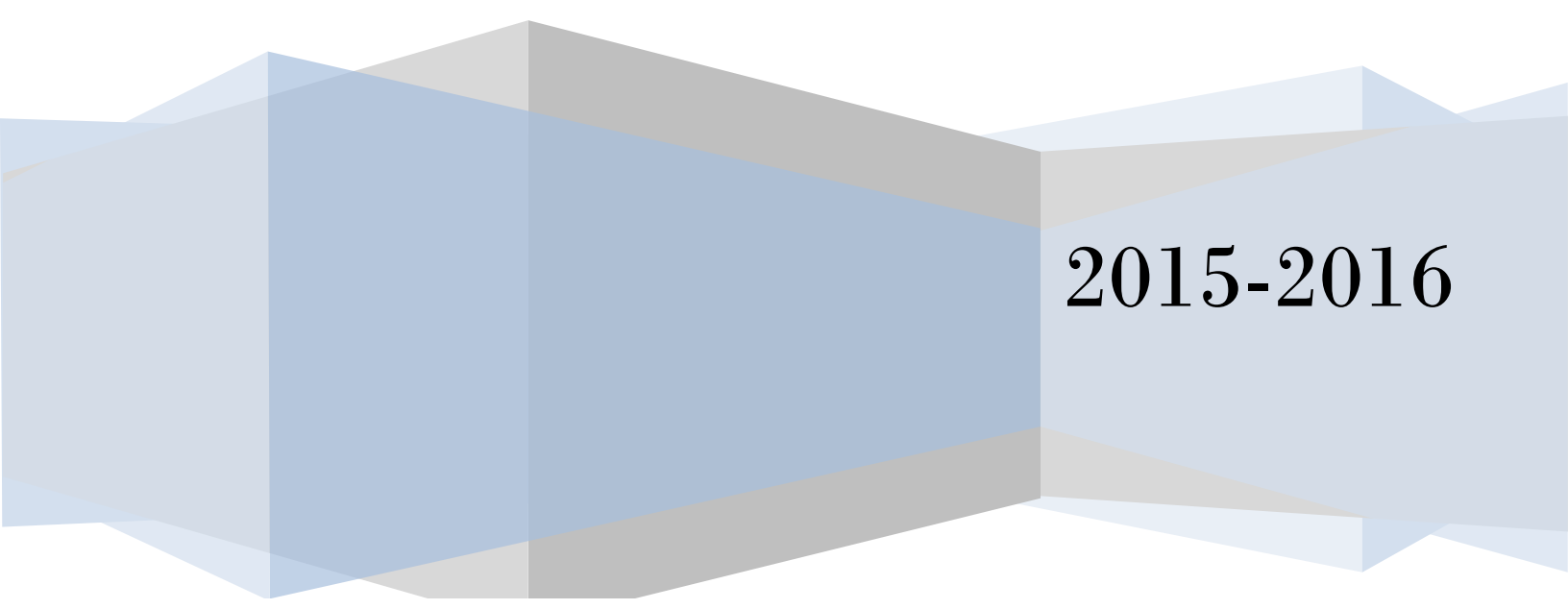


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# **DISTRICT 3-AAAAAA**

## **Policies, Rules, and Regulations**



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**DISTRICT 3-AAAAA**  
**POLICIES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS**

SECTION I—GENERAL

A. MEMBERS

District 3-AAAAA, as designated by the UIL, is composed of the following schools: Amarillo Caprock, Amarillo Palo Duro, Canyon, Canyon Randall, Dumas, and Hereford High.

B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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 designated, administrators from the participating schools. A district Chairman who will act as Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected at the spring meeting effective for the next two years. In voting, each participating school shall be entitled to one vote. The superintendent, or his designated representative, shall cast the vote for their school.

C. MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At least three regular meetings will be held each year, one in the early fall, and one at the end of the football season on the first Wednesday after the last football game. The Chairman may call a special meeting upon the request of one of the participating schools. The minutes of all meetings will be kept by the recording secretary and copies of it will be sent to all participating schools following each meeting. Meetings are to be open meetings. Any member may request an executive session at any time.

D. FEES

Each school in the district shall be assessed a fee to cover all inter-district expenses for the current year. The annual fee shall be set at the first meeting (August/September) of each year. This fee must be paid to the district Chairman immediately after the first meeting. 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.

E. SPORTSMANSHIP CODE

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*)

F. CROWD CONTROL AT ATHLETIC CONTESTS

1. Only cheerleaders and bell ringers 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.

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.

Photographers representing the public, press, or the school may be admitted to the sidelines.

2. Spectators shall refrain from abusive language toward game officials and other spectators, or other conduct which might incite rioting.
3. Coaches shall refrain from abusive language toward game officials, actions or gestures, which might incite spectators.
4. The host school shall provide adequate law enforcement personnel at athletic contests: four in-uniform officers at football games and at least one at basketball games. One uniformed officer should be positioned in the visitors' seating area.
5. Local school officials shall use the various media available to inform the public about these policies and other appropriate UIL rules and regulations.

G. ACADEMIC ATHLETE HONOR AWARD PROGRAM

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



H. DISTRICT PASSES

The District will provide each school with seventy-five (100) complimentary passes to be used for all sports in District 3-AAAAA. One pass can admit the cardholder, spouse and children to all District 3-5A contests.

I. RADIO BROADCASTING (all sports)

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.

J. TELECASTING LIVE

Live telecasting (including web broadcasting) of district 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.

K. DIRECTOR (LITERARY, SPEAKING, AND ONE-ACT PLAY EVENTS)

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

L. DISPUTES

1. 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.
2. All protests 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.

3. The representatives of the schools involved are disqualified from sitting as members of the committee in adjudication of the dispute.
4. All protests must be made by either the superintendent, designee or the principal. Disputes involving a member of the District 3-AAAAA and a school of another district shall be referred to the State Executive Committee for a final decision.

