



District 2-AAAAAA

Policies, Rules and Procedures

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DISTRICT 2-AAAAAA
POLICIES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS
2014-2016

SECTION 100: GENERAL

100.1 The District shall be composed of AAAA AA schools as designated by the University Interscholastic League. The schools that make up the District are Amarillo High, Lubbock Monterey, Wolfforth Frenship, Lubbock Coronado and Tascosa High.

100.2 Executive Committee

100.21 All inter-school contests will be governed by the *Constitution and Contest Rules* of the University Interscholastic League. In cases not covered by these rules, the official policies of the district will prevail. Disputes and protests will be settled by the District Executive Committee. The DEC shall be composed of the Superintendents or Principals or designated administrators from the participating schools.

100.22 Each participating school shall have one vote.

100.3 District Chairman and Responsibilities

100.31 The District Executive Committee of District 2-AAAAAA shall select a chairman to serve for the first two school years of the realigned District 2-AAAAAA. The District Chairman shall serve two years or until the current 5 team district is dissolved by the UIL. The District Chairman shall be replaced if the majority of the members vote to vacate the position. The District Executive Committee and the District Chairman shall govern all Interscholastic League inter-school activities.

100.32 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

1. Call all regular, special and emergency meetings of the District Executive Committee.
2. Be responsible for all funds collected by the District Executive Committee and issue all checks.
3. Be responsible for the purchase of all awards for all district contests as directed by the District Executive Committee.
4. Collect and make all assessments to cover the expenses of the District Executive Committee.
5. Issue District Passes.
6. Approve all transfers when correct UIL transfer forms are properly completed according to UIL C&CR regulations.
7. Report all penalties to the UIL office.
8. Certify to the UIL, the District 2-6A playoff representatives in each area of competition as it occurs and in accordance with the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.
9. Preserve and maintain the records of the District Executive Committee.
10. Prepare and distribute minutes of each meeting and district policy amendments in a timely manner.
11. Appoint committees and make studies and recommendations as deemed necessary.
12. Be familiar with the duties of the District Executive Committee, as prescribed in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.

100.33 The District Chairman is a non-voting member of the District Executive Committee.

100.4 Meetings

100.41 There shall be three District Executive Committee meetings with the time and place designated by the District Chairman. One will be held prior to the start of school the second will be held in November and the third will be held in February depending on Realignment. **Special Meetings may be called if needed.**

100.42 An agenda will be sent to district members two weeks prior to the meetings. No action can be taken on items not so listed without the unanimous approval of the District Executive Committee.

100.43 All other meetings shall be called by the District Chairman by notifying all member schools.

100.44 Meetings are to be open meetings. Any member of the committee may ask for an executive session at any time. The minutes of all meetings will be kept by the District Chairman and copies of it will be sent to all participating schools following each meeting.

100.5 Fees

100.51 Each school in the district shall be assessed a fee to cover all inter-district expenses for the current Year. A fee of \$1,200 per school will be assessed for the services of the District Chairman. At the end of the school year, the District Chairman shall present a financial statement to all member schools with a listing of all disbursements and the current status of the account. If this fee does not cover the expenses of the district, each school shall be assessed an equal additional amount to cover the expenses at the end of the current year.

100.52 District Dues are to be paid by no later than **October 1** each year.

100.6 Crowd Control at Athletic Contest

100.61 Only cheerleaders, bell ringers and other supporters or workers that are easily identified by school shirts or other identification will be allowed on the field of play preceding the contest, during half-time, or other intermissions, and after the contest. (Bell ringers are allowed at football games only). This does not exclude from the field or court of play students and public officials engaged in such activities as crowning of the homecoming queen before the game or during half-time, and band performances before the game or during half-time.

100.62 No one shall be permitted to enter the field of play or players' dressing rooms immediately following the end of contest except authorized personnel, players, coaches, uniformed game officials, and uniformed police. The only exception being in the case of an injured player, then the parent or guardian will be admitted.

100.63 Photographers representing the public, press, or the school may be admitted to the sidelines. Admission must be pre-approved by the home team Athletic Department.

100.64 Spectators shall refrain from abusive language toward game officials and other spectators, or other conduct which might incite rioting.

100.65 Coaches shall refrain from abusive language toward game officials, actions or gestures, which might incite spectators.

100.66 The Host school shall provide adequate law enforcement personnel at athletic contests, four (4) in-uniform officers at football games and at least one at basketball games. One uniformed officer should be positioned in the visitor's seating area.

100.67 Local school officials shall use the various media available to inform the public about these policies and other appropriate UIL rules and regulations

100.7 Awards All athletic and academic awards will be purchased and issued based on the list approved by the DEC.

SECTION 200: SPORTSMANSHIP

200.1 In an effort to promote and encourage sportsmanship, a most important ingredient of scholastic competition, the District Executive Committee has adopted the Sportsmanship Code and the Sportsmanship Awards.

200.12 Sportsmanship Code

200.13 Let us resolve that we, the member schools of District 2-6A, will be united in our efforts to promote good sportsmanship in all Interscholastic League contests. Our purpose is to promote better relationships among students and adult fans, and to promote friendly rivalry between the schools in the District.

200.14 We will cooperate with each other by observing both the University Interscholastic League rules and local rules for the conduct of each contest.

200.15 We will practice fair play in both reality, spirit, and according to the rules as interpreted by the officials.

200.16 We will practice the golden rule: "do unto others as you would have them do unto you". We will treat our opponents as guests and friends by providing information for their comfort and welfare.

200.17 We will maintain a courteous attitude at all times during and after all interschool activities. We will respect the rights of others, the officials, the school song, the national anthem, and the prayer or "moment of silence" when they are used for a contest.

200.18 This is a voluntary organization and all conditions surrounding participation as prescribed herein are freely accepted and both the letter and spirit of the rules are to be observed with genuine cooperation and good will be the participating schools.

200.2 Public Address System

When a public address system is used at an athletic event, the announcer should be objective and neutral. It will be of a non-bias nature. Please remember the goals and objectives of the UIL when using the public address system. This is a voluntary organization and all conditions surrounding participation as prescribed herein are freely accepted and both the letter and spirit of the rules are to be observed with genuine cooperation and good will by the participating schools. (*Constitution and Contest Rules*). *This should apply to all the Athletic Events of the District*

- a) *To enhance students' educational experience.*
- b) *To prepare students for citizenship by providing interschool competition among the public elementary and secondary schools of Texas.*

200.3 Academic Athletic Honor Award Program

200.31 The Academic Athlete Honor Award will be given for all varsity sports in UIL District 2-AAAAAA. The procedures outlined below shall be followed.

200.32 High Schools are encouraged to initiate an award system locally whereby strong academic students who do not meet above standards do receive recognition locally.

SECTION 300 FOOTBALL

300.1 Schedule

- 300.11** The District Executive Committee will adopt the football schedule for a two year period.
- 300.12** A Junior Varsity schedule will be left to the discretion of the individual schools
- 300.13** A District Champion will not be declared in Junior Varsity Football.
- 300.14** Visiting teams will wear white jerseys and the home teams will wear colored jerseys.
- 300.15** Time and Day of Games

All District football games will start at 7:30 pm for evening games and 1:00 pm for afternoon games. The time may be changed by mutual agreement of the competing schools provided adequate notice is given to other member schools. Notification of changes will be the responsibility of the home team. The District Chairman must be notified in advance of any change.

Dates of district games may not be changed without the mutual consent of the schools involved. A team in this district changing a non-district game date must notify the District Chairman and all district opponents at least one week in advance of the game.

300.2 Determining District Championship

300.21 The team with the best won/lost record in District play will be the District Champion. The team with the second, third, and fourth best won/lost record in district play shall represent the district in the playoffs. If two or more teams are tied for the district championship, the teams involved in the tie shall be declared co-champions.

300.22 Determining Playoff Representatives

Determine the top four teams. Place the two largest of the four in the Division I bracket and place the remaining two schools in the Division II bracket according to the order of finish of these two schools

300.23 In the event of ties, the following tie breaking procedure will be used.

TWO TEAM TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

- (1) Head-to-head

MULTIPLE TEAM TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

- (1) Head-to-head
- (2) Positive and Negative Points

The multiple tie breaking procedures will be used only to determine the four playoff representatives. Once the top four teams are identified, the largest two schools will be placed in the Division I bracket and the two smaller teams will be placed into Division II bracket. The two team tie breaker procedure will be used for placement in the playoff brackets.

