any divisions. This does not affect Class B or C. This will apply to both 'select' and 'non-select' divisions.

**Pros:** (Must have at least one)

**Cons:** (Must have at least one)

Simplifies what divisions schools participate in for the playoffs.

Some divisions in some sports may have larger or smaller numbers.

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# Athletic Bylaw Proposals

## 2025 Annual Convention General Business Meeting

### III. Athletic Bylaw Proposals

<i>Item</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Article/Bylaw</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Voting Designation</i>
III-1	Baseball	Bylaw 10.1	Billy Carter (Quitman) and Chris Jones (Choudrant)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-2	Baseball	Bylaw 10.4.4	David Huckaby (Weston)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-3	Baseball	Bylaw 10.10.1	Anthony Cain (Downsville Community Charter)	Simple Majority Baseball schools
III-4	Bowling	Bylaw 12.2.2	Stacia Andricain (St. Joseph's)	Simple Majority Bowling schools
III-5	Bowling	Bylaw 12.4.1 and 12.6.1	Stacia Andricain (St. Joseph's)	Simple Majority Bowling schools
III-6	Bowling	Bylaw 12.6.3	Stacia Andricain (St. Joseph's)	Simple Majority Bowling schools
III-7	Cross Country	Bylaw 13.3.1	Paulette Campbell (Hackberry); Lindsey Fontenot (South Cameron) and Charlotte Hooks (Hornbeck)	Simple Majority Cross Country schools
III-8	Golf	Bylaw 15.4.16	Ryan Gallagher (Brother Martin)	Simple Majority Golf schools
III-9	Golf	Bylaw 15.4.17	Rob Hereford (Metairie Park Country Day) and Stacia Andricain (St. Joseph's)	Simple Majority Golf schools
III-10	Tennis	Bylaw 21.5 and 21.6.1	Michael Hilton (Woodlawn) and Marty Cannon (St. Thomas More)	Simple Majority Tennis schools
III-11	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.3.4 and 23.3.8	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Track and Field (Outdoor) schools
III-12	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.4.3	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Track and Field (Outdoor) schools
III-13	Track and Field (Outdoor)	Bylaw 23.6.11(6)	Billy Carter (Quitman) and Chris Jones (Choudrant)	Simple Majority Class C Track and Field (Outdoor) schools
III-14	Wrestling	Bylaw 25.2.2	Executive Committee	Simple Majority Wrestling schools



# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws III-1

Date: 08/29/24

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Billy Carter		Quitman
Chris Jones		Choudrant

## 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

This proposal would not be effective until the 2028 Baseball season.

10.1 <u>Important Dates</u>	
Thursday, <u>February 17 Feb-5</u> - <u>33rd 31st</u>	Jamborees (Eligibility must be submitted online)
Saturday, <u>February 19 Feb-7</u>	
Monday, <u>February 21 Feb-9</u> <u>34th 32nd</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> Contest (if jamboree not played, eligibility must be submitted online)
Monday, <u>April 24 April-13</u> <u>43rd 41st</u>	End of Regular Season/District Representative Named
Tuesday, <u>April 25 April-14</u> <u>43rd 41st</u>	Playoff Pairings Named
Tuesday, <u>May 23 May-13</u> <u>47th 45th</u>	State Tournament
Saturday, <u>May 27 May-17</u>	

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

### Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To back up the end of the regular season and the beginning of the regular season for baseball

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To avoid the long overlap of baseball season and the end of basketball season. Many dual athletes can miss up to a month of baseball.</li> <li>Playing games at the end of the season in better weather than in early February when it is cold and rainy.</li> <li>There will be less interference with graduations</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principals will have to oversee a sport for 2 additional weeks.</li> </ol>
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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# III-2

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
David Huckaby		Weston

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

LHSAA Pitching Regulations		
Maximum Daily Pitches	Required Rest (Days)	
<del>1-25</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>1-34</del> 0
<del>26-49</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>35-59</del> 1
<del>50-70</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>60-84</del> 2
<del>71-90</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>85-115</del> 3
<del>91-115</del>	<del>4</del>	

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To give pitchers most rest between outings to try and avoid pitching injuries.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

The previous chart did not provide enough rest when a significant amount of pitches were thrown. This chart gives adequate rest for pitchers.	Coaches must adjust rest days from what they are used to
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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# III-3

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Anthony Cain		Downsville Community Charter