M. GYMNASIUM POLICIES

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

Noisemakers All noisemakers are prohibited at games as stated by the UIL.

Spectator Control 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. One or more officially deputized officers in uniform shall be provided by the home school for varsity football and basketball games. In other sports, the decision whether to provide deputized officers will be at the discretion of the home team. No live animals will be permitted at the games. (UIL rule)

N. COACHES MEETINGS

Only coaches new to the profession and Texas must attend an orientation meeting in that particular sport and be certified in CPR. All other coaches must have CPR and first aid updated each year.

O. RESOLUTION OF TIES

If schools involved agree, ties may be settled by the flip of a coin in arriving at District seeding (including the last playoff spot).

P. RESCHEDULING GAMES

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.

Q. 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*):

- (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.

R. SEEDING GAMES

Local officials will be used for all seeding games. If two cities are involved in the seeding game, and more than two officials are required, a coin flip will determine which city will supply two officials.

## II. DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

The District Executive Committee shall elect a chairman to serve the district. The District Executive Committee and the district chairman shall govern all Interscholastic League Interschool activities.

The district chairman shall:

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 handbook regulation.
7. Preserve and maintain the records of the District Executive Committee.
8. Prepare and distribute minutes of each meeting and district policy amendments in a timely manner.
9. Rule on disputes and conflicts which are not covered by the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* or district policies and procedures.
10. Report on all such findings and rulings to the District Executive Committee at the next regular or special meeting.
11. Be familiar with the duties of the District Executive Committee, as prescribed in the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules*.
12. Appoint committees and make studies and recommendations as deemed necessary.
13. Certify to the UIL, the District 3-AAAAA playoff representatives in each area of the competition as it occurs and in accordance with the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules*.
14. Report all penalties to the UIL office.

The district chairman should use the suggestions distributed by the University Interscholastic League office regarding executive sessions and procedures for hearings related to violations of district league rules.

SECTION III—FOOTBALL

A. GENERAL

1. Member schools will make every effort to foster good and pleasant relations between schools.
2. Each member school is responsible for adhering to University Interscholastic League rules and regulations *when submitting eligibility rosters or contest entry forms*.
3. The home team is responsible for keeping and maintaining order.

B. SCHEDULE

1. The DEC will adopt the football schedule for a two-year period.
2. The junior varsity schedule will be left to the discretion of the individual schools.

C. DETERMINING DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Determining District Champion and Playoff Representatives

1. 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.

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 procedure 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:

**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. After the team with the highest point total has been confirmed, the remaining teams will revert back to head to head if possible. If multiple teams are still tied, a new mini-district will again be formed and the point system will again be used to determine the next place team. The teams will always use the head-to-head tie breaking system when possible.

**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.

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 +9, 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 see 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.

D. TIME AND DAY OF GAMES

The starting times for all football games will be determined by the home team. 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. The schedule of order for boys' and girls' basketball, girls' volleyball, and baseball shall be the same order as football.

E. CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT

The receipts of District 3-AAAAA football tickets shall be kept by the home team and all expenses, including expense of officials shall be paid by the home team.

F. ELIGIBILITY

1. Cases involving questions of eligibility of players should be presented in writing to the DEC at the meeting prior to the start of the season or as soon as the question arises.
2. Transfer students must be approved as per UIL rules before entering competition.
3. "B" team players must be passing the required work during the current semester and must be potentially eligible for varsity competition.

G. OFFICIAL GAME BALL

The official football for all district games will be a UIL approved ball.

H. ADMISSION POLICIES

1. Ticket Prices

Student ticket (at school)	\$2.00
All other tickets at the game (adult and students)	\$7.00

Season ticket prices will be at the discretion of each individual school.

2. Passes

- a. Only the football players, bands, cheerleaders in uniform, and sponsors shall be admitted to district games without tickets. Pep squads and other similar groups shall purchase tickets.
- b. The working media people must present proper identification. All other passes shall be the responsibility of the respective schools.

3. Tickets for Visiting Schools

A representative of the visiting team is to deliver all unsold tickets to the ticket office prior to the time the admission gates are opened for the game. The amount of the sales is to be reported to the host school when the tickets are delivered.

I. STADIUM POLICIES

1. Pre-Game Schedule

All pre-game activities will be concluded five (5) minutes prior to game time.



2. Bands

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.

3. Half-time Activities

- a. Half-time will be limited to the regulation 28 minutes, unless mutually agreeable with both schools.
- b. Each school shall be allotted 12 minutes for half-time activities.
- c. If there are special activities, such as homecoming these events may be scheduled by mutual consent.

J. SPIRIT GUIDELINES

1. No lines may be formed.
2. No students or adults shall be permitted on the playing field prior to, during, or after the game except those in uniform or engaged in the game and half-time activities.
3. Only the cheerleaders shall be permitted to bring teams onto the field.
4. No posters and signs other than run-through signs and positive permanent banners will be permitted.
5. There will be no live animal mascots.
6. Cannons, mortars, or noise making fireworks will not be permitted in District 3-AAAAA stadiums. This applies to district, non-district, and playoff games involving 3-AAAAA teams. (This rule prohibits the presence of cannons or fireworks even though they are not fired.)

K. OTHER AGREEMENTS

1. Scouting and Video Tapes
  - a. In-district scouting shall not be limited.
  - b. Only two scouts from a school for next week games may sit in the press box (head coach does not count as a scout). More scouts may be admitted if space is available. Press box passes may be obtained from the host school at the gate.
  - c. 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.
  - d. Each member school shall be obliged, upon a request from another member school, to provide videotapes that the requesting District 3-AAAAA school may

specify. There should be one game per tape. This tape should consist of wide and tight angle shots. Exchange destination and time will be mutually agreed upon by the two teams playing the next week. This also includes scrimmages.