If 4 or more teams tie for first place in the district race the following procedure will be used to determine the four playoff representatives:

or

If 4 or more teams tie for 2nd place in the district race the following procedure will be used to determine 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place representatives:

or

If 3 or more teams tie for 3rd place in the district race the following procedure will be used to determine the 3rd and 4th place playoff representatives:

or

If 3 or more teams tie for 4th place in the district race the following procedure will be used to determine the 4th place playoff representative:

1. Head-to-Head: If one team has beaten all the teams involved in the tie, that team shall advance. If only two teams remain tied, head-to-head results shall prevail. If a multiple team tie still remains, the multiple team tie breaking procedure will be used considering only the teams remaining tied. Once multiple teams have entered into the positive/negative point tie breaking system, they will remain in the system until all places are settled or unbreakable points are established. (The teams will not revert back to head-to-head once one team has been placed and two remain. The point system will still be used.)
2. Positive and Negative Points: In a multiple team tie that cannot be determined by head-to-head competition the positive/negative point system will be used. In a multiple tie of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place, representatives will be determined by positive and negative points.
3. If there is an unbreakable tie in points among multiple teams, the tie will be broken by a coin toss with the odd man in. Once that one is selected, then the tie breaking system goes back to: (a) head-to-head, then (b) positive/negative points and (c) coin toss.

POINT SYSTEM (Positive and Negative Points)

Points are relative only to the teams tied. The tied teams represent a mini-district and points are taken only from games played within that mini-district. A team may gain a maximum of 15 points per game (0 to 15). A team may lose a maximum of 15 points per game (0 to 15).

Scenarios:

Four way tie (two loses - two teams must have lost at least one game outside the mini-district):

Team A – beat Team B +7, loses Team C -4, beat Team D +15
 Team B – loses Team A -7, beat Team C +4, loses Team D -9
 Team C – beat Team A +4, loses Team B -4, beat Team D +12
 Team D – loses Team A -15, beat Team B +1, loses Team C -12

Point Totals:

Team A: +7, -4, +15 = +18	First	Small School Enrollment
Team B: -7, +4, -9 = -12	Third	Large School Enrollment
Team C: +4, -4, +12 = +12	Second	Large School Enrollment
Team D: -15, +9, -12 = -18	Fourth	Small School Enrollment

1st and 2nd seed for Small School Enrollment determined by head-to-head of

2 Small Enrollment schools, and the same procedure used to 2 Large School Enrollment schools.

The following scenario would be used to determine the playoff representative in the event of a tie that involves the exact number of play-off positions available:

4 way tie for first: Two largest schools in Division I and the two smallest schools in Division II. Head-to-head would be used to determine division seeding.

3 way tie for 2nd: If the 1st place representative is a large school, then the second seed in Division I goes to the next largest school. The two remaining schools will be in Division II. Head-to-head will determine the seeding in Division II.

2 way tie for 3rd: The 1st and 2nd place representatives will determine the seeding of the two remaining schools. EX: If the 1st and 2nd place teams are Division I, then the 2 tied teams will be in Division II and head-to-head determines seeding.

300.3 Official Football

300.31 The ball must be in compliance with “The National Collegiate Athletic Association Football Rules”.

300.4 Eligibility

300.41 Rosters: Each school shall submit a copy of its eligibility roster to the District Chairman prior to playing its first Contest. A copy of the eligibility roster should also be kept on file at each school.

300.42 Supplementary eligibility lists shall be submitted to the District Chairman as players are added to the team. A copy of the supplementary eligibility form should also be kept on file at each school

300.43 “B” team players must be passing the required work during the current semester and must be potentially eligible for varsity competition.

300.44 Eligibility Cases: Cases involving questions of eligibility of players should be presented in writing to the District Chairman. Coaches should make sure that the proper UIL form is used and should assist the athlete and his parents in filling out the form.

300.45 The District will adhere to the UIL Transfer Rule with eligibility approved depending upon the filing of signed release forms with the District Chairman.

300.5 Admission Policies

300.51 Ticket Prices: Reserve-seat season tickets will be priced at the discretion of each district when purchased prior to the season’s first game.

Reserve-seat ticket prices each week will be **\$6.00. (Only tickets for the game to be played that week can be sold. No tickets for future games will be on sale).**

Tickets sold at the gate on game night will be **\$8.00** each for both adults and students.

Student pre-game tickets will be \$2.00 each when bought at school. (Student Section)

Adult pre-game tickets will be \$6.00 each. `1

Student tickets bought at the gate on game night will be **\$8.00**. (Student Section)

300.52 All sub-varsity (grades 9-12) ticket prices will be **\$2.00** for students and **\$4.00** for adults. Schools may elect not to charge admission to sub-varsity games but if they do the above prices should be charged.

300.53 **All Football ticket sales will be kept by the home team. All ticket sales for other sports, except for football, will be kept by the home team as well.**

300.6 Passes

300.61 Football players, bands, cheerleaders, pep squad, and drill teams as organized school supervised groups, in uniforms, shall be admitted to District games without a ticket.

300.62 The working press, radio personnel, game officials, coaches, team doctor and people who are working at the game (ushers, ticket sellers, ticket takers, those working in concessions, electricians, etc.) shall be admitted to District Football games without tickets. Adults that have been assigned to supervise students (band sponsors, cheerleader sponsors, bus drivers) will also be admitted free.

300.63 All complimentary tickets are to be paid for by the individual schools.

300.64 **Tickets for visiting School.** The visiting school will fax a copy of the local tickets that were sold to the home team along with a financial report to indicated how many tickets were sold. This needs to be sent by noon of the date of the game being played.

300.66 Sideline passes will be available by the home team for individuals that might be on the side-line during games, (photographers, band sponsors etc.) Each school will be issued 20 passes and may request more if needed. These passes must be worn and be visible at all times.

300.7 District Passes

300.71 The District Chairman will issue a District 2-6A Pass (100 per School) to the Athletic Directors who in turn will issue them to School Principals, Administrators and coaches.

300.72 District Passes will admit two people and will read "**Please Admit Cardholder, Spouse and Children to all UIL District 2-6A Contests.**"

300.8 Stadium Policies

300.81 Pre-game schedule

300.82 All pre-game activities will be concluded five (5) minutes prior to game time. (7:25 pm or 12:55 pm)

300.83 Bands will not be permitted to have pre-game practice on the playing field, but may go on the field for pre-game ceremonial, after the teams have completed their warm-ups.

300.84 It will be the responsibility of the Principal of the host school to see that the visiting school

gets a pre-game agenda (if deviating from the pre-game ceremonies listed above) seating arrangements, stadium plan, and special arrangements no later than Tuesday of the week of the game, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

300.85 Half-Time Activities

- a. The half-time interval will be 28 minutes (UIL rule). The referee will notify both coaches at least four minutes before the start of the second half.
- b. Bands and pep squads must divide the time equally for half-time performance time. Each band has 12 minutes to enter, perform, and leave the field. The clock will start as soon as the field is cleared of the football teams. The timer will not wait until the band is ready to begin. The time for the second band and drill team will begin as soon as the band steps on the field or automatically one minute after the first band leaves the field. Band directors and drill teams will be warned if the maximum time limit is violated.
- c. If there are special activities, such as homecoming these events may be scheduled by mutual consent.

300.86 All violations of the half-time rule must be addressed by the principal and reported to the District Executive Committee.

300.87 Lines in the Stadium: No lines may be formed inside the stadium by students or adults prior to, during, or after the game except those in uniform. Permission must be obtained from the game administrator and/or the home team athletic department. Those gaining permission must wear clearly identifiable shirts or other clear form of identification.

300.88 Students on the Field: No students or adults shall be permitted on the playing field prior to, during, or after the game except those with prior approval of the home team game administrator.

300.89 Only the cheerleaders shall be permitted to bring teams onto the field.

300.90 Mascots: No live mascots will be permitted at football games.

300.91 Signs: Durable signs of a positive nature may be displayed at District football games with approval of the game administrator. No weekly posters and signs that mention opponents are allowed.

300.92 Noisemakers: Cannons, mortars, or noise making fireworks will not be permitted in District 2-6A stadiums. This applies to district games involving 2-6A teams. (This rule prohibits the presence of cannons or fireworks even though they are not fired).

300.9 Video Specifications

300.91 All Schools will use HUDL.

300.92 Film Crew should include title/wide scoreboard shot after each change of possession and each score.

300.93 Film Crew should include official signaling all fouls.

300.94 All HUDL video will be sent ODKed and with down and distance displayed.

300.95 All Video will be e-mailed 10 days before the game. The video should be in the opponent's possession by 1:00 pm on Tuesday.

300.96 The one remaining HUDL exchange video will be e-mailed after both teams involved have played their opponent's that week.

300.10 All-District Team

300.101 The head football coaches will meet the Wednesday after district certification to select the official All-District Football Team. The District Champions will set the time for the meeting. This meeting will be held at no cost to the District 2-6A Fund.

300.102 It is up to each head coach as to who he brings with him to the meeting.

300.103 The announcement of All-District selections will be withheld until all district representatives have been eliminated from the playoffs.

