DISTRICT 28-4A
2012-2013 SOFTBALL ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN

Organized September 12, 2012

Brackenridge – Brennan – Burbank – Edison – Highlands – Jefferson - Lanier

I. DETERMINING DISTRICT CHAMPION, RUNNER-UP, 3RD PLACE AND 4TH PLACE

A. The district Champion shall be determined by playing a double round schedule.

1. The team with the best overall win/loss record will be the District Champion.

2. The team with the 2nd best win/loss record will be the 2nd place District Representative.

3. The team with the 3rd best win/loss record will be the 3rd place District Representative.

4. The team with the 4th best win/loss record will be the 4th place District Representative.

B. In the event two or more teams tie for the District Championship, each team involved in the tie shall be declared Co-champion.

1. If two teams tie for the District Championship

a. If one team has won both mutual games that team will be declared the District Winner and the other team the Runner-up.

b. If two teams split mutual games and tie for first place, there will be a one game play-off the winner of which will be the 1st place seed and the other the 2nd place seed.

2. Where seeding cannot be determined by head-to-head competition, the seeding will be determined by draw and a one-game tournament play will determine the 1st place seed, 2nd place seed, and 3rd place seed. If bad weather occurs or if both coaches mutually agree, seeding may be determined by a coin flip. If a coin flip is not mutually agreed upon, the teams will play for seeding.

EXAMPLES:

a. 3 way ties

(1) A, B, +C
Head-to-head records A: 4-0, B: 2-2, C: 0-4
A is declared 1st place seed
B is declared 2nd place seed

(2) Head-to-head records A: 3-1, B: 2-2, C: 1-3
Single elimination tournament: A draws bye, B plays C. Winner plays A for 1st place seed and 2nd place seed.

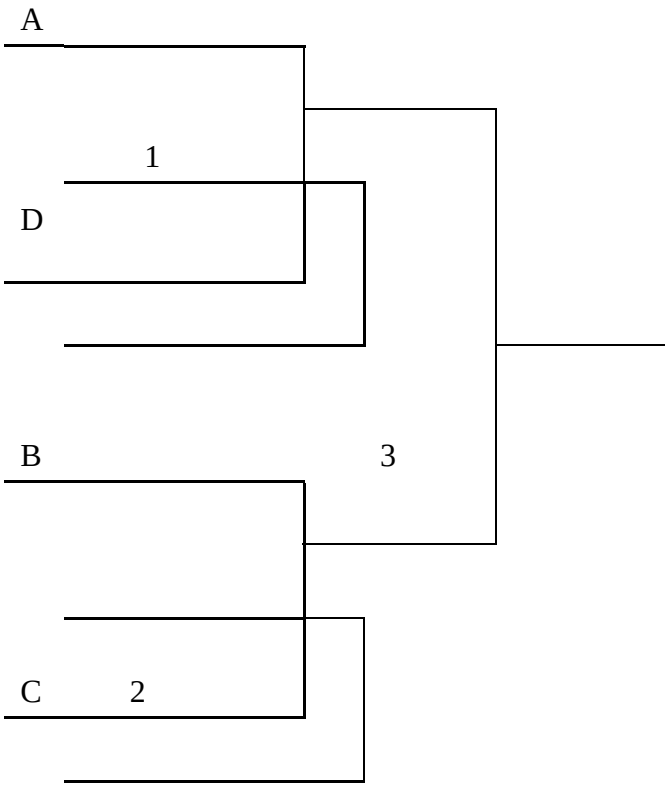
(3) Head-to-head records A: 2-2, B: 2-2, C: 2-2

A, B, and C will draw for bye. Tournament play will determine 1st place seed and 2nd place seed. C draws bye. Team A plays team B. The winner A then plays C. If C wins, C is the 1st place seed and A is the 2nd place seed. If A wins, A is the 1st place seed and B and C play, the winner determines 2nd place seed.

b. 4 way ties

(1) Head-to-head records A: 6-0, B: 4-2,
C: 2-4, D: 0-6
A is declared 1st place seed.
A three-way tie is left for 2nd place seed.
Head-to-head records B: 4-0, C: 2-2, D: 0-4
B is declared 2nd place seed.

(2) Head-to-head A: 4-2, B: 3-3, C: 3-3, D: 2-4
Seeded tournament as follows:



(3) The date, site, and time of games in the tournament and play-off games will be determined by the teams involved according to U.I.L. Constitution and Contest Rules.

(4) Teams involved in play-off tournaments and games to determine District Winners and Runner-Ups will determine admission and will split all receipts and expenses.

