

DISTRICT 27AA SOFTBALL RULES

July 27, 2006

2006-2007 & 2007-2008

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 27AA 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.

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12. The home team shall furnish at least two game balls. District 27AA will use the Spaulding Dudley Yellow WT12YFPCORE 47 ball.
13. Any playing rule adopted by District 27AA that becomes inoperative by UIL rule changes shall become null and void.
14. Speed up rules as outlined by National Federation will be used. The use of a courtesy runner for pitcher and catcher is allowed any time, regardless of the number of outs.
15. The District winner shall call a meeting of the baseball coaches to select All-District players within 10 days of the conclusion of the District schedule. Results of the All-District selections shall be sealed and kept by the district school 's coach until after all three teams representing the district are out of the play-offs. The meeting time will be after regular school hours in the evening.
16. DETERMINING THE DISTRICT WINNER AND RUNNER-UP If a play-off game or District play-off tournament is required, schools involved shall agree upon the site and Officials. Cases not covered when teams are unable to agree or in cases not specifically covered in the minutes or policies of the District Executive Committee or the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules, the issues shall be decided by the District Executive Committee.
 - A. The team with the highest won-lost percentage shall be the District Champion. The team with the second highest won-lost percentage shall be the District Runner-up. In Case of a tie for second place, the Runner-up team will determined in the same manner as the first place team.
 - B. In the event that two teams tie, both teams will be declared Co-Champs. If one team has defeated the other twice in district games, they will be named District Champions with the other team as District Runner-Up. If the two teams involved in the tie split their head-on contests then a one game playoff will be played.
 - C. If three teams are tied, a tournament will be held at the site chosen by the teams involved. Teams will draw for positions. The team that wins the tournament will be declared Champion.

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 - D. If four teams are tied, a single elimination tournament will be held at a site chosen by the teams involved. Teams will draw for positions. The winner of the final game of the tournament will be declared District champion and the loser will be declared the runner-up for the District.
17. Softball Schedules for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 Seasons are enclosed. Coaches are to exchange schedules prior to the start of the season.
18. The home team will report results to Wade Stidevent at Boling ISD, fax # 979-657-3265 on the form provided or email the results to wstidevent@bolingisd.net.

No JV District Games scheduled in softball as part of a district schedule. Each school is on their own in making their own JV schedule.