- e. All tapes will be traded on Wednesday.
- f. The previous game will be traded on Saturday.
- g. All games can be traded on Hard drives or Hudl.
- h. No District's team scout may video an opponent's game.
- i. Schools may copy or duplicate videotapes of other teams during the year. However, these copies or duplicated tapes cannot be given or shown to a coach outside of District 3-AAAAA during season. Season is defined until the last team from District 3-AAAAA is eliminated from competition.

## 2. Jersey Colors

Visiting teams will wear white jerseys and the home teams will wear colored jerseys.

## 3. Trophies

A regulation size football trophy engraved "District 3-AAAAA 20(year)" shall be given to the Champion or Co-Champion (district representative).

## L. PUBLIC ADDRESS RUNNING ACCOUNT OF THE GAME

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*):

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

## M. LIVE TELECASTING

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

N. SELECTION OF OFFICIALS

The Amarillo Chapter of Southwest Football Officials Association will send a list of all crews to district schools. Schools will meet and select crews with mutual agreement.

O. SELECTING ALL-DISTRICT

1. Nomination forms will be e-mailed to coaches in late October.
2. The announcements of All-District selections will be withheld until all-district representatives have been eliminated from the playoffs.
3. All-District selection procedures for District 3-AAAAA will be as follows:
  - a. Players will be nominated from each team on the enclosed ballot (no more than one name per line).
  - b. Coaches will send (fax 806 354-5440) all nominations to the district chairman at a date to be announced.
  - c. Coaches will meet and vote for those players nominated. Players will be ranked with 1 being a first place vote, 2 being a second place vote, etc. Votes will be tallied and the players with the lowest total will be 1st Team All-District. Players with the second lowest total will be the 2nd Team All-District. Players with the third lowest total will be Honorable Mention All-District. When possible, coaches will declare which athletes will be considered for second team only.
  - d. Coaches will vote for Offensive Player of the Year first, followed by the Defensive Player of the Year. The remaining players will constitute the pool for All-District selection.
  - e. Coaches will select an Offensive Player of the Year.
  - f. Coaches will select a Defensive Player of the Year.
  - g. Coaches will select a Coach of the Year.

## SECTION VI—VOLLEYBALL

### A. GENERAL

1. Member schools will make every effort to foster good and pleasant relations between schools.
2. Each member school is responsible for adhering to University Interscholastic League rules and regulations *when submitting eligibility rosters or contest entry forms*.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the host school (principal or game supervisor) to initiate corrective measures at all district volleyball games to prevent unusual disturbances from individuals or groups and to prevent the use of noise-making instruments, including cheerleader megaphones which are not to be used in the gym.

### B. SCHEDULING AND DETERMINING THE DISTRICT CHAMPION

1. The district champion shall be determined by playing a double round schedule.
  - a. The team with the highest winning percentage will be the district champion.
  - b. The team with the next best winning percentage will be the district runner-up.
  - c. The team with the next best win/loss record will be the third place team.
2. In the event two or more teams tie for the district championship, each team involved in the tie shall be declared Co-champion, Tri-Champions, etc.
  - a. If two teams tie for the district seeding:
    - (1) If one team has won both mutual games, that team will be declared the winner and the other team the lower seed.
    - (2) 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.
  - b. If three teams are tied for the district championship:
    - (1) Tournament held at a site determined by the three teams involved according to UIL rules.
    - (2) Three teams tied in percentage District Tournament.  
A draws bye, B plays C, C wins and plays A  
If A wins, C is the district runner-up  
If C wins, A plays B for runner-up spot
  - c. If four teams are tied for the district championship:
    - (1) Tournament held at a site determined by the four teams involved according to UIL rules

- (2) Draw for spots. A vs. C, B vs. D. Two winners of the first game play for championship; loser is runner-up. The losers of the first match play each other for the third place finish.
- d. More than four teams tied in percentage—District Tournament
- e. Three teams tied in percentage for runner-up tournament
  - (1) Tournament held at a site determined by the three teams involved according to UIL rules
  - (2) Three teams tied in percentage District Tournament  
A draws bye, B plays C, C wins and plays A  
If A wins, C is the district runner-up  
If C wins, A plays B for runner-up spot
- 3. Tournament shall be defined as: At least (3) three teams are assembled at one site at one time on successive days (other than Sunday) for the elimination contest.  
Site in reference to tournaments shall be interpreted as the same ISD and/or the adjoining ISD of the school sponsoring tournament.

C. GAME RECEIPTS

Each team shall retain the receipts from its home volleyball games.

D. SCOUTING

1. Scouting and Video Tapes

- a. In-district scouting shall not be limited
- b. 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.
- c. Each member school shall be obliged, upon a request from another member school, to provide videotapes that the requesting District 3-AAAAA school may specify. There should be one game per tape. Exchange destination and time will be mutually agreed upon by the two teams playing the next week. This also includes scrimmages.
- d. No District's team scout may video an opponent's game.
- e. Schools may copy or duplicate videotapes of other teams during the year. However, these copies or duplicated tapes cannot be given or shown to a coach outside of District 3-AAAA during season. Season is defined until the last team from District 3-AAAA is eliminated from competition.

E. ELIGIBILITY

1. Cases involving questions of eligibility of players should be presented in writing to the DEC at the meeting prior to the start of the season or as soon as the question arises.
2. Transfer students must be approved by UIL rules before entering competition.
3. "B" team players must be passing the required work during the current semester and must be potentially eligible for varsity competition.

F. ADMISSION POLICIES

Ticket Prices:

Adult.....\$4.00  
Student.....\$2.00 at gate  
Reserved Seats .....Option of the home school

G. GYMNASIUM POLICIES

1. Signs in the gym  
No weekly posters or signs that mention opponents are allowed. Positive permanent banners or signs may be displayed in the gym during the season.
2. Noisemakers are prohibited at league athletic league contest in field houses and/or gymnasiums.