II. POSTPONED GAMES

A. Tied ball games called prior to completion of 5 innings will be replayed from the start. Tied games which are suspended after the 5th inning will be continued the next day at the home site. If the home site is not available, the game will be played at the visitor's site. If that site is not available, the game will be moved to a neutral site.

B. Postponed and incomplete games shall be played or replayed on the next mutually open date (Saturday included) that the home field is playable, provided that no school, except for the last week of the schedule, shall be required to play more than three games per week. The initiative, relating to decisions concerning such games, shall rest with the home school. For schools that have more than one such game at the same time, the order of play shall be the same as the order on the original schedule.

III. GAME CANCELLATION

All scheduled games must be played if they have a bearing on the District 29-4A 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place standing. If the game will have no bearing on the district standing, the postponed game may be canceled by mutual agreement.

IV. GAME BALLS

Game balls approved for use in district play will be the Dudley Thunder ball.

V. ADMISSION

A. Admission prices will be:

Varsity
- $3.00 – Adults
- $2.00 – Students

Sub-Varsity
- $2.00 – Adults
- $1.00 – Students

B. Players passes with accompanying photo I. D. will be honored at all 28-4A games.

C. In case of ties for District Champion and for determining 1st place seed and 2nd place seed, the teams involved will determine admissions and will split all receipts and expenses

VI. SCHEDULES

A. District game days and times will be determined by the Athletic Director by using TEA

and U.I.L. guidelines.

B. Any change of location or time of a scheduled district game will only be done by the Athletic Directors. All district schools will be notified of any changes. The home team shall notify the district schools and all Athletic Offices of changes in times and dates.

C. All district games will be scheduled on Tuesdays and Fridays (unless rain-outs determine otherwise) with the following exceptions:

1. Good Friday
2. Day of district track meet
3. Day of region track meet
4. Day of state track meet
5. Spring Break (Games will be played on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.)
6. Utilization of facilities

D. Game time

1. Saturday Varsity game time will be 1:00 p.m. due to Saturday school and SAT's.

2. Junior varsity games will begin at 5:30 p.m. and varsity games at 7:15 p.m when at SAISD. JV games will be played at Brennan High School at 5p.m. Varsity games played at Northside will be at either 5p.m. or 7p.m.

3. Junior Varsity games will have a 1½ -hour game time limit with no new inning beginning after 1 ¼ hours (one hour, fifteen minutes). The game will drop dead at 1½ hours. If tied after 1 ½ hours, the game will remain tied. If tied after seven innings and there is still time, play will continue until time is up.

4. Courtesy Rule: Junior Varsity only
   A. Each team will get a 6-run limit per inning.

E. Coaches will send copies of their school's schedule to other district coaches before the season begins. District 28-4A softball shall follow the same district schedule of play as determined in the football organization play. The softball chairman shall prepare district schedules and playing dates as authorized in this plan and distribute same to all member schools.

F. TIEBREAK RULE – For Varsity only, in the event of a tie at the end of seven innings the teams will play out until a winner is determined.

VII. JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

Two rounds will be played.

VIII. UMPIRE

Must be UIL-approved. .

IX. RUN RULE

Adoption of the ten-run rule after completion of five innings is mandatory in all district games.
Adoption of the fifteen-run rule after completion of 3 innings is mandatory in all district games.

X. ALL DISTRICT TEAM SELECTIONS

Selection of players and positions will be as follows for all district teams:

A. A district softball coaches' meeting will be held on April 23, 2013, to select the All-District teams. The meeting will be called and facilitated by the District Champion.

B. The announcement of all district selections will be withheld until the district representatives have been eliminated from the play-offs.

C. All-District selection procedures:

1. Players will be nominated by their own coaches.
2. Voting will be by written secret ballot and coaches cannot vote for their own players.
3. The following procedures shall be followed in the selection of all-district teams:
   a. The All-district team will consist of 12 players plus four superlatives. Coaches may only nominate one player for superlatives.
      i. Newcomer of the Year
      ii. Utility
      iii. Outstanding Offensive Player
      iv. Outstanding Defensive Player
   b. The second all-district team will consist of 17 players.
   c. There will be a cap on nominations per school for both first and second all-district teams. Each participating school will be able to nominate no more than four players from their team.
   d. In the case of a tie, there will be a re-vote of the coaches who do not have a

player involved in the tie until the tie is broken. If the tie cannot be broken all players will be added to the All-District Team.

e. Honorable mention decisions will be left to individual schools but will be recorded in the district minutes with all-district selections.

4. In the selection of Academic All-District:
   a. Only varsity athletes will be eligible.
   b. Academic All-District selections with a cumulative grade average of 90 or better will be determined by each school district and forwarded to the District Chairman.
5. A copy of the All-District team will be given to the district chairman

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