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DISTRICT COMMITTEE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION SPORTS

Section 1

The district committee is composed of all principals of the district, one of who shall serve as chairperson, alphabetized by school. District I-5A as defined by the LHSAA, governs Airline, Benton, Captain Shreve, C. E. Byrd, Haughton, Natchitoches Central, Parkway, and Southwood (and governs all LHSAA sanctioned sports.)

The chairperson must represent a school participating in football. The Commissioner shall be notified in writing as to who serves as chairperson by May 30 of each year. (LHSAA 6.1) 2021-22 Parkway, 2022-23 Southwood, 2023-24 Airline, 2024-25 Benton, 2025-26 Byrd, 2026-27 Captain Shreve, 2027-28 Haughton, 2028-29 Natchitoches

Section 2 - Duties of the District Committee

Led by the chairperson, the district committee shall conduct all district business. (LHSAA 6.2.1)

District meetings to schedule district games in baseball, basketball, football, and softball shall be announced in writing by the chairperson to all members at least ten days prior to the meeting (LHSAA 6.2.2)

Teams participating for district honors also agree to abide by all legally adopted district by-laws, rules, schedules and minutes. (LHSAA 6.2.3)

District By-Laws, rules, schedules, and minutes are binding when adopted and signed by a majority of the member principals of a district. (District By-laws and rules may not supersede LHSAA rules.) The district chairperson is responsible for providing each member school within the district a copy of the by-laws, rules, minutes and schedules. The chairperson must keep in the district files, copies of all legally accepted by-laws, rules, minutes, schedules and archival records. (LHSAA 6.2.4)

According to association rules, district committees do not have the power to establish the financial agreements between district member schools. All financial agreements should be determined by the two schools involved after the district has established a schedule. (LHSAA 6.2.5)

District chairpersons shall report the automatic qualifiers in their respective districts. He/she shall also report the following information on the teams eligible for wild-card positions: (District chairpersons and district certification forms may be obtained on the LHSAA website) LHSAA 6.2.7

1. District won-lost record, not including district playoff games.
2. Won-lost record against schools in same classification/division, not including district playoff games.

3. Overall won-lost record (all games played in regular season) not including district playoff games.

The district chairperson is empowered to certify the automatic qualifying teams in all sports to represent the district or may name a three member certification committee to certify these teams. Failure of the district committee or the certification committee to name automatic qualifying teams in a district by the given date (as established for each classification) shall void the representative of that district. If the automatic qualifying teams elect not to play, the district committee or the certification committee may select the next team in line, or select teams in order of district standings, until one is found to represent that district in the playoffs. (LHSAA 6.2.8)

The winning team is responsible for reporting the results of game immediately after the game in each playoff game and must give a report of the results so that the next playoff game can be arranged. There will be an email sent to all principals on point of contact and procedures.

Section 3 - Certification of 1st

Certification of playoff teams will be governed by the LHSAA Rule Book.

Teams certified by the district shall notify the LHSAA by the established deadline for the naming of the representatives. If a school has automatically qualified from a district for the state playoffs and fails to report this information to the LHSAA within the deadline for reporting district qualifiers to the state playoffs/tournament in that sport, it shall be assessed a \$100 fine. The school shall be in compliance with this rule if its place in the district is reported by the district chairperson. (LHSAA 6.2.9)

The first shall notify their won-lost information to the chairperson by 11:00 P.M. after the last game of the sport that has been played.

Failure of the district chairperson or the certification committee to name automatic qualifying teams in a district by the given date (as set up for each classification) shall void the representative of that district. If the automatic qualifying teams elect not to play, the district committee or the certification committee may select the next team in line, or select teams in order of district standing, until one is found which will represent that district in the playoffs. (LHSAA 6.2.8)

In the event two or more teams are tied for 1st place Head to Head will determine champion. If still undetermined LHSAA Power Rating will be used.

If a school has to drop a sport, their scheduled games shall become null and void and none of its games shall count for or against any team for championship honors.

If a game is canceled by mutual agreement, this game cannot be counted for or against any school for district honors unless approved by the district committee. This applies to baseball,

basketball, football, volleyball, soccer and softball (LHSAA 6.2.10)

NOTE: In basketball, wherever a canceled game has a direct bearing on a play-off spot, the game is rescheduled and played.

NOTE: FORFEITURE of remaining scheduled games in a boys and girls basketball and in football (if more than two) shall be considered dropping a sport.