H. SPECTATOR CONTROL

1. 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 other teams.
2. One or more officially deputized officers in uniform shall be provided by the home school.
3. No live animals will be permitted at the game (UIL rule)

I. SELECTION OF ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

The Volleyball All-District team will be selected at the November meeting.

J. TIME OF GAMES

Game time will be Junior Varsity at 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and 2:00 on Saturdays and Varsity following.

K. LINE CALLERS

Adults will be used as line callers for Varsity games.

L. RALLY SCORING FORMAT

District 3-AAAA Volleyball will play by National Federation rules of the rally scoring format.

- (a) Varsity teams will play 3 out of 5 games to 25 points with no cap; 5<sup>th</sup> game will be played to 15 points with no cap;
- (b) 9<sup>th</sup> grade and JV will play 2 out of 3 games to 25 points with a cap at 30; 3<sup>rd</sup> game will be played to 25 points with a cap at 30;
- (c) The let serve shall be allowed;
- (d) Each team shall be allowed two time-outs per game.

## SECTION V—BASKETBALL

### A. GENERAL

1. Member schools will make every effort to foster good and pleasant relations between schools.
2. Each member school is responsible for adhering to University Interscholastic League rules and regulations *when submitting eligibility rosters or contest entry forms*.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the host school (principal or game supervisor) to initiate corrective measures at all district basketball games to prevent unusual disturbances from individuals or groups and to prevent the use of noise-making instruments, including cheerleader megaphones which are not to be used in the gym.

### B. SCHEDULING AND DETERMINING THE DISTRICT CHAMPION

1. The district champion shall be determined by playing a double round schedule.
  - a. The team with the highest winning percentage will be the district champion.
  - b. The team with the next best winning percentage will be the district runner-up.
  - c. The team with the next best win/loss record will be the third place team.
2. In the event two or more teams tie for the district championship, each team involved in the tie shall be declared Co-champion, Tri-Champions, etc.
  - a. If two teams tie for the district seeding:
    - (1) If one team has won both mutual games, that team will be declared the winner and the other team the lower seed.
    - (2) 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.
  - b. If three teams are tied for the district championship:
    - (1) Tournament held at a site determined by the three teams involved according to UIL rules.
    - (2) Three teams tied in percentage District Tournament.  
A draws bye, B plays C, C wins and plays A  
If A wins, C is the district runner-up  
If C wins, A plays B for runner-up spot
  - c. If four teams are tied for the district championship:
    - (1) Tournament held at a site determined by the four teams involved according to UIL rules
    - (2) Draw for spots. A vs. C, B vs. D. Two winners of the first game play for championship; loser is runner-up. The losers of the first match play each



other for the third place finish.

- d. More than four teams tied in percentage—District Tournament
- e. Three teams tied in percentage for runner-up tournament
  - (1) Tournament held at a site determined by the three teams involved according to UIL rules
  - (2) Three teams tied in percentage District Tournament  
A draws bye, B plays C, C wins and plays A  
If A wins, C is the district runner-up  
If C wins, A plays B for runner-up spot

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

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

#### C. DAY AND TIME OF GAME

- 1. District basketball games shall be played on Tuesdays and Fridays; however, in case of a conflict or other valid reason, 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.
- 2. “B” Team games – girls’ JV will play at the same time as the boys’ varsity and boys’ JV will play at the same time as the girls’ varsity. The girls’ JV game will begin 20 minutes after the conclusion of the boys’ JV game, unless other arrangements are mutually agreed by both schools.
- 3. Varsity girl’s games shall start at 6:00 p.m.
- 4. Varsity boys’ games shall start at 7:30 or 20 minutes after the girls’ game, whichever is later.
- 5. There will be girls’ and boys’ junior varsity and girls’ and boys’ varsity games. The girls’ and boys’ varsity games will be played in the same gymnasium.
- 6. 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.

#### D. OFFICIAL BASKETBALL

The official ball 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 a minimum of six warm-up balls for the visiting team. Girls will use the smaller balls. The home team will determine the ball to be used.

E. GAME RECEIPTS

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

F. ELIGIBILITY

1. Cases involving questions of eligibility of players should be presented in writing to the Executive Committee at the meeting prior to the start of the season or as soon as the question arises.
2. Transfer students must be approved as per UIL rules before entering competition.
3. "B" team players must be passing the required work during the current semester and must be potentially eligible for varsity competition.

G. ADMISSIONS POLICIES

Ticket Prices:

Adult.....\$4.00  
Student.....\$2.00 at gate  
Reserved Seats .....Option of the home school

H. GYMNASIUM POLICIES

1. Signs in the gym  
No weekly posters or signs that mention opponents are allowed. Positive permanent banners or signs may be displayed in the gym during the season.
2. Noisemakers are prohibited at league athletic league contest in field houses and/or gymnasiums.

I. SPECTATOR CONTROL

1. 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 other teams.
2. One or more officially deputized officers in uniform shall be provided by the home school.
3. No live animals will be permitted at the game (UIL rule)

J. GAME OFFICIALS

1. A three-man crew of officials will be used for all district games.
2. The three-man crew guidelines include:
  - a. District 3-AAAAA will use the local officials for all games.

- b. Each district school will provide the 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. This list will be for both women and men's programs. The Chapter Secretary will make assignments from these lists.
  - c. The Chapter Secretary will make district game assignments from the **approved** list. If the secretary 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 preferable both head coaches.
  - 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.
3. Officials will be paid according to the University Interscholastic League Schedule for basketball officiating.

K. TROPHIES

A trophy shall be given to the Champion or Co-Champion.

A regulation size basketball trophy "gold type" shall be awarded the district champions.

L. JERSEYS

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

M. VIDEO TAPE EQUIPMENT

Videotape equipment will be permitted at district games for filming purposes only.