300.104 Coaches will select an Offensive Players of the Year and a Defensive Player of the year.

300.105 Coaches will select a Coach of the Year.

300.106 Procedures for selecting All District.

- a. Nomination forms will be e-mailed to coaches in late October.
- b. Players will be nominated from each team on a ballot that will be e-mailed to them.
- c. Coaches will send fax or e-mail all nominations to each of the other coaches prior to the meeting.
- d. Coaches will meet to select the All-District team

300.20 Trophy

300.201 The winner of the District Championship will be awarded the District Championship Trophy at the All-District Meeting.

300.202 A regulation size football trophy engraved "District 2-AAAAAA (year)" shall be given to the Champion or Co-Champion.

300.30 District Bell

300.301 There will be no official District Bell. District Teams that wish to have a Team Bell may have it on the sideline during district games.

300.40 Broadcasting

300.401 Radio (All sports)

300.402 The home school may make arrangements for the broadcast of its games by one local station. Feeds by the home station must be approved by home school officials. The designated home

station may feed to any “neutral” town with permission of the participating schools. (Neutral town is one other than those involved in the game.) Should there be a feed to the visiting town, it must be only to the station designated by the officials of visiting schools. The visiting school shall designate one radio station to broadcast the game from the site of the game and broadcast crews are limited to a maximum of four (4) radio booth passes. Radio broadcast rights are granted under the conditions of the UIL BROADCAST REGULATIONS. If the local school makes a charge for the broadcast rights of the game, the local school shall retain the receipts.

300.403 Telecasting (live or delay)

300.404 Live telecasting (including web broadcasting) of district 2-AAAAAA football games will not be allowed unless the game is a sellout and the two teams involved have mutually agreed upon arrangements and fees. These rules are not intended to prohibit the telecasting of a film of isolated shots of a game on a sports telecast.

300.405 Public Address Running Account of the Game

300.406 There may be a running account of the game announced over the public address system to the spectators giving down and distance, ball carrier and tackler, and other pertinent facts of the game. When a public address system is used at a game, the announcer should be objective and neutral. Please remember, when using the public address system, the goals and objectives of the UIL. This is a voluntary organization and all conditions surrounding participation as prescribed herein are freely accepted and both the letter and spirit of the rules are to be observed with genuine cooperation and good will by the participating schools. (*Constitution and Contest Rules*).

1. To enhance students’ educational experience
2. To prepare students for citizenship by providing interschool competition among the public elementary and secondary schools of Texas

300.50 Officials

300.501 Both Head Football coaches must agree on the officials for their respective games. Each Head Coach should be notified and officials agreed upon prior to the football season. Each home school will use their home officials

300.502 All District 2-AAAAAA football games will be played with five officials on the field.

SECTION 400 BASKETBALL

400.1 Admissions

400.11 Adult Tickets shall be \$4.00

400.12 Student Tickets shall be \$2.00

400.13 Reserve Seats: Option of the Home Team

400.14 Each team shall retain the receipts from its home basketball games.

400.2 Officials

400.21 A three-man crew of officials will be used for all District 2-6A district games.

400.22 Selection of Officials

- A. District 2-6A will use local chapters for all games.
- B. Each District School will provide the Association's chapter secretary, by September 1 of each year, an approved list of 30 officials and a scratch list of 10 officials from the 1,2 and 3 division rated officials. The list will be for both women and men's programs. The Chapter Secretary will make assignment from these list.
- C. The Chapter Secretary will make district game assignments from the approved list. If the secretaries cannot match the two schools approved list, he will assign officials that are not on either schools scratch list.
- D. When the Chapter secretary makes changes, regardless of the reason, head coaches from each school must be notified.
- E. The same official shall not work more than 3 district games for any district team.
- F. Official scratches requested by district coaches of district games must be presented in writing to the district chairman.

400.23 Officials will be paid according to the University Interscholastic League Schedule for basketball officiating

400.3 Schedule

400.31 The District Executive Committee will adopt a triple round robin schedule with home sites reversed for the second year. The schedule will allow time for playoff ties.

400.4 Day and Time Of Games

400.41 District Basketball games will be played on **Tuesday and Fridays**. In case of a conflict or other valid reasons, the two teams may mutually agree to reschedule a game. Basketball games canceled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled on the next possible playing date. In the event of a conflict that jeopardizes a regularly scheduled contest, the Athletic Directors of the affected teams must agree that a change is necessary. Varsity Games that require a change of Date must be approved by the District Executive Committee. All Sub-varsity Games that require a change of Date will

be approved by the District Athletic Directors. Games that require only a time change do not need the approval of the District Executive Committee but the District Chairman must be notified and notification will be sent out to all District administrators and coaches. (Games that require a change in date must be re-scheduled for the next available playing date).

400.42 Times of Games

400.43 Game times for Sub-varsity games

1. Athletic Directors will determine the days and times for all sub-varsity contests.
2. Varsity girls' games shall start at 6:00 pm.
3. Varsity boys' games shall start at 7:30 or 20 minutes after the girls' game, whichever is later
4. There will be girls' and boys' junior varsity games. The girls' and boys' varsity games will be played in the same gymnasium.
5. Girls Only Game--The home school will determine whether or not the varsity girls will play at 6:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. The opposing schools need to be notified well in advance as to the time of the game.

400.44 The home team will wear **white jerseys**, and the visiting team will wear **colored jerseys**.

400.45 For the purpose of rescheduling games that have been cancelled, Wednesday will not be a playable date unless the two schools mutually agree to use that date.

400.5 Game Ball

400.51 The official basketball shall be an official top grade leather basketball. The district basketball for boys is the Baden, Spaulding 100 or 1000, Wilson Jet or Wilson Competition. The home team will provide minimum of six warm-up balls for the visiting team. Girls will use the smaller basketball. The home team will determine the ball to be used

400.6 Trophy

400.61 The winner of the District Championship or Co-Champions will be awarded the District Championship Trophy at the All-District Meeting.

400.62 A regulation size basketball trophy "gold type" shall be awarded to the District Championship team.

400.7 District Meeting

400.71 All-District Team

400.72 The head basketball coaches will meet the Wednesday after district certification to select the official All-District Basketball Team. The District Champions will set the time for the meeting. This meeting will be held at no cost to the District 2-6A Fund.

400.73 It is up to each head coach as to who he brings with him to the meeting

400.8 Eligibility

400.81 Rosters: Each school shall submit a copy of its eligibility roster to the District Chairman prior to playing its first Contest and will also keep a copy on file at their school.

400.82 Supplemental eligibility lists shall be submitted to the District Chairman as players are added to the team and the supplemental list will also be kept on file at their school.

400.83 Only players who have remaining eligibility will be permitted to participate on Sub-varsity teams

400.84 Eligibility Cases: Cases involving questions of eligibility of players should be presented in writing to the District Chairman at the meeting prior to the start of the season or as soon as the question arises. Coaches should make sure that the proper UIL form is used and should assist the athlete and his parents in filling out the form.

400.85 The District will adhere to the UIL Transfer Rule with eligibility approved depending upon the filing of signed release forms with the District Chairman.

400.86 "B" team players must be passing the required work during the current semester and must be potentially eligible for varsity competition.

400.9 Gymnasium Policies (Also will apply to Volleyball)

400.91 Signs in Gyms

400.92 No weekly posters and signs that mention opponents are allowed. Positive banners or signs may be displayed in the gym during the season

400.93 Lines in Gyms

400.94 No lines are to be formed by students or adults as teams come on the court. Spectators shall be kept off the floor. Team members and cheerleaders may form support lines for their teams.

400.95 Mascots

400.96 No Live mascots will be permitted at Basketball games.

400.97 Noisemakers

400.98 Noisemakers are prohibited at league athletic league contest in field houses and/or gymnasiums

400.99 Bands:

400.991 Home bands may play prior to game time, between games, during time outs, and at the half-time, but they are not to be seated directly behind the visiting team, and the number of players may not exceed fifty (50).

400.992 The home team may cut down its own nets upon winning the District Championship.

400.10 Instant Replay Equipment

400.101 Video tape equipment will be permitted at district games for filming purposes only.

400.102 No member school shall allow a video of the district representatives to be borrowed or viewed by another school until the district representatives have been eliminated or have won the State Championship.

400.103 No District team's scout may video an opponent's game.

400.104 Schools may copy or duplicate video tapes of other teams during the year. However, these copies or duplicated tapes cannot be given or shown to a coach outside of District 2-6A during the season. A season is defined until the last team from District 2-6A is eliminated from competition.

400.105 Radio Broadcasts: (Football Guidelines apply to all Sports).

400.106 Telecasting: (Same rule applies to all sports). Telecast of basketball games on the local basis is permitted if the game is a complete sellout.