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

<b>10.10 DETERMINING POWER RATING</b>			
10.10.1 The power rating for each school shall be determined as follows:			
	RESULT OF CONTEST	ADD	ADD
Win ( <del>20</del> <b>17</b> points)	Same Class & Division	N/A	Opponent's Wins
	Higher Class & Division	Add <del>2</del> <b>1</b> points for each Class & Division up	Opponent's Wins
	Lower Class & Division	N/A	Opponent's Wins

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To try and achieve a more sound power point formula

Pros: (Must have at least one)

- To keep schools from scheduling games based solely on probable wins.
- To try and stop power point manipulation of playing up and losing.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Some bigger schools may lose some lower division/class opponents due to lack of play up points.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# III-4

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Stacia Andricain	<i>Stacia B. Andricain</i>	St. Joseph's Academy

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

12.2.2 Season: A team shall be limited to twelve matches per regular season **plus one invitational tournament and no more than two (2) invitational tournaments.** Ten match team minimum per season.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This change will give bowlers another opportunity to bowl in the baker tournament format that they see at invitationals. Participating in this style of tournament will better prepare our high school bowlers to compete on the collegiate level.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Bowlers will gain more experience competing in the baker format. More regions would be able to host invitationals.	The invitationals would have to be scheduled for a weekend.
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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# III-5

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Stacia Andricain	<i>Stacia B. Andricain</i>	St. Joseph's Academy

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

**12.4.1** The State Championship qualifiers will be determined by a season ranking system. The boys' team competition will have two Divisions, each consisting of 16 teams. Division I will be made up of **of** schools in Class 5A. Division II will be made up of schools in Class 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, B, and C. The Top 16 boys' teams from Division I and Division II will be placed in a single elimination bracket. The Top 16 girls' teams will be placed on a single elimination bracket. The Top 32 boys' and Top 16 girls' teams will be placed on a single elimination bracket. The Top 80 boys and Top 48 girls will be eligible and paired for the State Singles competition. Bowlers tied for final positions will advance. Qualification is based on a season ending minimum **21 18** game average. All teams must play a minimum of ten matches to qualify.

**12.6.1** The Top 80 boys and Top 48 girls will be eligible and paired for the State Singles competition. Qualification is based on a season ending minimum **21 18** game average.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

A team is allowed 12 matches in a season and that equals 216 singles games. On a match day, only 10 bowlers can be on the roster. Reducing the minimum to 18 games will allow coaches to rotate more bowlers onto the match-day roster without risking their top bowlers ability to compete in the post-season.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

This will give coaches more flexibility with substitutions and allow more singles bowlers to qualify for post-season.

The reduction in games will increase the number of eligible averages and will make qualifying for post-season more difficult.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# III-6

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Stacia Andricain	<i>Stacia B. Andricain</i>	St. Joseph's Academy

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

12.6.3 At singles competition, all bowlers will bowl ~~three~~ **four** games. The top six bowlers in both the boys' and girls' competition will qualify for stepladder finals.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

In 2024, a stepladder final was added to the singles competition, and the number of games an individual bowler had to play was reduced to four. According to Ricky Bourgeois, the consensus among coaches and players was that a four-game qualifying format would provide more fairness.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

The four-game format will enable the bowler to overcome a poor game.

Cons: (Must have at least one)

The change from three to four games will increase the qualifying round by roughly 30 minutes.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# III-7

Date: 8-29-24

Amendment Author(s): Paulette Campbell

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Paulette Campbell	<i>Paulette Campbell</i>	Hackberry High School
Lindsey Fontenot	<i>Lindsey Fontenot</i>	South Cameron High School
Charlotte Hooks	<i>Charlotte Hooks</i>	Hornbeck High School

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

Bylaw 13.3.1

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

#### Proposed Amendment Changes

13.3.1 Boys' and girls' cross-country schools shall compete in Divisions I, II, III, IV, ~~and~~ V and VI. Boys' and Girls' cross-country shall be divided into ~~five~~ six equal or nearly equal divisions. Cross-country 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 ~~fifths~~ sixths shall begin with the lowest and end with the highest cross country school enrollment. All-girl schools shall be included in the counting to achieve equal divisions. All-boy schools shall be classified according to their enrollment after the cross-country schools have been divided. Schools with equal enrollment that form the dividing line in a division shall play in the lower division. A school may not participate in a division below that mandated by its enrollment. A school may elect to play in the next higher division if it submits a written declaration to the LHSAA. The declaration shall apply for the next 2 years.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

13.3.1

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This proposal would allow for more athletes to complete at the state meet. With the five equal or nearly equal divisions, there are several classes that must compete against much larger schools in higher classifications. This proposal would level the divisions even more fairly than the five divisions, especially for those schools with smaller enrollments.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

\*The meet can still be run in one day at Northwestern.  
 \*This would allow small schools to be able to compete on a more level playing field and receive state honors.