N. BANDS

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).

O. SCOUTING AND VIDEO TAPES

1. In-district scouting shall not be limited
2. 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.
3. No District team's scout may video an opponent's game.
4. Schools may copy or duplicate videotapes of other teams during the year. However, these copies or duplicated tapes cannot be given or shown to a coach outside of

District 3-AAAA during season. Season is defined until the last team from District 3-AAAA is eliminated from competition.

P. ALL-DISTRICT TEAM SELECTIONS

Same procedure is used as in football. Basketball coaches will be allowed to meet during the morning to select the all-district team.

Q. CUTTING OF NETS

The home team may cut down its own nets upon winning the district championship.

VI. CROSS COUNTRY

A. GENERAL

1. Member schools will make every effort to foster good and pleasant relations between schools.
2. Each member school is responsible for adhering to University Interscholastic League rules and regulations *when submitting eligibility rosters or contest entry forms*.
3. The home team is responsible for keeping and maintaining order.

B. SITES

The District 3-AAAAA DEC shall select the site for the boys and girls district cross country meet. Site will be selected annually.

C. SUBSTITUTIONS

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

D. MEET DIRECTOR

1. The District Executive Committee shall select a meet director for District 3-AAAAA meets or may allow the host schools to select a meet director.
2. The host schools shall notify the district chairman and district members as to whom the meet director will be.
3. 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 3-AAAAA rules.

E. PROTESTS

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.

F. ENTRIES

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.

G. CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

A maximum of three teams and ten 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.

H. DISTANCE

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

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

I. ENTRY LIMITATIONS

1. A minimum of five participants and a maximum of seven participants shall constitute a team.
2. The first five finishers on each team will count for the total team score.
3. A school may enter less than five; however, it cannot compete for the team title.
4. A school may enter only one varsity team of boys and one varsity team of girls in the district meet.
5. Two teams may be permitted to enter in freshman and junior varsity divisions.

J. UNIFORMS

1. The cross country uniform consists of a minimum of school-issued jersey and shorts, which are not objectionable, and shoes, which may be supplied by the contestant.
2. 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 suites are worn under the shorts by more than one team member (two or more), that apparel must be the same color.
3. A contestant must wear the assigned competitor number when numbers are used.

K. RULES

The cross country rules found in the current *National Federation Track and Field Rules* shall be enforced at the district meet.

L. DETERMINING TEAM SCORES

Place at finish	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	etc.
Points	1	2	3	4	5	etc.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 tying teams finish, the scoring shall be resolved by totaling scores of the first four finishers.

M. MEET OFFICIALS

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

N. AWARDS

Varsity—The top fifteen finishers will each receive medals. Team trophy will be awarded to the first place team.

O. SELECTING ALL DISTRICT

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

VII. VARISITY TRACK

A. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY

1. Member schools will make every effort to foster good and pleasant relations between schools.
2. Each member school is responsible for adhering to University Interscholastic League rules and regulations *when submitting eligibility rosters or contest entry forms*.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the host school (principal or game supervisor) to initiate corrective measures at all District 3-AAAA track meets to prevent unusual disturbances from individuals or groups and to prevent the use of noise-making instruments.

B. SITE

A District 3-AAAAA member shall host the district track meet for boys and girls. Site, date, and time shall be selected by schools.

C. ENTRY FORM

Entry form will follow UIL format with meet director.

D. TRACK MEET

1. The finish line shall be marked in a distinctive way to facilitate the determination of places 1, 2, and 3 finishers.
2. 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 within 30 minutes after the event results have been posted.
3. The clerk of the course shall make the final decision on the place of finish; that decision may be not be appealed.

E. MEET DIRECTOR

1. The District Executive Committee shall select a meet director for the District 3-AAAAA meet.
2. The host school shall notify the district chairman and district members as to whom the meet director will be.



3. 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 3-AAAAA rules.
4. 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.
5. 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.

F. PROTESTS

Protests shall be made to the meet director or person designated by 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 (except for the place of finish which is handled by the clerk of the course.)

G. SELECTING ALL-DISTRICT

All regional qualifiers will be designated as All-District.

H. ADMISSION

Admission, if charged, will be \$2.00 for students and \$4.00 for adults. The home team will keep the gate.

VIII. GOLF

A. GENERAL

1. Member Schools will make every effort to foster good and pleasant relations between schools.
2. Each member school is responsible for adhering to University Interscholastic League rules and regulations *when submitting eligibility rosters or contest entry forms*.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the host school (principal or designee) to initiate corrective measures at all district golf meets to prevent unusual disturbances from individuals or groups and to prevent the use of noise-making instruments.

B. SCHEDULING AND DETERMINING DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The District championship will be decided by playing 2 district rounds for boys and girls.

C. PROTESTS

1. Protests 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. (See page 2, General Policies, I.)
2. USGA rules will rule.

D. AWARDS—Varsity (Boys and Girls)

Team Trophy for District Champion

Medals (Gold-Bronze-Silver)

Team Members      UIL Team Medals (2 sets)

Medalist      1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> (2 sets)

Boys and Girls Medals for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Individual Medalists

Regional Qualifiers (Bronze medals)

IX. BASEBALL

A. GENERAL

1. Member schools will make every effort to foster good and pleasant relations between schools.
2. Each member school is responsible for adhering to University Interscholastic League rules and regulations *when submitting eligibility rosters or contest entry forms*.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the host school (principal or game supervisor) to initiate corrective measures at all district baseball games to prevent unusual disturbances from individuals or groups.