400.107 Determining District Championship *(Will also apply to all other team sports)*

400.108 The team having the highest percentage of district wins shall be declared District Champions. The team with the second highest percentage of district wins shall be the District runner-up. The team with the third highest percentage of district wins shall be the third place team. The team with the fourth highest percentage of district wins shall be the fourth place team.

400.109 Teams tied for first place at the end of regular season will be co-champions, tri-champs, etc. If two teams tie for first and if either team has beaten the other in both head to head games then that team will receive the higher seed. If the two teams split head to head they will have a one-game playoff at a site to be determined by the two teams involved according to UIL rules. The winner of the game will be the higher seed.

400.110 If three teams are tied for the district championship a mini tournament will be held at a site determined by the three teams involved according to UIL rules. (Team A draws a bye, Team B will play Team C. If Team C wins they will play Team A. If Team A wins, Team C is the district runner-up. If Team C wins, Team A will play Team B for the runner-up spot.

400.111 If four teams are tied for the district championship a mini tournament the will be held at a site determined by the four teams involved according to UIL rules. They will draw for spots, A vs. C, B vs. D. The two winners of the first game will play for the championship, the loser is the runner-up. The losers of the first match play each other for the third place finish

400.112 If two teams tie for second or third and if either team has beaten the other in both head to head games, then that team will receive the higher seed. If the two teams split head to head the same procedures for ties for first will prevail.

400.113 If two teams tie for fourth and if either team has beaten the other in both head to head games, then that team will be declared the winner and will be the fourth place seed. If the two teams are tied for fourth and they have split their head to head games, then the two teams shall have a one game play-in game and the winner shall be designated 4h place.

400.114 In the event of a multiple ties for any place, **and a team or teams must be eliminated leaving only four teams**, seeding will be determined by looking at the district records of the teams involved. The team having the highest percentage of district wins **within this group** shall receive the

highest seed. If the winning percentages are the same then look at head to head games, if they are still tied use the following procedures.

- **Three-way Tie:** A coin toss shall determine the team to receive a bye to the finals, while the remaining two teams shall have a play-in game. The winner of this game shall be designated the first seed; the other team shall be runner-up. The loser of the first round game shall be 3rd place.
- **Four-Way Tie:** Determine the first round of playoff by a draw. The two winners of the first round shall have a one game playoff to determine the first and second seeds. The losers of the first round game shall have a one game playoff to determine the third and fourth seed.
- **Five –Way Tie:** In the event of a five-way tie for any place, a draw shall be used to eliminate one team and the policy for a four-way tie shall be used.

Scenario: 3 teams tied for first with 7-5 records

Team A 3-1 Team B 3-1 Team C 2-2 (Team C gets the third seed)

Team A and Team B may have a playoff to determine the #1 seed and the #2 seed.

3 teams tied for first with 7-5 records

Team A 2-2 Team B 2-2 Team C 2-2 (Head to head they all split)

Coin toss for first round bye and play it off.

Teams tied for second with 6-6 records

Team A 5-1 Team B 4-2 Team C 4-2 Team D 3-3

Team A receives the #2 seed (Best winning percentage within the group tied)

Team D is eliminated (Worst winning percentage with the group tied)

Team B and Team C may have a playoff to determine 3rd and 4th seeding

400.115 Tie Breaker: Teams shall have the option of “playing or flipping” to break ties other than head-to-head ties. All coaches shall agree to the flip. If a flip is used, the winner selects which seed they want.

SECTION 500 BASEBALL

500.1 Admissions

500.11 Adult Tickets shall be \$4.00

500.12 Student Tickets shall be \$2.00

500.2 Officials

500.21 Officials are to be paid according to the University Interscholastic League pay schedule.

500.22 The officials for District 2-6A baseball games will be selected from the Amarillo or Lubbock Association of Baseball Officials.

500.3 Schedule

500.31 The District Executive Committee will adopt a triple round robin schedule with home sites reversed for the second year. The schedule will allow time for playoff ties. All District games will be played on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

500.4 Day And Time Of Games

500.41 Times of Games District Baseball games will be played on **Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays**. In the event of a conflict that jeopardizes a regularly scheduled contest, the Athletic Directors of the affected teams must agree that a change is necessary. Varsity Games that require a change of Date must be approved by the District Executive Committee. All Sub-varsity Games that require a change of Date will be approve by the District Athletic Directors. Games that require only a time change do not need the approval of the District Executive Committee but the District Chairman must be notified and notification will be sent out to all District administrators and coaches. (Games that require a change in date must be re-scheduled for the next available playing date).

500.42 Saturday District Games will begin at 1:00 pm.

500.43 School-day District Games will begin at 4:30 pm or 7:00 pm.

500.44 The Home team will decide if a weekday baseball game will be held at 4:30 pm or 7:00 pm.

500.45 On Saturday, the visiting team will be allotted thirty (30) minutes for batting practice and each team will be allotted ten (10) minutes for infield practice. Beginning this spring, time schedules will be as follows:

11:30-12:00	Home Team Batting Practice
12:00-12:30	Visiting Team Batting Practice
12:30-12:40	Home Team Infield Practice
12:40-12:50	Visiting Team Infield Practice

500.46 On school day, each team may have ten (10) minutes of infield practice. On weekday games, batting practice is optional.

500.47 Baseball and Softball games canceled due to inclement weather will be played on the next possible playing date in the order of postponement. (Thursday, Friday, and Monday).

500.48 If a game is tied and called because of weather or darkness and the game is in the first half of district play, the game will be completed beginning with the point of suspension at the opposite site during the second half of the district play. If a game is tied and called because of weather or darkness and the game is in the second half of district play, the game will be completed beginning with the point of suspension the next playable day at the home site.

500.49 Saturday district games may be rescheduled for Friday by mutual consent of both schools. Game time on Friday games will be 4:30 pm.

500.5 Game Ball

500.51 The official game ball will be the Wilson 1010, Rawlings RO, Worth 912T, or Diamond #1

500.6 Trophy

500.61 The winner of the District Championship will be awarded the District Championship Trophy at the All-District Meeting.

500.7 District Meeting

500.71 Baseball coaches will meet the Wednesday after the UIL District certification date to select an All-District Team for 2-6A.

500.72 District Champions will set the time of the meeting and where the All-District meeting will be held..

500.73 Coaches nominate their players, but cannot vote on their own players.

500.8 Eligibility

500.81 **Rosters:** Each school shall submit a copy of its eligibility roster to the District Chairman prior to playing its first Contest and will also keep a copy of the eligibility at their school.

500.82 Supplemental eligibility lists shall be submitted to the UIL office and District Chairman as players are added to the team.

500.83 Only players who have remaining eligibility will be permitted to participate on Sub-varsity teams

500.84 **Eligibility Cases:** Cases involving questions of eligibility of players should be presented in writing to the District Chairman. Coaches should make sure that the proper UIL form is used and should assist the athlete and his parents in filling out the form.

500.85 The District will adhere to the UIL Transfer Rule with eligibility approved depending upon the filing of signed release forms with the District Chairman.

500.9 **Determining District Championship (Refer to Basketball Section 400.110)**

500.10 **Speed-Up Rules**

500.101 Ten Run Rule: After completing (5) five innings, a ten run rule would go into effect. The team ahead 10 or more runs would be declared the winner

500.102 Courtesy Runners: Courtesy runners can be substituted for the pitcher and catcher at any point during the game. This rule would assist in the amount of time needed between innings and thus speeding up the game.

500.20 **Field Responsibilities**

500.201 Coaches are responsible for keeping baseball players in the respective dugouts for safety reasons.

500.30 **Public Address Running Account of the Game.** (Refer to Section 300.505)

SECTION 600: GOLF

600.1 Schedule

600.11 The Golf Schedule shall consist of medal play matches played on courses of the district towns. Golf matches are to start at 10:00 am if possible.

600.12 The District Executive Committee shall adopt a schedule and the host cities will set dates for each match.

600.13 The District Championship will be decided by playing a tournament round robin for boys and girls

600.14 No golf team will be allowed to play a practice round on the day prior to a District Match being played on that course.

600.2 Protests

600.21 Protest shall be made to the meet director, who may seek the advice of the resident pro, and his/her decision shall be final. This final decision does not prohibit the filing of a complaint.

600.22 USGA rules will rule

600.3 Rules

600.31 Scoring Rules

600.32 U.S.G.A. scoring rules will apply in district competition. Each foursome which completes eighteen holes will report to a designated table where score cards will be checked and verified by each player in a foursome under the direction of a coach. After consultation by each player the score indicated on the card will stand. Only nine holes scores and eighteen holes scores will be posted and recorded.

600.33 The host coach shall be responsible for informing visiting coaches of any special playing rules which pertain to that specific course in writing to be given to each player at the site.

