

## DISTRICT 26AA SOFTBALL RULES

July 29, 2004

2004-2005 & 2005-2006

1. The first date of District play shall be determined by the District Executive Committee in accordance with the University Interscholastic League calendar.
2. Make-up games, play-offs, and ties must be completed so that the District Champion may be certified by the last date authorized by the UIL calendar. If a rainout occurs at the home in the first round of district play and the scheduled visiting school field is playable, the home sites will be flipped so the game could be played on its original date. Any games that are canceled must be played on the next available date, as per UIL rules by mutual consent of both schools involved ***Rainouts are to be scheduled in the order that the rainouts occur. The superintendents of District 26AA wish to avoid Wednesdays (unavailable dates) as rainout playing dates if at all possible because of local church affairs.***
3. Seven (7)-inning games will be played unless extra innings are necessary to break a tie. If the tie game is called because of darkness or weather in district play, then the game will be continued and decided just prior to the next scheduled game between the two teams or the first available playing date, with no games on Wednesday if no other district game is scheduled between the two schools.
4. If a game in progress is called by the umpires due to inclement weather, it will stand as a complete game if four and one-half (4.5) innings have been played, if the home team is ahead; 5 innings, if the home team is trailing. Rainouts and games called because of darkness will be played on the next available playing date. The definition of the next available playing date is: Tuesday games will be completed Thursday and Friday games will be completed on Saturday.
5. The Ten Run Rule (10) shall be in effect after five (5) innings, (4 ½ innings) if the home team is ahead. The 15 Run Rule shall be in effect after three (3) innings, (2 ½ innings) if the home team is ahead.
6. District games will be scheduled at 4:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. as scheduled by the coaches involved. By mutual agreement between the coaches involved, the starting time of the night game may be changed in order to reduce the glare from the evening sun, which could create a safety hazard. Each school should do its best to accommodate the needs of its playing partners. If two schools mutually agree upon changes in times, dates, sites, the District Chairman and other schools in the District shall be notified.
7. Pre-game warm-up time shall be as follows:  

<u>4:00 p.m. Games</u>		<u>6:00 p.m. Games</u>
2:55 to 3:25	Visiting Team Batting	4:55 to 5:25
3:25 to 3:40	Home Team Infield	5:25 to 5:40
3:40 to 3:55	Visiting Team Infield	5:40 to 5:55
8. If a team is involved in a girl's basketball play-off game and there is a conflict with a District softball game, the softball game will be cancelled, and the two teams will play a double header in the next round, and with the site to be determined by a coin flip.
9. Players and coaches are to be in full uniform.
10. Admission charges, if made, shall be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.
11. Officials shall be from accredited associations and shall be secured by the home team. Officials shall not be from either of the schools playing.