B. SCHEDULING AND DETERMINING THE DISTRICT CHAMPION

1. The district champion shall be determined by playing 3 games against each district school.
  - a. The team with the highest winning percentage will be the district champion.
  - b. The team with the next best winning percentage will be the district runner-up
2. 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.
  - a. If two teams tie for the district seeding:
    - 1) If one team has won both mutual games, that team will be declared the winner and the other team the lower seed.
    - 2) 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.
  - b. If three teams are tied for the district championship:
    - 1) Tournament held at a site determined by the three teams involved according to UIL rules.
    - 2) Three teams tied in percentage District Tournament:  
A draws bye, B plays C, C wins and plays A  
If A wins, C is the district runner-up  
If C wins, A plays B for runner-up spot
  - c. If four teams are tied for the district championship:
    - 1) Tournament held at a site determined by the four teams involved according to UIL rules.
    - 2) Draw for spots: A vs. C, B vs. D. Two winners of the first game play for championship; loser is runner-up. The losers of the first game play each other for the third place finish.

- d. More than four teams tied in percentage – District Tournament
- e. Three teams tied in percentage for runner-up tournament.
  - 1) Tournament held at a site determined by the three teams involved according to UIL rules.
  - 2) Three teams tied in percentage District Tournament:
    - A draws bye, B plays C, C wins and plays A
    - If A Wins, C is the district runner-up
    - If C wins, A plays B for runner-up spot
- 3. 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.
 

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

C. TIME AND DAY OF GAME

- 1. Saturday baseball games will begin at 1:00 p.m.
- 2. School-day baseball games will begin at 5:00p.m. or 7:00 p.m. (if mutual coaches agree to 7:00 p.m.)
- 3. 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

On school days, each team may have ten (10) minutes of infield practice. On weekday games, batting practice is optional. Baseball games canceled due to inclement weather will be played on the next possible playing date in the order of postponement (Thursday, Friday, and Monday).

- 4. 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. All games that are suspended and have completed a full 5 innings of play (4 and ½ if the home team has the lead) will be considered a complete game

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

D. GAME OFFICIALS

The officials for District 3-AAAAA baseball games will be selected from either the Amarillo or the Lubbock Association of Baseball Officials. Officials are to be paid according to UIL scale, plus mileage, according to University Interscholastic League rules.

E. OFFICIAL BASEBALL

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

F. ADMISSION POLICIES

Admission may be charged at the option of the host school. Admission prices, if charged, will be a maximum of \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. The home team will retain the gate.

G. FIELD RESPONSIBILITIES

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

H. PUBLIC ADDRESS RUNNING ACCOUNT OF THE GAME

There may be a running account of the game announced over the public address system to the spectators giving pertinent facts of the game. When a public address system is used at a game, the announcer should be as objective and neutral as possible. 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 them for citizenship by providing interschool competition among the public elementary and secondary schools of Texas

I. ALL-DISTRICT SELECTION

The Coaches will meet to select the All-District Baseball Team.

X. SOFTBALL

A. GENERAL

1. Member schools will make every effort to foster good and pleasant relations between schools.
2. Each member school is responsible for adhering to University Interscholastic League rules and regulations *when submitting eligibility rosters or contest entry forms*.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the host school (principal or game supervisor) to initiate corrective measures at all district softball games to prevent unusual disturbances from individuals or groups.

B. SCHEDULING AND DETERMINING THE DISTRICT CHAMPION

1. The district champion shall be determined by playing a double round schedule.
  - a. The team with the highest winning percentage will be the district champion.
  - b. The team with the next best winning percentage will be the district runner-up.
2. In the event two or more teams tie for the district championship, each team involved in the tie shall be declared Co-champion, Tri-Champions, etc.
  - a. If two teams tie for the district seeding:
    - 1) If one team has won both mutual games, that team will be declared the winner and the other team the lower seed.
    - 2) 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.
  - b. If three teams are tied for the district championship:
    - 1) Tournament held at a site determined by the three teams involved according to UIL rules.
    - 2) Three teams tied in percentage District Tournament.  
A draws bye, B plays C, C wins and plays A  
If A wins, C is the district runner-up  
If C wins, A plays B for runner-up spot
  - c. If four teams are tied for the district championship:
    - 1) Tournament held at a site determined by the four teams involved according to UIL rules.
    - 2) Draw for spots, A vs. C, B vs. D. Two winners of the first game play for championship, loser is runner-up. The losers of the first match play each other for the third place finish.

- d. More than four teams tied in percentage – District Tournament
- e. Three teams tied in percentage for runner-up tournament.
  - 1) Tournament held at a site determined by the three teams involved according to UIL rules.
  - 2) Three teams tied in percentage District Tournament.  
 A draws bye, B plays C, C wins and plays A  
 If A wins, C is the district runner-up.  
 If C wins, A plays B for runner-up spot.
- 3. 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.  
  
 Site in reference to tournaments shall be interpreted as the same ISD and/or the adjoining, ISD of the school sponsoring the tournament.

C. TIME AND DAY OF GAME

- 1. Saturday softball games will begin at 1:00 p.m.
- 2. School-day softball games will begin at 4:30 p.m. or later.
- 3. The softball home team will decide if a weekday softball game will be held at 4:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.
- 4. 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

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

- 5. 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. All games that are suspended and have completed a full 5 innings of play (4½ if the home team has the lead) will be considered a complete game.

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

D. GAME OFFICIALS

The officials for District 3-AAAAA Softball games will be selected from either the Amarillo or Lubbock Association of Softball Officials. Officials are to be paid according to UIL scale, plus mileage, according to University Interscholastic League rules.

E. OFFICIAL SOFTBALL

The following game ball is approved for District play: Dudley Thunder WT12ND—Optic Yellow

F. ADMISSION POLICIES

Admission may be charged at the option of the host school. Admission prices, if charged, will be a maximum of \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. The home team will retain the gate.

G. FIELD RESPONSIBILITIES

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

H. ALL-DISTRICT SELECTION

The Coaches will meet to select the All-District Softball Team



XI. TENNIS

A. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY

1. Member schools will make every effort to foster good and pleasant relations between schools.
2. Each member school is responsible for adhering to University Interscholastic League rules and regulations *when submitting eligibility rosters or contest entry forms*.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the host school (principal or designee) to initiate corrective measures at all district tennis meets to prevent unusual disturbances from individuals or groups and to prevent the use of noisemaking instruments.