600.34 All matches shall be played under the United States Golf Association Rules. Contestants may not use caddies or electric carts during district matches. A pull cart may be used. After a player hits two consecutive shots into a hazard, his next shot will be played from a designated drop area between the hazard and the green if permitted by the tournament director. **A player shall pick up the ball and record a score of 9 after the 9th stroke on a hole.**

600.4 All-District Team

600.41 The District 2-6A All-District team shall consist of the top ten (10) medalists and ties.

600.42 These two teams will be determined by their four lowest aggregate scores from the district tournaments. The five (5) lowest scores will be the All-District team and the next five (5) lowest scores will be the second team.

SECTION 700: VOLLEYBALL

700.1 Admission

700.11 Adult Tickets shall be \$4.00

700.12 Student Tickets shall be \$2.00

700.2 Officials

700.21 Officials shall be mutually agreeable to all coaches. Officials must be agreed upon at least two weeks before the contest.

700.3 Varsity Match Table Workers

700.31 **All workers at the varsity match must be adults: score keeper, clock keeper, Libero tracker, and line judges.**

700.32 Workers at the Sub-Varsity matches can be student managers, students, or players. This includes the score keeper, clock keeper, Libero tracker and the line judges.

700.4 Schedule

700.41 The District Executive Committee will adopt a double round robin schedule with home sites reversed for the second year. The schedule will allow time for the playoff ties.

700.5 Day And Time Of Games

700.51 District volleyball games will be played on **Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays..** In the event of a conflict that jeopardizes a regularly scheduled contest, the Athletic Directors of the affected teams must agree that a change is necessary. Varsity Games that require a change of Date must be approved by the District Executive Committee. All Sub-varsity Games that require a change of date will be approved by the Athletic Directors of the teams involved. Games that require only a time change do not need the approval of the District Executive Committee but the District Chairman must be notified and notification will be sent out to all district administrators and coaches. (Games that require a change in date must be re-scheduled for the next available playing date).

700.52 Times of Games

700.53 Game times for Tuesday

Sub-varsity gym:	4:30 pm	9 th grade "A" or sophomores
	5:30 pm	9 th grade or "B" or lowest sub-varsity
Main Gym:	5:30 pm	JV
	6:30 pm	Varsity (or after JV is finished)

700.54 Game times for Friday

Sub-varsity gym:	4:00 pm	9 th grade "A" or sophomore team
	5:00 pm	9 th grade "A" or lowest sub-varsity
Main gym	5:00 pm	JV
	6:00 pm	Varsity (or after JV is finished).

700.55 Warm Up Times

- 5 minutes general warm up
- 5 minutes for visitor team hitting
- 5 minutes for home team hitting
- 2 minutes both teams serve

700.56 Game Ball

700.57 Choice of home team but will be that as approved by the UIL. Home team will provide warm up balls (12), and a ball cart for the visiting team. (both gyms).

700.58 Rally Scoring: Varsity is UIL varsity format. All sub-varsity scoring is 2 out of 3 to 25 (cap at 30), with the 3rd game to 25 (cap at 30)

700.6 **Trophy**

700.61 District 2-6A will purchase a trophy for the district champion.

700.7 **District Meeting**

700.71 Volleyball coaches will meet the Wednesday after the UIL District certification date to select an All-District Team for 2-6A.

700.72 District Champions will set the time of the meeting and where the All District meeting will be held.

Superlatives:

Coach of the Year	Outstanding Setter
Outstanding Hitter	Outstanding Defensive Player
MVP	Newcomer of the Year (1 st time varsity, any classification)

First Team: Minimum of 8 players, and up to 12 players (Coaches discretion in the event of ties).

Second Team: Minimum of 8 players, and up to 12 players. (Coaches discretion in the event of ties)

Honorable Mention: Coaches choice. Up to 4. Less than 4 if you have several on first and second team.

Note: Each school has a maximum of four honors not including superlatives.

Academic All-State (Same guidelines as TGCA Academic-All State) 94 GPA and be in good standing. Applies to all classifications.

700.8 Eligibility

700.81 Rosters: Each school shall submit a copy of its eligibility roster to the District Chairman prior to playing its first Contest and will also post a list at their school.

700.82 Supplemental eligibility lists shall be submitted to the District Chairman as players are added to the team and that list will also be posted at their school.

700.83 Only players who have remaining eligibility will be permitted to participate on Sub-varsity teams

700.84 Eligibility Cases: Cases involving questions of eligibility of players should be presented in writing to the District Chairman. Coaches should make sure that the proper UIL form is used and should assist the athlete and his parents in filling out the form.

700.85 The District will adhere to the UIL Transfer Rule with eligibility approved depending upon the filing of signed release forms with the District Chairman.

700.9 Gymnasium Policies (Refer to Section 400 Basketball 400.109)

700.10 Determining District Championship (Refer to Basketball session 400.110)

SECTION 800: DISTRICT SPRING MEET

800.1 Schedule of Meets

800.11 The District Executive Committee shall select a site for the District Academic Meet each year. The site can be one of the District 2-6A High Schools or it can be a neutral site.

800.12 The host school will recommend the Director General and Directors for the various divisions. Rules and regulations shall be followed as set in district policies.

800.2 Dates and Times

800.21 The District Executive Committee shall set the dates for the District meet and the various divisions in accordance with the UIL calendar.

800.3 Director (Literary, Speaking, and One-act Play Events)

800.31 A director(s) shall be selected for literary, speaking, and one act play events. The director shall be under the administrative supervision of the district chairman.

800.4 Disputes

800.41 All disputes, except decisions of judges or referees of contest, among members of the district shall be settled by the District Executive Committee. The decision of the District Executive Committee in all disputes arising in connection with the determination of the district championship shall be final.

800.42 All protest must be made in writing within 24 hours after the contest. However, eligibility protests and those involving mandatory penalties are not subject to the 24-hour limitation.

800.43 The representatives of the schools involved are disqualified from sitting as members of the committee in adjudication of the dispute.

800.44 All protest must be made by either the superintendent, designee or the principal. Disputes involving a member of the District 2-AAAAAA and a school of another district shall be referred to the State Executive Committee for a final decision.

800.5 Various Divisions

800.51 Tennis

800.52 Certification for entry into district meet shall be by school and not by individual.

800.53 Drawing for the district meet shall be held the night before the meet begins.

800.54 Debate

800.55 The District Championship shall be determined by round robin procedure.

800.6 One Act Play

800.61 The auditorium and its facilities for the one act play should be made known to the play directors at an early date.

800.62 The one act play contest will be the week preceding the literary contest.

800.63 The plays contest will be judged by one critic judge. He shall prepare a critique on each play and present it orally as advised by the contest manager.

800.64 Names of directors and schools shall be omitted from contest program.

800.65 Rented costumes shall not be used in the contest.

800.7 Track

800.71 Entries for the district track meet are to be in the district director's possession 10 days prior to the meet. Changes to entries will be allowed until the end of the scratch meeting. Any and all changes or additions will be accepted: Example: If a student is left off the original list, the student may be added at the scratch meeting. If an event is left un-entered, the school may enter the slot at the scratch meeting. After the scratch meeting there will be no additions or changes. A student may be dropped from an event(s), but may not be replaced after the scratch meeting.

SECTION 900 SOCCER

900.1 Admissions

Prices for all regular season contest. (If admission is charged the following ticket prices will be charged).

900.11 Adult Tickets shall be **\$4.00**

900.12 Student Tickets shall be **\$2.00**

900.13 Admissions of Participants and Personnel to District Contest

900.14 All District passes will be honored.

900.15 Cheerleaders in uniform, bus drivers, and sponsors will be admitted free.

900.16 Police, crowd control, and administrators and other person in uniform will be admitted free.

900.17 Media personnel will be admitted free.

900.2 Financial Statement

900.21 District varsity games: The home team will retain all gate receipts and assume responsibility of payment of game officials.

900.22 Non-Varsity games: The home team will retain all of the gate receipts for non-varsity games.

900.3 Student Eligibility

900.31 A list of eligible students representing each district school shall be sent to the District Chairman prior to any inter-school contest and a copy will be posted at the school.

900.32 The District Chairman will be authorized to approve any other transfer for whom proper documentation has been received and appears routine.

900.4 Playing Rules

900.41 National Federation Soccer Rules shall be used for all inter-school contests.

900.5 Game Sites

900.6 Game Officials and Game Administrators

900.61 Varsity Games: A referee and two linesmen will be selected for all district games. Due to official shortages and travel distance, some associations may send only two officials. Each coach is asked to ask the associations to make every effort to supply three officials for the varsity game. The visiting coach may request the names of the officials 48 hours prior to the games.

900.62 Officials shall be SOA members. Games may begin with two officials.

900.63 Game officials will be paid based on the UIL standard rate for games. This includes

mileage for one vehicle.

900.64 Varsity Games: The clock operator and scorekeeper shall be an adult. No students shall be used. The use of adults is also recommended for non-varsity games, if possible.