\*The first race would need to start at 8:30 or earlier and the last race would start at 4:45 or earlier.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# III-8

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Ryan Gallagher		Brother Martin

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:   
(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

15.4.16 In **district**, regional, and state competition, a player shall pick up his/her ball and record a ten after the ninth stroke on the hole. If a player continues to play, the player is not disqualified, but must count all shots played.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Boys golfers compete in a district tournament to qualify for regional competition. This allows for consistency across the district, regional, and state competitions for boys concerning max number of strokes on a hole, unless the golfer decides to continue playing beyond the tenth stroke.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Allows for consistency in max number of strokes across post-season play. District golf coaches that host the district tournament must use this bylaw for district matches and cannot arbitrarily use double par or max number of strokes as the rule.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# III-9

Date: 8/31/2024

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Rob Hereford		Metairie Park Country Day
Stacia Andricain		St. Joseph's Academy

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Bylaw 15.4.17

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

**15.4.17** Competitor's scorecards shall be exchanged on the first tee. Each competitor will serve as a "marker" for his fellow competitor. After each hole the "marker" shall check the score with the competitor and record it on the scorecard. Competitors should also keep their own score to verify that each hole is correct. After completion of the round, the competitor should check his/her score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the tournament director before the scorecard is signed. The tournament director's decision shall be final. The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his/her scorecard. If he/she returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he/she shall be disqualified. At the discretion of the head coach a higher corrected score can be submitted to the tournament director at any time until the last competitor has completed play WITHOUT DISQUALIFICATION. If he/she returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand. The competitor shall ensure that the marker has signed the card, countersign the card himself/herself and return the card to the tournament director. The tournament director or committee shall be responsible for the addition of scores. When all scores have been posted on the official scoreboard and approved by the rules committee/tournament director, the results are deemed to have been officially announced. The competition closes when the results have been officially announced and the results shall be final.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Bylaw 15.4.17

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

Gold is a game that requires self-regulation, ethics, honesty, and fair play. In the past, a player was informed by a spectator that he incorrectly submitted his scorecard which he and his marker did not know of. He then returned to the tournament director and added one stroke to his total score, resulting in subsequent disqualification. In individual stroke play tournaments, this is not that uncommon. However, in a team format, the player's decision has consequences that affect his team's ability to advance to the state championship. Please, see the above changes, which allow for a score correction in a more equitable way for the competitor and their teammates.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

This allows the player an opportunity to correct their score during the competition while not penalizing their team.

Coaches might feel that the player is responsible for their error, and when the scorecard is signed and submitted the result is final.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# III-10

Date: 08/26/2024

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Michael Hilton	Michael Hilton	Woodlawn High School
Marty Cannon	Marty Cannon	St. Thomas More

## 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Bylaw 21.5, 21.6.1

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

#### 21.5.1 Criteria for Seeding Singles at the Regional Tournament

1. Players shall be seeded according to their (a) singles UTR rating ~~unless there is verifiable evidence of head-to-head competition and (b) their current high school performance.~~
2. A player's singles UTR will be multiplied by the reliability rating to determine seeding.
- ~~2. The tournament's regional chairman shall notify all head coaches in their region of the location, date, and time of the seeding meeting.~~
3. A team's first- and second- place singles player shall be placed on opposite halves of the bracket.
4. All regions will seed at least the top eight singles players.

#### 21.5.2 Criteria for Seeding Doubles at the Regional Tournament

1. Players shall be seeded according to their (a) doubles UTR rating ~~unless there is verifiable evidence of head-to-head competition and (b) their current high school performance.~~
2. A team's seeding will be determined by multiplying each players' doubles UTR by the reliability rating and then adding the two players' doubles UTR together.
3. In seeding doubles teams for the regional tournament, a school's first- and second-place teams shall be placed on opposite halves of the bracket.
4. The third-place team shall be placed on either side of the bracket and in a different quarter of the bracket than the first- and second-place teams.
4. ~~Teams from the same school shall not meet in the first round of play.~~
5. All regions will seed at least the top eight doubles teams.