Failure of a district member to play a scheduled district game shall be considered a forfeit subject to approval of the district committee in all sports. Before a district game forfeit can become official, it shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the district's principals. All principals in the district shall be afforded an opportunity to participate in this decision. In order for a district contest to be forfeited, (in cases in which the officials do not declare the contest a forfeit), the district chairperson shall poll the principals of all the district schools. If a simple majority votes for the contest to be a forfeit, then the contest shall stand as a forfeit. If a simple majority votes that the contest shall not be a forfeit, then the contest shall be rescheduled and played or declared a no contest. (LHSAA 6.2.11)

Section 4 - Appeal from the Decision of the District Committee

Any school shall be permitted to appeal a district committee's decision to the Executive Director and/or the Executive Committee. The deadline for such appeals shall be at the time designated under the wildcard selection rule of each sport. (LHSAA 6.3.1)

In appeals involving a possible violation of association rules and regulations by a school that has been certified as an automatic qualifying team, the twenty-four hour deadline shall not apply. (LHSAA 6.3.1)

Section 5 - Dues and Quorum

1. Dues: There will not be any annual dues.
2. Quorum: Official business requires three fourths quorum. A proxy may be sent by a member school principal with a signed letter on school letterhead.
3. Winter meeting will be held after the LHSAA Pre-Conference meeting at the school that hosts the Pre-Conference meeting.
4. By-laws may be amended by two-thirds of the principals.

Section 6 -- Rules and Regulations

General Rules

1. District Meetings

A. Only principals of district schools have a vote at the annual district meeting. Therefore, only principals may serve as officers of the district. The principal may designate another of his/her school's administrators as proxy (in writing) to represent him/her at the tri-annual meetings. All principals in the district make up the district committee. A two-thirds vote by

principals is needed to amend by-laws.

B. In the event any officer of the district is unable to complete his term of office, the next school in alphabetical order will fill the vacancy.

C. The chairman may call a meeting at any time deemed necessary with three days' notice.

D. Times of coaches' meetings: The all-district meeting for football will be held in November upon completion of regular season. The site of the basketball meeting will be determined following the naming of the district champion. The meeting should not conflict with a scheduled play-off game involving a member school. All coaches meeting's times and locations shall have Principal's approval.

E. District schedules will be set for two (2) years.

F. The Head Coaches of each sport will establish their rules for selecting All-District Honors.

G. New officers will be empowered June 15th of each year.

2. General Rules Affecting District Business

A. All District teams shall play a home and away game except for football.

B. Protests within the district will be resolved by non-affected schools serving on the district committee.

C. A school's failure to notify the opposing team of forfeiture or cancellation prior to the day of the schedules Junior Varsity or freshmen games shall be subject to expenditures of the game if incurred.

D. Rules governing passes for all district games.

1- LHSAA sanctioned passes.

2- Cheerleaders in uniform plus sponsor (Max 2) and One (1) bus driver

{FOOTBALL / BASKETBALL ONLY}

3- Complimentary tickets (40) will be written in contracts for football.

4- In all sports, **participating school faculty ID plus one** will be allowed in game.

Section 7 -- Football Rules

1. The district champion and runner up in football shall be determined by a complete round-robin schedule and each district team must play all other district teams to be eligible for championship honors. In the event two or more teams are tied for 1st place Head to Head will determine champion. If still undetermined LHSAA Power Rating will be used.

2. Each contract will be on an individual basis between schools. The home team is responsible for sending contracts.
3. During district football games, the gates are to be maintained by the gatekeepers until the end of the game. The school administration of each playing school has the right to refuse admittance or request removal of any spectator.
4. At each district football game the home team will request the police to enforce the rules prohibiting spectators from going onto the field during the game. The principal of each district school is to take all necessary measures to see that his student body observes this rule also.
5. Home school will send an agenda letter about times of pre-game and half-time activities. Home school will also send pre-sale tickets as well as 40 comp tickets.
6. At district football games, the home team designates the side of the stands that it wishes team and fans to use.
7. Admission Prices:
 - A. 7.00 pre-game
 - B. 8.00 at the gate
 - C. 40 Comp tickets provided
 - D. No charge for infants-pre-kindergarten
 - E. 5.00 admission for FR/JV games

Section 8 -- Basketball Rules

1. The district champion and runner-up will be determined by the win-loss record within the district. In the event two or more teams are tied for 1st place Head to Head will determine champion. If still undetermined LHSAA Power Rating will be used.
2. The home teams shall designate where the respective teams and fans are to sit. Home team will provide adequate uniformed security. The visiting team will have principal/designee in attendance.
3. Each school will play a home-away 14 game district schedule.
4. Admission for all district basketball games:
 - A. \$ 8.00 across the board
 - B. No charge for infants-pre-kindergarten
5. A three man crew shall be used at all girls and boys varsity basketball games.
6. A two man crew shall be used at all girls and boys Freshmen/Junior Varsity basketball games.

Section 9 -- Baseball Rules

1. The district champion and runner-up will be determined by the win-loss record within the district.

2. Rained out games will be made up on the first available date, excluding Sunday, unless mutually agreed upon. If the two teams cannot agree, district chairperson will decide or consider a forfeit.

3. District Series:

A. Play a home-away 14 game district schedule.

B. District games will be played on Tuesday night (6:00 start time), Thursday night (6:00 start time) and Saturday (1:00 start time).

C. Tiebreaker

In the event two or more teams are tied for 1st place Head to Head will determine champion. If still undetermined LHSAA Power Rating will be used.