900.65 All Games: Victory lines, other than those formed by uniformed cheerleaders, will not be permitted. Mechanical noisemakers, megaphones, radios, or tape players will not be permitted in the stadium. Pre-game and half time music may be provided by the home team, and will cease five minutes before the start of each half.

900.66 The home team shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks with shorts of any color. Visiting teams will wear dark colored jerseys and socks with any color shorts per UIL rules.

900.67 The game ball for boys and girls is to be any top line approved FIFA ball and NFHS accepted.

900.68 All pre-game ceremonies are to be arranged so that the game can start at the scheduled time.

900.7 Game Times

900.71 If two games are played, the game times will be 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

900.72 If one game is played, the game time will be 5:00 pm.

900.73 When running late, the varsity game should always begin on time.

900.74 Teams should have a minimum of 20 minutes to warm up.

900.75 If conflicts arise, agreements must be made between both coaches or administrator in charge.

900.8 Game Length

900.81 Boys' game will be played at one site and girls' games will be played at another.

900.82 Varsity games will consist of two 40-minute halves and a 10 minute half time.

900.83 Junior Varsity games will consist of two 35-minute halves and a 5-minute half time.

900.84 The option to adjust starting times and dates are subject to administrative approval of the schools involved.

900.85 If a varsity match is tied at the end of regulation time, the winner will be decided by penalty kicks.

900.86 Only team personnel, cheerleaders, police officers, and medial will be allowed in the contest area during the contest.

900.87 If no official(s) show up for the contest, the game will be delayed for a one (1) hour period. During this time, all available efforts should be made to acquire the services of an acceptable UIL

certified official or officials. If no officials are available, the game will be played on the next playable date.

900.9 Schedule

900.91 The District Executive Committee will adopt a triple round robin schedule with home sites reversed for the second year. The schedule will allow time for playoff ties.

900.100 Day of Games

900.101 District Soccer games will be played on **Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays**. In the event of a conflict that jeopardizes a regularly scheduled contest, the Athletic Directors of the affected teams must agree that a change is necessary. Varsity Games that require a change of Date must be approved by the District Executive Committee. All Sub-varsity Games that require a change of Date will be approved by the District Athletic Directors. Games that require only a time change do not need the approval of the District Executive Committee but the District Chairman must be notified and notification will be sent out to all District administrators and coaches. (Games that require a change in date must be re-scheduled for the next available playing date).

900.102 When inclement weather makes a field unplayable, games are to be made up on the next playable date. Rained out games may not supersede a regularly scheduled game. Rained out games will be made in the order of the regular schedule. If the home site is not available two (2) consecutive days, the game will be played on the third date at either the home or visitors playing site. Games must be made up within seven (7) days, if possible.

900.103 During an inclement weather situation in which the match is delayed more than 1 hour the following will apply.

- a. If the match is still in the 1st half it will be rescheduled on the next available date from the point where it was suspended.
- b. If the match has begun the 2nd half it will be ruled a complete match.

900.104 The host school is responsible for determining when a game is to be postponed because of inclement weather or an unplayable surface. The decision must be made by 12:00 p.m. Visiting teams and officials must be notified. Refer to item 3 if the home school cancels a game.

900.200 Play-Off Procedures.

900.201 Both Male and female teams shall determine champions on a point basis.

900.202 The teams with the most points at the end of the season will be declared champions, runner-up, third and fourth place.

900.300 Determining Play-off Positions.

900.301 Compare points earned.

Compare Head to Head

Compare goal differential for in-district play with maximum point spread of three (3) goals (1 point for each goal).

900.302 Determine goals for in-district play, up to three (3) points maximum (1 point for each goal)

Determine goals against (all district play) up to three (3) goals.

Teams tied play one game to determine positions. Games will consist of shootout if necessary.

900.303 Point System:

3 points for a Win

2 points for Penalty Kicks Win (if game finishes in a tie).

1 point for Penalty Kick Loss (if game finishes in a tie).

0 points for Loss

900.400 District Meeting

900.401 Soccer coaches will meet the Wednesday after the UIL District certification date to select an All-District Team.

900.402 District Champions will set the time of the meeting and where the All District meeting will be held. The meeting will be held Wednesday following the district certification.

900.403 The following superlative categories will be voted on by the district coaches.

A. Overall District MVP

E. Goalkeeper MVP

B. Offensive MVP

F. Offensive Newcomer

C. Midfielder MVP

G. Defensive Newcomer

D. Defensive MVP

H. District Coach of the Year.

900.404 The First Team, Second Team and Honorable Mention All-District Selections will be appointed by the respective District Head Coaches in the following placement.

900.405 First Team: First Place--4 nominees Second Place--3 nominees
Third Place--2 nominees Fourth Place--1 nominee Fifth Place--1 nominee

900.406 Second Team: First Place--3 nominees Second Place--3 nominees
Third Place--2 nominees Fourth Place--2 nominees Fifth Place -1 nominee

900.500 Player Misconduct Point System

900.501 Pre-district player misconduct reports should be in the hands of the District Executive Committee chairman before the first district game. As per UIL rules concerning player misconduct point system, the home team coach has the responsibility to report all point violations to his Director of Athletics. The Athletic Director would then inform the chairman of the District Executive Committee or his designee by the close of the next school day after the incident took place.

SECTION 1000 CROSS-COUNTRY

1000.1 General

1000.11 Member schools will make every effort to foster good and pleasant relations between schools.

1000.12 Each member school is responsible for adhering to University Interscholastic League rules and regulations when submitting eligibility rosters or contest entry forms.

1000.13 The home team is responsible for keeping and maintaining order.

1000.2 Date and Time of District Meet

1000.21 The District Executive Committee shall set the date in accordance with the University Interscholastic League calendar. The time shall be determined by the host school.

1000.3 Substitutions

1000.31 A substitution may be made in existing entries, with guidelines set by the District in regard to injury, illness, or ineligible athletes.

1000.4 Meet Director

1000.41 The District Executive Committee shall select a meet director for District 2-AAAAAA meets or may allow the host schools to select a meet director.

1000.42 The host schools shall notify the District Chairman and district members as to whom the meet director will be.

1000.43 The meet director shall be responsible for organizing the meet at the host school and is the final authority on how the meet is organized within the confines of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* and District 2-AAAAAA rules.

1000.5 Protests

1000.51 Protests shall be made to the meet director or person designated by the meet director and his/her decision shall be final. This final decision does not prohibit protests to the District Executive Committee on items covered in *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* which go beyond the actual play, except for the place of finish which is handled by the clerk of the course.

1000.6 Entries

1000.61 Entry blanks for varsity entries can be found in the *UIL Cross Country Coaches Manual*. Entry blanks for freshman and junior varsity entries will be mailed to coaches from the cross country director's school.

1000.7 Championship Structure

1000.71 A maximum of three (3) teams and ten (10) individuals shall qualify from district to regional. An individual qualifier may also be a member of a qualifying team. Additional individuals are not moved

into the top five qualifiers if any of the first five qualifiers are also on a team. Only varsity competitors will advance.

1000.8 Distance

1000.81 Girls cross country competitors will run approximately three miles (5,000 meters). Boys cross country competitors will run approximately three miles (5,000 meters).

1000.9 Entry Limitations

1000.91 A minimum of five participants and a maximum of seven participants shall constitute a team.

1000.92 The first five finishers on each team will count for the total team score

1000.93 A school may enter less than five; however, it cannot compete for the team title.

1000.94 A school may enter only one varsity team of boys and one varsity team of girls in the District 2-AAAAAA Meet.

1000.95 Two teams may be permitted to enter in freshman and junior varsity divisions.

1000.10 Uniforms

1000.101 The cross country uniform consists of a minimum of school-issued jerseys and shorts, which are not objectionable, and shoes, which may be supplied by the contestant.

1000.102 Team members shall wear the same color and design school uniform (jersey and shorts). When other apparel is worn under the jersey, or leotards or body suits are worn under the shorts by more than one team member (two or more), that apparel must be the same color.

1000.103 A contestant must wear the assigned competitor number when numbers are used.

1000.11 Rules

1000.111 Determining Team Scores

1000.112 Place at Finish Line: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th etc.

Points: 1 2 3 4 5 etc.

1000.113 Competitors finishing the race shall be ranked and tallied in accordance with the above table. The team score shall be determined by totaling the points scored by the first five finishers of each team. The team scoring the fewest number of points is the winner.

1000.114 If less than five competitors from a school finish, the places of all the competitors from that school are disregarded in determining the team scores, and the team scores are re-ranked. Although the sixth and seventh place finishers do not score points toward the team total, the place is counted in determining the scores of the other teams.

1000.115 Ties in team scoring shall be resolved by comparing the sixth place finishers from the two teams. The team with the best sixth place finisher shall prevail. If one team does not have a sixth place finisher, the team with a sixth place finisher shall prevail. If only five competitors of trying teams

finish, the scoring shall be resolved by totaling scores of the first four finishers.

