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DISTRICT COMMITTEE RULES AND REGULATIONS

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, C. E. Byrd, Captain Shreve, Evangel, Haughton, Huntington, Natchitoches Central, and Parkway (and governs all LHSAA sanctioned sports).

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)

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.

The district champion in each sport is responsible for completing the district champion form which is emailed from LHSAA near the end of the regular season in each applicable sport.

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

B. 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.

C. 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 only** will be allowed in game.

Section 7 -- Football Rules

1. Admission Prices:

A. \$10.00

a. If a school only offers fans the ability to purchase tickets on-line (and not with cash at the gate), then the home school must absorb any fees associated with the on-line ticketing venue. If the school offers both on-line and cash ticket sales, then the school may decide whether or not to absorb the associated fees.

C. 40 Comp tickets provided

D. No charge for infants-pre-kindergarten

E. \$7.00 admission for FR/JV games

2. The district champion and runner up in football shall be determined by overall record from a team's six game district schedule decided by random draw at the Head Football Coaches Meeting. In the event two or more teams are tied for best record, the district championship will be decided by head-to-head record. If still undetermined, the highest LHSAA Power Rating will be used to declare a champion. Teams may play each other in a non-district contest weeks 1-3, but these contests will not count towards district standings. In the event that there are less than 9 teams in the district, a complete round robin schedule will determine the champion.

3. Each contract will be on an individual basis between schools. The home team is responsible for sending contracts.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. At district football games, the home team designates the side of the stands that it wishes team and fans to use.

Section 8 - Basketball Rules

1. Admission for all district basketball games:

- A. \$8.00
- B. No charge for infants-pre-kindergarten
- C. \$7.00 admission for FR/JV games

2. Each school will play a round-robin style schedule. Each team will play 4 home games and 4 away games each year. The district schedule will be set for two years and the site of each game will alternate each year between the two schools.

3. The district champion and runner-up will be determined by the win-loss record within the district. If two teams are tied, head-to-head results will be used to determine the champion. In the event 3 or more teams are tied and a head-to-head tie breaker does not resolve the tie, LHSAA Power Ratings will be used.

4. The 1-5A Boys' teams will begin district play the same week as the girls. This would help administrators by having both teams play at the same site for an entire district season. (Boys' teams would have an extra week after completion the district schedule to play additional games. They could possibly still schedule another district opponent in a non-district game.

5. 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.

6. A three-man crew shall be used at all girls and boys Varsity basketball games.

7. A two-man crew shall be used at all girls and boys Freshmen/Junior Varsity basketball games.

Section 9 -- Baseball Rules

1. Admission

- A. \$8.00 for adults
- B. No charge for infants-pre-kindergarten
- C. \$7.00 admission for FR/JV games

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

3. District Series:

- A. Play a home-away 15-game district schedule. Huntington will play each team once (8 games).
- 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. 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. All District games

will be played for 7 innings or run rule.

Section 10 - Softball Rules

1. Admission:

- A. \$8.00 for adults
- B. No charge for infants-pre-kindergarten

2. 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.

3. 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.

Section 11 – Track

1. Admission;

- A. \$8.00 for adults
- B. No charge for infants-pre-kindergarten

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

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

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. 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.
2. 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.
3. The site and date of the district cross country meet is to be determined at the summer district meeting.
4. 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.
5. Awards-Medals will be awarded to 1st through 10th places.
6. Medals/trophies expenses will be split among member schools if the gate is unable to cover all expenses.
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. Admission
 - A. \$8.00 for adults
 - B. No charge for infants-pre-kindergarten

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.

Section 17 Soccer

1. Admission
 - A. \$8.00 for adults
 - B. No charge for infants-pre-kindergarten

2. 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.
3. 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. Default start time shall be 6:00 (V) and 7:45 (JV).

Section 18 Volleyball

1. Admission
 - A. \$8.00 for adults
 - B. No charge for infants-pre-kindergarten
2. Each school will play a round-robin style schedule. Each team will play 3 home games and 3 away games each year. The district schedule will be set for two years and the site of each game will alternate each year between the two schools.
3. The district champion and runner-up will be determined by the win-loss record within the district. If two teams are tied, head-to-head results will be used to determine the champion. In the event 3 or more teams are tied and a head-to-head tie breaker does not resolve the tie, LHSAA Power Ratings will be used.
4. Varsity games must begin no later than 6:00 pm.