#### 21.5.3 Criteria for Seeding Singles at the State Tournament

1. ~~The LHSAA will place regional qualifiers on the pre-determined state tournament bracket. Regional champions shall be seeded according to their singles UTR rating. The four regional champions along with the next four state qualifiers with the highest UTR singles ratings will be seeded. The eight seeded players will be seeded one to eight based on their UTR.~~
2. ~~The LHSAA will post unofficial brackets and allow for a regional dispute time before making brackets official. A player's singles UTR will be multiplied by the reliability rating to determine seeding.~~
3. ~~Regional runner up contestants qualifying for the state tournament shall be placed in the opposite half of the bracket from the same region's champion. A team's first- and second- place singles player shall be placed on opposite halves of the bracket.~~
4. All other state qualifiers will be placed by a random draw.

#### 21.5.4 Criteria for Seeding Doubles at the State Tournament

1. ~~Seeding for the state tournament shall specifically be in the following order: Regional champions and runners up shall be seeded according to their doubles UTR rating. The four regional champions along with the next four state qualifiers with the highest UTR ratings will be seeded. The eight seeded teams will be seeded one to eight based on their UTR.~~



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- ~~a. All Regional Qualifiers will be seeded on a pre-determined bracket.~~
- ~~2. A team's seeding will be determined by multiplying each players' doubles UTR by the reliability rating and then adding the two players' doubles UTR together.~~
- ~~3. In seeding doubles teams for the regional tournament, a school's first- and second-place teams shall be placed on opposite halves of the bracket.~~
- ~~4. The third-place team shall be placed on either side of the bracket and in a different quarter of the bracket than the first- and second-place teams.~~
- ~~4. Teams from the same school shall not meet in the first round of play.~~
- ~~21.5.5 The LHSAA will post unofficial brackets and allow for a regional dispute time before making brackets official.~~

## **21.6 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT PLAY**

**21.6.1** Each year's regional tournament winners shall select the site and host the tournament the following year. The tournament's regional chairman shall notify all head coaches in their region of the location, date, and time of the seeding meeting.

**Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:**

**21.5, 21.5.1, 21.5.2, 21.5.3, 21.5.4, 21.6, 21.6.1**

**Explanation of proposed amendment(s):**

This amendment seeks to create consistency between the seeding processes for both regional and state tournaments. Players will be seeded in both regional and state tournaments according to their Universal Tennis Rating (UTR), which is integrated with LHSAA Online to incorporate LHSAA matches and tournaments into each player's rating.

**Pros:** *(Must have at least one)*

**Cons:** *(Must have at least one)*

- 1. Consistency in the seeding process for regionals and state.
- 2. Equality in seeding process across the state for both regionals and state.
- 3. The previous seeding rules, including head to head match ups, were made irrelevant with the passage of UTR rules last year. UTR provides a basis to compare players, which did not exist when head-to-head rules and the predetermined brackets were introduced.
- 4. Lineups can no longer be adjusted to "beat the system" as easily.

- 1. Head to head meetings will no longer determine regional seedings.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# III-11

Date: 08/31/2024

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Bylaws 23.3.4 and Bylaw 23.3.8

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in red, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

23.3.4 The host school of any relay carnival or regular season invitational meet may include and/or omit any track and field event of its choice ~~to include the following~~ with a maximum of twelve running events and seven field events for the girls and twelve running events and seven field events for the boys.

~~RUNNING EVENTS~~

~~1. 100-meter dash~~

~~2. 200-meter dash~~

~~3. 400-meter dash~~

~~4. 800-meter run~~

~~5. 1600-meter run~~

~~6. 3200-meter run~~

~~7. 100-meter hurdles (33" girls) 110-meter hurdles (39" boys) 7. Javelin~~

~~8. 300-meter hurdles (30" girls) 300-meter hurdles (36" boys)~~

~~9. 400-meter relay~~

~~10. 800-meter relay~~

~~11. 1600-meter relay~~

~~12. 3200-meter relay~~

FIELD EVENTS

1. Long Jump

2. Triple Jump

3. High Jump

4. Pole Vault

5. Shot Put

6. Discus

23.3.8 The host of a ~~regular season and~~ postseason meet shall comply with the order of running events and contest the field events as stated in SECTION 2 ORDER OF RUNNING EVENTS and SECTION 3 FIELD EVENTS in the NFHS Track & Field Rules Book.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

### Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This amendment allows the member schools to operate their regular season track meets differently than the postseason to include any specialty relays not included in the prescribed list of events. Currently, a waiver is needed from the LHSAA to deviate from the prescribed list for regular season competitions. The limit of 12 running events and 7 field events for both boys and girls remains intact.