1000.12 Meet Officials

1000.121 The meet director will be responsible for securing all necessary meet officials.

1000.13 Selecting all District

1000.131 The top fifteen medal winners will be designated as All-District

SECTION 1100 TENNIS

1100.1 Site of District Tennis Tournament

1100.11 A District Member School shall host the District Tennis Tournament for boys and girls.

1100.2 Scheduling and Determining District Champions

1100.21 At the District meeting set for the purpose of seeding players for the District Tennis Tournament, there will be four players seeded.

1100.22 There will be a flip of the coin to decide if the number one seed will go on the top line of the top bracket or bottom line of the bottom bracket.

1100.23 There will be a blind draw for the remaining players beginning with all the number one players being drawn first and being placed on the top line of the draw beginning at the top of the bracket and continuing to the bottom of the bracket. In the event that a bye will be used, the bye will be given to seeded players.

1100.24 After all the number one players have been drawn, the number two players will be drawn in the same manner as the number one players with the exception that they will be placed on the bottom line of each bracket beginning at the top of the bracket and continuing to the bottom of the bracket. Player from same school will be placed in opposite of half of the draw.

1100.25 The following criteria for seeding players will be adhered to:

- A. Records based on Head-Head UIL Spring season matches. The most recent win has priority in case of tie.
- B. Records based on Head-to Head UIL competition in Fall Season.
- C. Records based on common opponents in the Spring Season.
- D. A vote among the coaches present.
- E. At this point, if no agreement can be reached, a flip of the coin will decide the issue.

1100.3 Determining District Representatives

1100.31 Coaches may move their singles line-up up or down one spot from the original order anytime throughout the year.

1100.32 Doubles line-ups may be moved only if a substitution is needed. If a player is removed from the doubles team because of injury, academic reasons, discipline, etc., the Coach must realign the double teams. The Coach must re-rank upwards in his/her lineup filling in his /her substitution on the #3 doubles team level. If a player becomes eligible or a move-in occurs, the Coach must re-rank their team placing this player in an appropriate position.

1100.33 A player may play on singles, doubles, or both.

1100.34 The Coach must place the best two doubles players at #1 doubles, the next best at #2 doubles, etc. The #1 singles player on both the boys and girls teams may not play on the #3 doubles team. The # 6 player may not play #1 doubles.

1100.35 District will consist of a double Round Robin format.

1100.4 Meet Director--Spring

1100.41 The District Executive Committee shall select a meet director for the District 2-6A ,or may allow the host school to select a meet director.

1100.42 The host school shall notify the district chairman and district members as to whom the meet director will be.

1100.43 The meet director shall be responsible for organizing at the host school and shall have a final say as to how the meet is organized within the confines of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* and District 2-6A rules.

1100.44 The meet director shall notify the district chairman and district members as to how the meet will be organized, run, and operated with ample time for each district member to prepare for the meet.

1100.45 An annual meeting of the tennis coaches will be called by the host school prior to the district tournament for the purpose of seeding players and setting up the tournament.

1100.5 Protests

1100.51 Protests shall be made to the meet director and his decision shall be final. This final decision does not prohibit protests to the District Executive Committee on items covered in *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* which go beyond the actual play.

SECTION 1200 TEAM TENNIS

1200.1 Scheduling and Determining the District Champion

1200.12 The District Champion shall be determined by playing a double round schedule.

1200.13 The Team with the highest winning percentage will be the District Champions.

The team with the next best winning percentage will be the District Runner-up.

1200.14 In the event two or more teams tie for the District Championship, each team involved in the tie shall be declared Co-Champions, Tri-Champions, etc.

1200.15 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 tie and they have beaten each other, they will have a one-game playoff at a site to be determined by the two teams involved according to UIL rules.

1200.16 If three teams are tied for the District Championship:

- a. Tournament held at a site determined by the three teams involved according to UIL Rules.
- b. Three teams tied in percentage District Tournament.

Team A Draws a bye, Team B plays Team C, Team C wins and plays Team A

If Team A wins, Team C is the District Runner-up

If Team C wins, Team A plays Team B for the Runner-up spot.

1200.17 If four teams are tied for the District Championship.

- a. Tournament held at a site determined by the four teams involved according to UIL rules.
- b. Draw for spots. A vs. C, B vs. D. Two winners of the first game play for Championship, losers is runner up. The losers of the first match play each other for the third place finish.

1200.18 More than four teams tied in percentage--District Tournament.

1200.19 Three teams tied in percentage for runner-up tournament.

- a. Tournament held at a site determined by the three teams involved according to UIL rules.
- b. Three teams tied in percentage District Tournament

Team A Draws Bye, Team B plays C, C wins and plays A.

If Team A wins, Team C is the District Runner-up

If Team C wins, Team A plays Team B for runner-up spot.

1200.20 A tournament shall be defined as: At least three (3) teams are assembled at one site at one time on successive days (other than Sunday) for the elimination contest.

1200.21 Site in reference to tournaments shall be interpreted as the same ISD and/or the adjoining ISD of the school sponsoring the tournament.

a. The schedule for the team tennis round robin will be determined annually.

b. Team Composition (Number of matches to be determined later.)

Each Team match will consist of 19 individual matches.

Six (6) boys singles Six (6) girls singles

Three (3) boys doubles Three (3) girls doubles

1200.22 Singles, Doubles. Players may, but are not required to, play both singles and doubles or mixed doubles.

1200.23 Singles Ladder Positions. In singles, each player is to play according to ladder position—meaning the best player at #1, the next best #2, and so on down the lineup to #6.

1200.24 Doubles Ladder Positions. In doubles, players shall be placed on doubles teams according to a ladder position—meaning the best two doubles players at #1 doubles, the next two doubles players at #2 doubles and so on for # 3 doubles.

1200.25 Mixed Doubles. Mixed Doubles can consist of any boy or girl who is not participating in the doubles competition.

1200.2 **Line-ups**

1200.21 Singles 1-6: One position movement allowed.

1200.22 Doubles: Fluid Teams #1 singles cannot play #3 doubles. #6 singles cannot play #1 doubles. #1 Team will play #1, etc.

1200.3 **Team Scoring**

1200.31 The scoring system will be no-advantage scoring, best 2 out of 3 set matches with a 12pointg tie-breaker at six games all in each set. Each match won will count one point for the team. A tie of 9-9 matches will be resolved by.

a. Total number of sets won.

b. If still tied, total number of games won.

c. If still tied, go to the #1 positions. If a school has won 3 of the 4 matches at the #1 position, that school wins.

d. Continue on down through the lineup at each position again, this time by sets.

e. if matches are tied at each position, go through the positions again, this time by sets.

f. If still tied, go down through each position by games.

g. If still tied, flip a coin.

1200.4 **Official Playing Rules**

1200.41 The United States Tennis Association (USTA) playing rules shall be used in all league matches with exceptions as noted in the manual.

1200.42 Number of Matches; Each player may play in no more than three dual matches per day.

1200.43 Each Player will receive a minimum of 15 minutes rest between doubles and singles.

1200.44 Each Player will receive a 10 minute rest between the second and third sets of split matches in both boys' and girls' singles and doubles.

1200.45 Each School will receive a minimum of one-hour rest between dual matches.

1200.46 All matches play 2 out of 3; Super Tie-Breaker for the 3rd set. Play matches highest available after doubles.

1200.5 Coaching

1200.51 "On Court Coaching" is allowed as long as it does not interfere with pace of play.

1200.52 Coaching must be done at the back of the court.

1200.6 Warm-Ups

1200.61 The players will have a 10 minute warm-up. The players must take all their practice serves during this time.

1200.7 Injured Players

1200.71 Players will have to continue playing, allowing play to be continuous, or be subject to point penalties for delay of game. (See Rule 30, USTA rule book).

1200.8 Reporting to Matches

1200.81 All teams should report to their location 15 minutes prior to the scheduled match time. Any contestant (singles or doubles) who fails to appear within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting shall forfeit the match. No excuse shall be accepted for failure to appear.

1200.9 Substitutions During Team Matches

1200.91 Prior to play, each coach must give his complete lineup for singles and doubles to the site director. A coach may make substitutions between team matches and/or during a team match before the individual match begins. In all instances of substitutions, the coach must use the following procedure:

- a. Singles: The coach removes a player from the lineup. All players lower in the lineup move up to fill the vacant spot in the lineup and the alternate becomes the #6 player. A player removed from the lineup for substitution may return to the lineup for the next team match, but only to the position he vacated. All other players will return to their original positions.
- b. Doubles: If the coach removes one member of a doubles team from the lineup, he places the alternate in the vacated spot, and the team remains in the same position. If the coach removes both members of a doubles team, then the lower teams will move up to fill the vacant position, and the alternate pair becomes the #3 team. Under no circumstances shall the coach change his line-up during a tournament. The penalty for doing so will be to forfeit the individual matches involved, with the scores becoming 6-0, 6-0 in each case.