B. SITE

1. A district member shall host the district tennis meet for boys and girls. Site to be selected annually.

C. SCHEDULING AND DETERMINING DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

1. At the District meeting set for the purpose of seeding players for the District tennis tournament, there will be four players seeded.
2. 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. The second seed will go to the opposite bracket. The third and fourth seeds will go to opposite brackets.
3. 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.
4. 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 half of draw.
5. The following criteria for seeding players will be adhered to:
  - a. Records based on Head-to-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.

6. Determining District Representatives

- a. Coaches may move their singles line-up up or down one spot from the original order anytime throughout the year.
- b. 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.
- c. A player may play on singles, doubles, or both.
- d. The Coach must place the best two doubles players at #1 doubles, the next best at #2 doubles, etc. The #1 singles players on both the boys and girls teams may not play on the #3 doubles team. The #6 player may not play #1 doubles.
- e. District will consist of a double Round Robin format.

D. MEET DIRECTOR—SPRING

- 1. The District Executive Committee shall select a meet director for the District 3-AAAA meet or may allow the host school to select a meet director.
- 2. The host school shall notify the district chairman and district members as to whom the meet director will be.
- 3. 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 3-AAAAA rules.
- 4. 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.
- 5. As 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.

E. PROTESTS

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.

F. AWARDS

Varsity (Boys and Girls)			
Team Trophy	Size	21"	19"

Medals (Golf-Bronze-Silver)

Doubles	1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	(2 sets)
Singles	1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	(2 sets)

Junior Varsity (Boys and Girls)

Medals

Doubles	1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	(2 sets)
Singles	1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	(2 sets)

## XII. TEAM TENNIS

### A. SCHEDULING AND DETERMINING THE DISTRICT CHAMPION

1. The district champion shall be determined by playing a double round schedule.
  - a. The team with the highest winning percentage will be the district champion.
  - b. The team with the next best winning percentage will be the district runner-up.
2. In the event two or more teams tie for the district championship, each team involved in the tie shall be declared Co-champion, Tri-Champion, etc.
  - a. If two teams tie for the district championship:
    - 1) If one team has won both mutual games, that team will be declared the district winner and the other team the runner-up
    - 2) 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.
  - b. If three teams are tied for the district championship:
    - 1) Tournament held at a site determined by the three teams involved according to UIL rules.
    - 2) Three teams tied in percentage District Tournament.  
A draws bye, B plays C, C wins and plays A.  
If A wins, C is the district runner-up.  
If C wins, A plays B for runner-up spot.
  - c. If four teams are tied for the district championship:
    - 1) Tournament held at a site determined by the four teams involved according to UIL rules.
    - 2) Draw for spots. A vs. C, B vs. D. Two winners of the first game play for championship, loser is runner-up.  
  
The losers of the first match play each other for the third place finish.
  - d. More than four teams tied in percentage – District Tournament.
  - e. Three teams tied in percentage for runner-up tournament.
    - 1) Tournament held at a site determined by the three teams involved according to UIL rules.
    - 2) Three teams tied in percentage District Tournament.  
A draws bye, B plays C, C wins and plays A.  
If A wins, C is the district runner-up.  
If C wins, A plays B for runner-up spot.

3. 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.

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.

1. Six boys singles
2. Six girls singles
3. Three boys doubles
4. Three girls doubles
  - a) Singles, Doubles. Players may, but are not required to, play both singles and doubles or mixed doubles.
  - b) Singles Ladder Positions. In singles, each player is to play according to ladder position—meaning the best player at #1, the next best at #2, and so on down the lineup to #6.
  - c) 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.
  - d) Mixed Doubles. Mixed doubles can consist of any boy or girl who is not participating in the doubles competition.

#### 4. Lineups

Singles – 1-6

One position movement allowed

Doubles

Fluid Teams

#1 singles cannot play #3 doubles

#6 singles cannot play #1 doubles

#1 team will play #1, etc.

#### 5. Team Scoring

The scoring system will be no-advantage scoring, best 2 out of 3 set matches with a 12-point 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 three of the four matches at the #1 position, that school wins.
  - d. Continue on down through the lineup at each position until a tie is broken.
  - 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.
6. Official Playing Rules
- The *United States Tennis Association* (USTA) playing rules shall be used in all league matches with exceptions as noted in the manual.
7. Number of Matches
- Each player may play in no more than three dual matches per day.
8. Rest Periods
- a. Each player will receive a minimum of 15 minutes rest between doubles and singles.
  - b. Each player will receive a 10 minute rest between the second and third sets of split set matches in both boys' and girls' singles and doubles.
  - c. Each school will receive a minimum of one-hour rest between dual matches.
9. Coaching
- A coach may coach his players only during the 90 second change-over at the end of odd games, and during the 10 minute rest period for split set matches. Only the school tennis coach employed by that school may coach and only in a manner that does not interfere with the play on adjoining courts.
10. Warm-Ups
- The players will have a 10 minute warm-up. The players must take all their practice serves during this time.
11. Injured Players
- 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.)
12. Tennis Etiquette
- a. Applauding a good play is always in order. Applauding an error is never in order.

- b. Any person who takes it upon himself to berate officials or make himself conspicuous by razzing the team should be requested to leave the court area.
- c. Players shall be instructed, prior to the first match, that good sportsmanship shall prevail throughout the play. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated and may result in a player's suspension.

13. Reporting to Matches

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 time shall forfeit the match. No excuse shall be accepted for failure to appear.

14. Substitutions During Team Matches

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 lineup 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.