### Pros: (Must have at least one)

### Cons: (Must have at least one)

- Ability to operate specialty track & field meets during the regular season
- Ability to generate new and exciting track & field meets with specialty relays like the DMR, SMR and mixed gender relay.

- Regular season meets may be different than normal.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# III-12

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

**23.4.3** A district committee shall select a meet ~~host, location site, set its meet's and~~ starting time by the January LTFCA Coaches' Convention, and conduct it's The district meet shall be held prior to the deadline for qualifying individual contestants and relay teams to the regional meet.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To establish a date for which the host, location and start time of the district qualifying meets shall be decided. The regional qualifying meet dates and locations are currently established by the January Track & Field Coaches Convention. By also requiring the district meets to be decided by the time of the convention will give members schools adequate time to prepare for the postseason and avoid and potentially avoid some multi-sport conflict within the same sport season.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

- All postseason track & field meet dates and locations will be available by mid-January so schools will have time to prepare for travel and multi-spring sport conflicts.

- District schools will need to identify the host, location and time of their qualifying meet earlier.

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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# III-13

Date:

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Billy Carter		Quitman High School
Chris Jones		Choudrant High School

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

#### Proposed Amendment Changes

- 23.6.11 Each class shall be limited to a maximum of nine qualifying individual contests and relay teams in each event from its regional to the state meet.
1. Each class's schools shall qualify individual contestants and relay teams in each event from the regional meets conducted the week prior to the state meet.
  2. Only contestants and relay teams (including alternate contestants) that qualify in a regional meet shall compete in the state meet.
  3. All classes' first-, second- and third-place finishers in regional individual and relay events shall automatically qualify for the state meet.
  4. If fewer than nine regional meet individual contestants and relay teams in Class C automatically qualify to the state meet, then to fill the field with nine participants for each event the state meet coordinator would use the next best time or mark from the three regions reported to LHSAA to fill the event. No school would be allowed to have more than one relay team or two individuals in an event. The best times and marks would be used until each event has nine participants.
  5. Each class shall develop a state meet qualifying plan for alternate contestants and relay teams.
  6. **Class B will compete in their class at the state track meet.**

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

This will ensure that Class B is not dissolved into the larger divisions. This will preserve our small school representation at the state track meet.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

Protects small school track representation at the state track meet as it has always been.	This will have to keep its separate day for the meet away from the other classes or divisions.
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# Proposal to Amend Constitution or Bylaws

# III-14

Date: 08/31/2024

Amendment Author(s):

Printed Name(s)	Signature(s)	School(s)
Executive Committee		

### 2025-2026 LHSAA HANDBOOK - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Select Amendment Section: (double click box to select)  Constitution  Administrative Bylaws  Athletic Bylaws

Specific Article or Bylaw Number(s) to Amend:

(Note: List all Bylaws within the section selected above that will be amended)

Bylaw 25.2.2

Proposed Amendment Details: (Note: To amend a bylaw please make ALL changes in **red**, strike through any deletions, and underline any additions. If proposing a new amendment to add to the Constitution or Bylaws select a new number in sequence with the section article or bylaw.)

### Proposed Amendment Changes

25.2.2 Week: (Sunday-Saturday)

- The number of interschool meets in which a student may participate shall be limited to ~~two dual meets or one tri-meet per week.~~
- ~~One tournament per week.~~
- ~~One dual meet or one tri-meet and one tournament per week.~~
- ~~A student shall be allowed to participate in~~ two dual meets or one tri-meet and a tournament in a week or two tournaments in a week when school is not in session during the Thanksgiving and/or Christmas holidays.

Please list ALL bylaws and/or articles that are affected by this amendment:

Explanation of proposed amendment(s):

To help reduce confusion and condense the competition limitations to one statement. The amendment encompasses the maximum number of competitions in which a student may participate in a week and does not change those limitations.

Pros: (Must have at least one)

Cons: (Must have at least one)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminates duplicate language</li> <li>Condenses competition limitations to one statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
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