

2015 BASEBALL PLAYOFF BULLETIN



PLAYOFF DATES

| <u>Round</u> | <u>Class(es)</u> | <u>Deadline Date</u> |
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| Bi-District | 5A and 4A 3A, 2A, 1A, B and C | Tuesday, April 28, 2015 Saturday, May 2, 2015 |
| Regional | 5A and 4A 3A, 2A, 1A, B and C | Friday & Saturday May 1-2, 2015 Wednesday, May 6, 2015 |
| Quarterfinal | 5A and 4A 3A, 2A, 1A, B and C | Friday & Saturday May 8-9, 2015 Monday, May 11, 2015 |
| State Tournament | All Classes | Thursday, Friday & Saturday May 14 – 16, 2015 |

2015 Baseball Playoff Bulletin

Online schedules, weekly reports and seeding information

Refer to the 2015 Baseball Seeding and Weekly Reporting Scores Bulletin-Located on the Baseball section of the LHSAA website

Reporting 1st Place teams and teams tied for 1st place and submitting “District Final Standings Form” (found on the website)

Classes 5A and 4A
Saturday, April 25, 2015

Classes 3A, 2A, 1A, B & C
Monday, April 27, 2015

Failure to report district representatives and submit “District Final Standing Form”

\$100 fine if after 10:00 PM on deadline date.

Extensions for determining district representatives

Will not be granted. Season ends on date to name district representatives.

Automatic Qualifiers to the playoffs

All 1st place teams and teams tied for 1st place from each district.

Wild Card Team Selection

Once all automatic qualifiers are named (first place and ties), the bracket will be filled from the remainder of teams in the class based on their power rating.

Wild Card Program

Refer to Rule 10.7, page 81 of the 2014-2015 LHSAA Handbook.

Determining Power Rating

Refer to Rule 10.9, page 82 of the 2014-2015 LHSAA Handbook.

When Power Ratings are tied

Refer to Rule 10.8.1, page 82 of the 2014-2015 LHSAA Handbook.

Seeding the Bracket

Refer to Rule 10.8, page 81 of the 2014-2015 LHSAA Handbook.

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| Online reporting of scores | Refer to the 2015 Baseball Seeding and Weekly Reporting Scores Bulletin-Located in the Baseball section of the LHSAA website |
| Failure to timely report playoff scores | Winning school shall be fined \$100 per occurrence. |
| Game extensions | Refer to Rule 10.10.4, pages 82-83 of the 2014-2015 LHSAA Handbook. |
| Class – Adopted Financial Arrangements | Refer to Rule 10.11, page 83 of the 2014-2015 LHSAA Handbook. |
| Officials used for all rounds of the playoffs | Shall be assigned by the LHSAA Director of officials in all rounds of the playoffs. The assignment secretary will contact the host school with the names of the umpires and the game fees. |
| Officials Playoff Pay | Refer to Rule 8.8.3, page 74 of the 2014-2015 LHSAA Handbook. |
| Baseball Official Associations and Assignment Secretaries | On the LHSAA website under “Affiliations” “Officials” and “Baseball.” |

Pitching Rules to be followed:

- ***The playoff pitching rules (Rule 10.10.6) apply to Classes 5A and 4A only.***
- ***The pitching rule (Rule 10.3.2) applies to classes 3A, 2A, 1A, B and C for the playoffs.***
- ***See Pitching Rule and Pitching Form in this Bulletin.***

CLASS ADOPTED PLAYOFF PLANS

Classes 4A, 2A, 1A, B and C - Playoff games shall not be played on dates that conflict with district, regional, or state track and field meets without mutual agreement of both schools.

Class B – No playoff game shall be held the day following the regional or state track meets unless mutually agreed on by both school.

Classes 5A and 4A – The Regional and Quarterfinal Rounds of play shall be a best 2 out of 3 series. Please refer to rules 10.10.4.6, 10.10.5 and 10.10.6 on pages 82-83 of the 2014-2015 LHSAA Handbook for the best 2 out of 3 series guidelines and pitching rules.

CLASSES 5A and 4A BASEBALL REGIONAL and QUARTERFINAL PLAYOFF ROUNDS

(Best 2 of 3 game series)

HOST SCHOOL for 2 of 3 SERIES

The higher seeded team shall serve as the host for all games in the series. The site shall be the higher seeded team's regular home field. Schools may mutually agree to change the site of the series.

ITEMS SCHOOLS MUST MUTUALLY AGREE UPON

- Game format: 2 games on Friday and 1 game on Saturday if needed
or 1 game on Friday and 2 games on Saturday (if needed).
If schools do not agree on the format, they shall play 1 game on Friday and 2 games on Saturday (if needed).
- Game times: Visiting team travel and unlighted fields should be a consideration.
If schools do not agree on game times, the start time shall be 3:30 PM.
- Admission Prices

Game Umpires

- Assigned: By the LHSAA.
- Umpire fees: Rules 8.8.3 and 8.9 pages 74 and 76 of LHSAA Handbook.
- Crews: 3-man crews – rotation behind the plate for each game.
- Housing: Umpires shall notify the host schools head coach ASAP prior to arrival whether they will stay overnight (if necessary) in which case the host will secure and pay for 2 rooms.

Should umpires travel twice rather than stay overnight they shall receive 2 travel payments.

Under no circumstances shall umpires receive 2 travel payments plus overnight accommodations.

Series Finances

Found under Rule 10.11 on page 83 of the 2014-2015 LHSAA Handbook.

HOME TEAM

In both the regional and quarterfinal round of play, the HIGHER seeded team shall be the home team for the 1st game and 3rd game (if needed) of the series. The visiting team shall be the home team for the 2nd game of the series.