4. Admission

A. 7.00 for adults

B. No charge for infants-pre-kindergarten

Section 10 - Softball Rules

1. District Series:

A. The district champion and runner-up will be determined by the win-loss record within the district. All games must be official games.

B. If inclement weather forces games to be made up on another day, teams shall play on the next available day. Sunday district make up games must be mutually agreed upon by both schools.

C. District 1-5A will play 1 district game against each team. These games will start at 5:30, Sub Varsity will follow with 90 minute time limit, Saturday Varsity games start at 1:00.

2. In the event two or more teams are tied for 1st place Head to Head will determine champion. If still undetermined LHSAA Power Rating will be used.

3. Admission:

A. 7.00 for adults

B. No charge for infants-pre-kindergarten

Section 11 – Track

1. The district track meet will adhere to all rules and regulations as published by the National Federation Track and Field Rule Book and the LHSAA Official Handbook.

2. The site and date of the district track meet will be determined at the summer district meeting. The host school must have access to an all weather track. Should the district meet chairperson not have a track or choose not to host the district meet, the site will be determined by a majority vote of the Principals. Since the boys and girls meet are conducted on the same date and at the same site, the District Meet Chairperson will be the host for both the boys and girls' district meets.

3. Awards-medals will be given to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. MVP awards for outstanding track and outstanding field performers for both males and females will be awarded at the end of the meet as chosen by a majority of coaches at the conclusion of the last event.

4. Medals/trophies expenses will be split among member schools if the gate is unable to cover all expenses.

5. Admission;

A. \$ 7.00 for adults

B. No charge for infants-pre-kindergarten

6. Meet Administration:

A. Heating and Seeding: Schools will submit entries to the electronic entry site of the host school's choice. Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday at noon on the week of the meet. The host school will be responsible for seeding the meet. Heat sheets will be given to competing schools at the pre meet meeting, to be held 24 hours prior to the meet. Implements will also be weighed and marked at this time. There will be NO scratch meeting.

B. In the event that a coach inadvertently forgets to enter an athlete, district coaches will convene at the meet and vote to allow the athlete to compete or not. If the athlete is allowed to compete, said athlete is to be placed in the worst seeded position in the event.

C. The host school is responsible for completing all LHSAA regional qualifying information and reporting results to the regional meet director for boys and girls and local media outlets for all schools involved. A copy of the result should be mail to all schools involved before the regional meet.

Section 12 - Cross Country

1. The District Cross Country Meet will adhere to all rules and regulations as published by the National Federation Track and Field Rule Book and the LHSAA Official Handbook.

2. The site and date of the district cross country meet is to be determined at the summer district meeting.

3. The host school must provide a cross country trail that consist of mostly grass or dirt, not asphalt and concrete, and should be free from all automobile traffic. The trail may start or finish on the track. The trail should be well marked with directional arrows, caution tape, barricades,

or flagging.

4. Awards-Medals will be awarded to 1st through 10th places.

5. Medals/trophies expenses will be split among member schools if the gate is unable to cover all expenses.

6. When admission is charged, the price will be \$5.00 and infants-pre-kindergarten will not have to pay. The host school shall retain gate receipts and concession sales revenue for expenses relating to facilities, workers, and equipment.

7. Schools that field a cross country team and plan to compete in the state cross country meet shall be required to compete in the district meet. Failure to compete in the district meet shall result in a fine of \$100.

*Prices and rules are binding for all district controlled games/locations except when control of that location is beyond the district's authority.

Section 13 Wrestling

1. The District Wrestling Tournament will adhere to all rules and regulations as published by the NFHS rule book and the LHSAA Official Handbook.

2. The site and date of the district wrestling tournament is to be determined at the June district meeting.

3. The host school will be hosted by the District champion team the 2nd year.

4. Admission

\$7.00 for adults and no charge for infants-pre-kindergarten. The host school shall retain gate receipts and concession sales revenue for expenses relating to facilities, workers, and equipment.

5. Schools that field a wrestling team and plan to compete in the state wrestling tournament shall be required to compete in the district meet. Failure to compete in the district meet shall result in a fine of \$100.

Section 14 Golf

1. Golf will abide all rules and regulations that are listed in the LHSAA Handbook.

Section 15 Tennis

1. Tennis will abide all rules and regulations that are listed in the LHSAA Handbook.

Section 16 Bowling

1. Bowling will abide all rules and regulations that are listed in the LHSAA Handbook.

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DISTRICT COMMITTEE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DIVISIONAL SPORTS

Section 17 Soccer

1. The district champion shall be determined by a complete round-robin schedule and each district team must play all other district teams to be eligible for championship honors.
2. In the event two or more teams are tied for 1st place Head to Head will determine champion. If still undetermined LHSAA Power Rating will be used.
3. Admission will be \$7.00 for Varsity games

Section 18 Volleyball

1. Each school will play a home-away 12 game district schedule.
2. In the event two or more teams are tied for 1st place Head to Head will determine champion. If still undetermined LHSAA Power Rating will be used.
3. Admission will be \$7.00 for Varsity games
4. Varsity games will begin at 6:00.