1200.100 Entries (Dates to be determined later)

1200.101 Each school shall enter the district meet by certifying entries to the District Director at least 10 days prior to the district tournament.

1200.102 Team Tennis coaches from all District 2-6A Schools will meet prior to the Team Tennis Tournament for the purpose of drawing for pairings. If a coach is unable to attend, he shall send a representative to the meeting.

1200.103 The meeting will be scheduled by the Director of the Team Tennis Tournament and the Director will send out the site and time of the meeting to all the coaches in District2-6A.

1200.200 All-District Selections

1200.201 The District 2-6A Team Tennis Coaches will meet the Wednesday after District Certification to select an All-District Team. The District Champions should schedule the meeting and send out the criteria to all the District Coaches prior to the District Tournament.

1200.202 All-District Selections will include one boy and one girl MVP and Newcomer of the Year (first year on Varsity). 1st team, 2nd team, Honorable Mention.

1200.203 Player has to play at least 6 district matches at a position to qualify. Doubles team must be same for at least 6 district matches at a position.

1200.204 District Record, head to head and then winning percentage will be considered.

1200.300 Violations

1200.301 Ball abuse, racket abuse, etc. will result in loss of a point, game, or match. Penalties carry over from doubles to singles. Approach opposing coach, collaboratively make a decision for action; violator's coach gives the penalty.

1200.400 Line Judges

1200.401 One Line Judge from each team standing on same side beside the net post.

1200.402 When line judges disagree, a let is called and the point is replayed.

SECTION 1300 SPRING TENNIS

1300 Format

1300.1 The District 2-6A tennis tournament shall be single elimination except that the losers of the semi-finals matches shall play-off for third place. The winner of the third place match will then play the loser of the finals to determine the second and third places.

1300.2 Divisions

1300.21 High School Boys and Girls Singles and Doubles

1300.22 At the District meet each school may enter two boys singles and two girls singles and two boys doubles and two girls doubles.

1300.3 Official Rules

1300.31 The United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules shall be used in all UIL matches with exceptions as noted in the UIL Tennis Manual.

1300.4 District 2-6A Tennis Tournament

1300.41 The District Executive Committee will set the time and site of the 2-6A Spring Tennis Tournament. The Tournament Director will send out the schedule at the appropriate time.

1300.42 Tournament Referees: Every effort will be made to secure tournament referees from the local tennis officials association to assist at the District Tournament.

1300.43 **District Entries:** Each school shall enter the district tournament by certifying entries to the district director at least ten day prior to the District Tournament.

1300.5 District Meeting

1300.51 Tennis coaches from all district schools shall meet prior to the Spring Tennis Tournament for the purpose of seeding players and making the tournament draws. If a coach is unable to attend, they shall designate a representative to attend the meeting.

1300.6 Reporting

1300.61 No excuses shall be accepted for failure of a team or a contestant to appear at the time announced. Any contestant who fails to appear within 15 minutes of the scheduled time shall default the match.

1300.7 Tie Breaker

The 12 point tie breaker scoring system will operate when the score reaches six games in all sets of a three set match, when an ordinary advantage set shall be played.

SECTION 1400 SOFTBALL

1400.1 Admissions

1400.11 Adult Tickets shall be \$4.00

1400.12 Student Tickets shall be \$2.00

1400.2 Officials

1400.21 Officials are to be paid according to the University Interscholastic League pay schedule.

1400.22 Officials from the local chapter may be used if mutually agreeable to both coaches

1400.3 Schedule

1400.31 The District Executive Committee will adopt a double round robin schedule with home sites reversed for the second year. The schedule will allow time for playoff ties.

1400.4 Day and Time of Games

1400.41 District Softball games will be played on **Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays**. In the event of a conflict that jeopardizes a regularly scheduled contest, the Athletic Directors of the affected teams must agree that a change is necessary. Varsity Games that require a change of Date must be approved by the District Executive Committee. All Sub-varsity Games that require a change of Date will be approved by the District Athletic Directors. Games that require only a time change do not need the approval of the District Executive Committee but the District Chairman must be notified and notification will be sent out to all District administrators and coaches. (Games that require a change in date must be re-scheduled for the next available playing date).

1400.42 Times of Games

1400.43 Saturday games will begin at 1:00 pm

1400.44 Tuesdays or school day games will begin at 4:30 pm or later. The home team will decide if a weekday softball game will be held at 4:30 pm or 6:00 pm.

1400.45 On Saturday, the visiting team will be allotted thirty (30) minutes for batting practice and each team will be allotted ten (10) minutes for infield practice.

1400.46 On school days, each team may have ten (10) minutes of infield practice. On weekday games, batting practice is optional.

1400.5 Game Ball

1400.51 The following game ball is approved for District play: Dudley Thunder WT12ND-Optic Yellow.

1400.6 Trophy

1400.61 The winner of the District Championship will be presented the District Trophy.

1400.7 District Meeting

1400.71 Softball coaches will meet the Wednesday after the UIL District certification date to select an All-District Team for 2-6A.

1400.72 District Champions will set the time of the meeting and where the All District meeting will be held.

1400.8 Eligibility

1400.81 Rosters: Each school shall submit a copy of its eligibility roster to the District Chairman prior to playing its first Contest and it will post a copy at their school.

1400.82 Supplemental eligibility lists shall be submitted to the District Chairman as players are added to the team and a list of those players will be posted at the school.

1400.83 Only players who have remaining eligibility will be permitted to participate on Sub-varsity teams

1400.84 Eligibility Cases: Cases involving questions of eligibility of players should be presented in writing to the District Chairman. Coaches should make sure that the proper UIL form is used and should assist the athlete and his parents in filling out the form.

1400.85 The District will adhere to the UIL Transfer Rule with eligibility approved depending upon the filing of signed release forms with the District Chairman.

1400.9 Determining District Championship (Refer to Basketball Section 400.110)

1400.10 Speed-Up Rules

1400.101 Ten Run Rule: After completing (5) five innings, a ten run rule would go into effect. The team ahead 10 or more runs would be declared the winner

1400.102 Courtesy Runners: Courtesy runners can be substituted for the pitcher and catcher at any point during the game. This rule would assist in the amount of time needed between innings and thus speeding up the game.

1400.20 Procedures for Games Called Because of Weather

1400.201 Softball games canceled due to inclement weather will be played on the next possible playing date in the order of postponement. (Thursday, Friday, and Monday.

1400.202 If a game is tied and called because of weather or darkness and the game is in the first half of district play, the game will be completed beginning with the point of suspension at the opposite site during the second half of district play. If a game is tied and called because of weather or darkness and the game is in the second half of district play, the game will be completed beginning with the point of suspension the next playable day at the home site.

1400.203 Saturday district games may be rescheduled for Friday by mutual consent of both schools.

SECTION 1500 TRACK

1500.1 District Meet Site

1500.11 A District 2-6A member shall host the District 2-6A Track Meet for boys and girls. Date, site and time shall be selected by the District Executive Committee.

1500.2 Entry Form

1500.21 Entry form will follow UIL format with meet director

1500.3 Track Meet

1500.31 The finish line shall be marked in a distinctive way to facilitate the determination of places 1st, 2nd, and 3rd finishers.

1500.32 Any appeal must be made immediately after the event in which there is a question of finish for place 1, 2, or 3 by the schools involved. The appeal must be made to the clerk of the course before the next running event starts.

1500.33 The clerk of the course shall make the final decision of the place of finish; that decision may not be appealed.

1500.4 Meet Director

1500.41 The District Executive Committee shall select a meet director for the District 2-6A Meet.

1500.42 The host school shall notify the district chairman and district members as to whom the meet director will be.

1500.43 The meet director shall be responsible for organizing the meet at the host school and shall have final say as to how the meet is organized within the confines of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* and District 2-AAAAAA rules.

1500.44 The meet director shall notify the district chairman and district members as to how the meet will be organized, run, or operated, allowing ample time for each district member to prepare for the meet.

1500.45 An annual meeting of the track coaches will be called by the host school two days prior to the District Meet for the purpose of organizing the meet.

1500.5 Protests

1500.51 Protests shall be made to the meet director or person designated by the meet director and his decision shall be final. The final decision does not prohibit protest to the District Executive Committee on items covered in *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules*, which go beyond the actual play (except for the place of finish which is handled by the clerk of the course).

1500.6 Selecting All-District

1500.61 All Regional qualifiers will be designated as All-District.

1500.7 Admission

1500.71 Admission, if charged, will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.

1500.72 Home team will keep the gate or use that income to offset the cost of the District Track Meet.