RULES GOVERNING 2 of 3 SERIES

Found under Rules 10.10.4.6, 10.10.5 and 10.10.6 on pages 82 and 83 of the 2014-2015 LHSAA Handbook.

PITCHING RULES FOR THE 2015 SEASON

The pitching rule that was passed at the 2015 LHSAA Annual Meeting was not passed to be effective immediately. Therefore, it will be next baseball season before it goes into effect.

The pitching rule that passed at the 2014 LHSAA Annual Meeting, and the one in the 2014-2015 LHSAA Handbook (Rule 10.3.2, page 80) is the rule that is in effect for this baseball season.

POINTS OF CLARIFICATION

- Each school **shall** keep accurate records of every pitcher for every inning pitched during the entire season.
- The pitching record for each pitcher **shall** be kept on the official LHSAA pitching record form and kept on a per game basis.
- Each pitcher's pitching appearance **shall** be recorded on the official form each time he pitches along with his name, number and the date he pitched.
- The pitching sheet **shall** be presented to the opposing coach during the umpire's conference at home plate.
- The coaches shall initial the form during the conference to signify the exchange has taken place.
- The umpire **IS NOT** responsible for keeping up with the number of innings a pitcher pitches.

The Correct Pitching Record Form to be used is found in the baseball section on the LHSAA website and in this bulletin.

2015 LHSAA BASEBALL PITCHING RECORD

Please duplicate this form as needed during the season to record each pitchers record during the season. This form complete with the pitchers record must be presented to the opposing coach prior to the start of the contest at the umpire/coach conference.

School: _____

Head Coach: _____

| Date | Pitcher | Num. | Inning Entered | Inning Left | Innings Pitched | Coaches Initials | Opponent | Opp. Coach Ints. |
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LHSAA PITCHING RULE

- 14 Innings pitched over **five** consecutive calendar days
- 10 innings pitched over a **three** day period
- 4 or more innings pitched in a game **shall not** pitch the next calendar day
- 1 pitch constitutes an **inning** pitched

ROSTER INFORMATION

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| Deadline to submit | Wednesday, May 6, 2015 |
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| What must be submitted | The typed roster filled out completely with all requested information |
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| Team Photo | Email as a jpeg or gif non-compressed file format suitable for printing in the program |
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| Team Mascot | Email as a jpeg or gif non-compressed file |
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| Email to | sulphurparks@gmail.com Attn: Natalie Bowers or Laurie Koelzer |
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| Questions | Call Natalie Bowers or Laurie Koelzer at Sulphur Parks and Recreation (337) 721-3040 |

**2015 LHSAA/ STATE FARM BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
SQUAD ROSTER INFORMATION SHEET**

ALL CLASSES

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS ROSTER
IMMEDIATELY IF
YOU HAVE WON YOUR BI-DISTRICT GAME TO INSURE THE
TIMELY PRINTING OF THE 2015 OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT
PROGRAM.

NO LATER THAN MAY 6, 2015

Email Information Sheet to: sulphurparks@gmail.com

Attn: Natalie Bowers or Laurie Koelzer

SCHOOL: _____ LOCATION: _____

SCHOOL PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

CLASS: _____ DISTRICT _____

DISTRICT FINISH: _____

DISTRICT WON-LOST RECORD: _____ OVERALL WON-LOST RECORD: _____

PRINCIPAL: _____ Cell _____ Email: _____

HEAD COACH: _____ Cell _____ Email: _____

ASSISTANT COACH(ES): _____

SCHOOL'S NICKNAME: _____ SCHOOL'S COLORS: _____

SQUAD ROSTER

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

| NUMBER | POSITION(S) | PLAYER'S NAME | HEIGHT | WEIGHT | CLASS |
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STATISTICIAN: _____ MANAGER(S): _____



BASEBALL DISTRICT FINAL STANDING FORM

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE FIRST PLACE FINISHERS AND TEAMS TIED FOR FIRST PLACE AND SUBMITTED TO THE LHSAA OFFICE BY THE DEADLINE DATES LISTED BELOW.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW WHEN SUBMITTING THIS FORM:

1. THIS FORM MAY BE FAXED TO B.J. GUZZARDO AT 225-300-4244
2. THIS FORM MAY BE EMAILED TO bguzzardo@lhsaa.org
3. THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE LHSAA OFFICE BY 10:00 PM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015 FOR CLASSES 5A and 4A.
4. THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE LHSAA OFFICE BY 10:00 PM ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015 FOR CLASSES 3A, 2A, 1A, B and C.
5. IF YOU ARE EMAILING, PLEASE USE THE WORD DOCUMENT FORMAT
6. FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION COMPLETELY BEFORE FAXING OR EMAILING
7. RECORDS SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM MUST MATCH THE RECORDS REPORTED ON THE WWW.LHSAAONLINE.ORG WEBSITE

CLASS: _____ DISTRICT:: _____ DATE: _____

| DISTRICT FINISH | DISTRICT RECORD | | CLASS RECORD | | OVERALL RECORD | |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| | WINS | LOSSES | WINS | LOSSES | WINS | LOSSES |
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District Finish – Please indicate your teams finish in your district (1st or tied for 1st).

District Record – Please indicate your district record.

Class Record – Record against all schools in the same class including district games

Overall Record – Record against all schools played including district games

DO NOT INCLUDE sub-varsity, out of state or district playoff games in any records.

SIGNATURE OF HEAD BASEBALL COACH: _____

SCHOOL: _____

HEAD COACH CELL PHONE: _____

Only 1st place teams and teams tied for 1st place shall automatically qualify for the playoffs.

NOTE: 2nd place teams DO NOT automatically qualify and should not submit this form.