



July 19, 2020 Memo: Fall 2020 & LHSCA Clinic

Coaches, I know at this time our internal clocks are gearing up for the start of Fall Camp, returning to school, and Kicking off the 2020 Season. Tomorrow the Governor will update the phase and guidelines for the Covid-19 Pandemic. We all preach to control the controllable, his decision is one we do not control, but we will be judged by our responses. Since the last update prior to the start of summer rules the LFCA Board has been working through the LHSCA and the LHSAA Football Advisory Committee to plan and ensure Football is played.

Tension and Passion for Football is high. Mr. Bonine is working with state officials to ensure that all of the sports and student-athletes in Louisiana have an opportunity to play. I know many of you have been working on plans and ideas for how to proceed with Football during the 2020-2021 school year. The ideas will lead to a solution. We must continue to advocate not only for Football but for all student-athletes. Any plan or compromise must ensure everyone has an opportunity to play.

LFCA Vice-President, Neil Weiner has been leading the efforts to find a solution to this uncommon problem. He has seen and researched many of the plans that have surfaced. We must also remember while our neighboring states can assist with guidance or ideas each state's response is unique. Louisiana has remained one of the leading hot-spots in the country throughout this pandemic. Below you will see summaries of some of the plans that the LFCA is working with LHSCA and LHSAA Football Advisory as contingencies, if the Governor Edwards announcement is not favorable. It is our hope to be able to assist the Executive Committee in making a decision that allows for no student-athletes to miss the valuable lessons athletics helps to teach. Members can give feedback by completing the Feedback Form (<https://forms.gle/S7HCwNFqfNaGFjmr8>).

Please take advantage of the outstanding Line-Up of Speakers for this year's 2020 LHSCA Coaches Clinic. <https://lhsca.coachesclinic.com/> Would like to publicly thank LHSCA Director Eric Held for his tremendous preparation.

Thank you for your leadership in your communities.

Sincerely,

Dwain Jenkins LFCA President

Neil Weiner LFCA Vice President

Scott Abernathy LFCA Vice President  
Summaries

Here are the four scenarios. Please give thoughts and ideas before we try to come up with a final recommendation.

#### **SWAP SCENARIOS**

A Fall and Spring (Major Sports; Full Seasons)

B Fall and Spring (Major Sports; Reduced Seasons)

C Fall and Spring (Minimal Swap)

## SWAP SUMMARIES

### **(A) Fall and Spring (Major Sports; Full Seasons)**

All "major" sports switch

The calendar gets extended into June to allow for full seasons

Need to consider B/C Basketball to use same dates as 1A-5A

\*Disclaimer in case of shutdown creates overlapping sports

### **(B) Fall and Spring (Major Sports; Reduced Seasons)**

All "major" sports switch

Seasons reduced to finish year May 14

Need to consider B/C Basketball to use same dates as 1A-5A

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### **(C) Fall and Spring (Minimal Swap)**

Only FB/XC switch with BSB/TF

Season reduced for football to end May 14

Need to consider B/C Basketball to use same dates as 1A-5A

Allows for \*disclaimer in case of a shutdown

### **(D) Spring to Fall to Winter**

All "major" sports in all three seasons switch

Season reduced for basketball to end in May

B/C basketball could start earlier

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COVID Resources: White House Guidelines for Reopening America <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Guidelines-for-Opening-Up-America-Again.pdf>

Louisiana Department of Health  
<http://ldh.la.gov/Coronavirus/>

Louisiana Department of Education  
<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/covid-19>

Strong Start 2020 Document - Outlines Group Sizes and Other Key Components  
<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/strong-start-2020/school-reopening-guidelines-and-resources.pdf>

LHSAA - May 1, 2020 - Memo  
[http://cdn.lhsaa.org/uploads/email/LHSAA\\_Membership\\_Memo\\_5-1-20.pdf](http://cdn.lhsaa.org/uploads/email/LHSAA_Membership_Memo_5-1-20.pdf)

LHSAA - May 13, 2020 - Memo

[http://cdn.lhsaa.org/uploads/email/LHSAA\\_Summer\\_Rules\\_Memo\\_5-13-2020.pdf](http://cdn.lhsaa.org/uploads/email/LHSAA_Summer_Rules_Memo_5-13-2020.pdf)