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MEMORANDUM

To: LHSAA Member Principals / Athletic Directors
Parish Athletic Directors / Superintendents / Coaches

Subject: Summer Rules / Follow-up

Date: May 15, 2020

The LHSAA Assistant Directors, LHSCA Director and I have received a number of calls from membership principals, coaches and athletic directors asking this questions: “What if a school ignores the recently approved new Summer Rules start date of June 8, 2020 and begins on May 17, 2020 *and* “What will be the consequence?” To a person here, we were set back by this question. I will not rehash the content of the last communication sent to all of you, however student, coach, athletic trainer and others safety and the equity of everyone starting at the same time “prepared for the mitigation measures” for that safety was instrumental in the decision to postpone the May 17, 2020 start date and move it to June 8, 2020. The questions asked lead me to believe one is contemplating, or one has heard someone is contemplating ignoring the change and, while doing so, is blatantly ignoring the basis and/or rationale for the decision. The move of the date not only delayed the start of the Summer Rules portion of the LHSAA Bylaw, but it extended LHSAA jurisdiction until that date. LHSAA Constitution Article 3.1 prescribes membership of the Association have agreed as a member of the LHSAA to conform to the rules and regulations. I believe that answers the first question asked. As for the second question, the following LHSAA Bylaw will be administered:

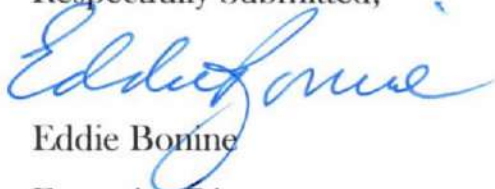
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5.11.14 *School involved in infractions inconsistent with wholesome competition or a wholesome athletic program, including sportsmanship violations:*

1. *The school may be placed on administrative, disciplinary, restrictive, or suspension probation not to exceed one calendar year.*
2. *The school may be suspended from the Association until the alleged infraction is assessed by the Executive Committee, and if the school is suspended from the Association, it shall be fined \$500 in order to be readmitted to the LHSAA.*
3. *The school may be fined not to exceed \$2,500.*
4. *The offender may be reprimanded and/or placed on probation.*
5. *The school and/or program may be prohibited from playing home contests in a sport(s) not to exceed one calendar year.*
6. *The school and/or program may be suspended from participating in a sport(s) not to exceed one calendar year.*
7. *The school and/or program may be required to schedule a contest(s) without the presence of all spectators.*
8. *The school and/or program may be prohibited from playing in a home and/or away contest(s) with a certain spectator(s) in attendance for up to one year.*
9. *The coach shall be penalized under Bylaw 5.12.*
10. *The school may be required to pay for the cost of any hearing and/or investigation connected with the violation.*
11. *Other penalties may be imposed on the school and/or individual(s) to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.*

In closing, it is truly our hope all of you across our state will display patience, adhere to the date change and apply common sense during the next 25 calendar days. Please do not put this office in a position where we have to be involved in a punitive manner, affecting a school(s) entire summer and/or potentially affecting a successful on time fall sports season start for everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,



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