15. Entries (Dates to be determined later.)

Each school shall enter the district meet by certifying entries to the district director at least 10 days prior to the district tournament. District 3-AAAAA entries are due in the \_\_\_\_\_ Athletic Office by \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

16. Pairings (Site and date to be determined later.)

Team tennis coaches from all District 3-AAAA schools shall meet in the \_\_\_\_\_ Athletic Office at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ for the purpose of

drawing for pairings. If a coach is unable to attend, he shall send a representative to the meeting.

17. Procedures for Selecting All-District Team Tennis

- a. Coaches will list all players and their records on the attached form. If a player has a loss, the coach must list the player's name and school who beat him/her. If there is not a player who meets the criteria for All-District nomination, write "none" on the ballot at the position.
- b. List only district dual matches. Only matches played for league standing can be considered.
- c. A player must have played in the position nominated for in at least six matches to be considered for the All-District team.
- d. A player can be nominated All-District only for one position in singles and one position in doubles.
- e. All-district nominations will be selected in the following divisions:
  1. Boys' Singles
    - Number One
    - Number Two
    - Number Three
    - Number Four
    - Number Five
    - Number Six
  2. Boys' Doubles
    - Number One
    - Number Two
    - Number Three
  3. Girls' Singles
    - Number One
    - Number Two
    - Number Three
    - Number Four
    - Number Five
    - Number Six
  4. Girls' Doubles
    - Number One
    - Number Two
    - Number Three



- f. The nominee with the best record will be selected All-District for that position. In the case of a two-way tie, a direct win will be the only tie-breaker. If the two players have not played, then the coaches have the option of either voting to break the tie or both players will be named All-District. In the case of a tie by more than two nominees, the coaches have the option of voting to break the tie, or all players involved may be named All-District at the position.
- g. Players or doubles team with the most district matches played, with best win record, will be selected over players or doubles team with same win record but fewer district matches for selection to All-District, (i.e., 4-1 in district is better than 4-0). The exception to this would be if the player or team with the fewer matches has a direct win against the player with more matches. In selection for All-District doubles, partners who have played the most matches together will have priority over players who play with more than one partner, provided they have the same record.
- h. The district coaches will have a meeting following District play to select the All-District team using the above criteria for voting. Each coach will bring each player's record and their school ballot to this meeting. The district champion coach facilitates the meeting.
- i. The coaches will ensure that principals, athletic directors, and the district chairman are all furnished a copy of the All-District team.

### XIII. SPRING TENNIS

The District 3-AAAAA 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

#### 1. Divisions

There shall be the following divisions:

- a. High school boys singles and doubles
- b. High school girls singles and doubles

At the district meet each school may enter two boys singles and two girls singles, and two boys doubles and two girls doubles.

#### 2. Official Rules

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

#### 3. Tournament Referees

Every effort will be made to secure tournament referees from the local tennis officials association to assist at the district tournament

#### 4. Medals

Individual medals will be presented to first, second, and third place winners. A team trophy will be presented to the first place team and a plaque will be awarded to the runner-up team.

#### 5. Entries (Dates to be determined later)

Each school shall enter the district tournament by certifying entries to the district director at least ten days prior to the district tournament.

#### 6. Making the Draws (Dates to be determined later)

Tennis coaches from all district schools shall meet 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.

#### 7. Reporting (Times to be determined later)

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 \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of the scheduled time shall default the match.

#### 8. 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. Procedures for playing the tie-breaker may be found in the *UIL Coaches Manual for Tennis*.

#### XIV. SOCCER

##### A. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY

It shall be the responsibility of the host school (principal or designee to initiate corrective measures at all district games to prevent unusual disturbances from individuals or groups and to prevent the use of noise-making instruments.

##### B. THE GAME

There will be no shoot-outs or overtime periods. Ties will remain.

##### C. FINAL STANDINGS

Final standings will be determined by a points system.

1. The team with the highest point total will be the district champion.
2. The team with the next highest point total will be the district runner-up.
3. The team with the third highest point total will be the third place team, etc.
  - A win = 3 points
  - A tie = 1 point
  - A loss = 0 points

##### D. DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the event two or more teams tie for the district championship, each team involved in the tie shall be declared co-champion, tri-champions, etc.

1. If two teams tie for the district seeding:
  - a. If one team has won both mutual games, that team will be declared the winner and the other team the lower seed.
  - 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.
2. 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.
    - A draws bye, B plays C, C wins and plays A.
    - If A wins, C is the district runner up.
    - If C wins, A plays B for runner-up spot.
3. 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; loser is runner-up. The losers of the first match play each other for the third place finish.
- 4. More than four teams tied in percentage – district tournament.
- 5. Three teams tied in percentage for runner-up.
  - a. Tournament held at a site determined by the three teams involved according to UIL rules.
  - b. Three teams tied in percentage – district tournament.
    - A draws bye, B plays C, C wins and plays A.
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- 6. 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.
 

Site in reference to tournaments shall be interpreted as the same ISD and/or the adjoining ISD of the school sponsoring the tournament.
- 7. All playoff games will use the UIL format for overtime games.

E. GAME TAPES

There will be a free exchange of any or all previous game tapes by mutual consent of the two coaches involved. The previous week’s tape will be sent (bused, FED Ex) to the out-of-town opponents as soon as possible, but not later than Tuesday night.

Once playoff representatives are determined, no game tapes will be shared with future playoff opponents.

F. FINANCIAL POLICIES

Soccer admission tickets, if sold, shall be sold at the following rates for the categories indicated:

Adult Ticket .....	\$4.00
Student Ticket .....	\$2.00

G. SELECTION OF THE ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

The Coaches will meet to select the All-District Soccer Teams.

XV. SPRING EVENTS

A. LITERARY CONTEST ONE-ACT PLAY

1. Member schools shall determine by majority vote, a site for the spring literary contest and the one-act play contest
2. The member schools shall abide by specific rules and regulations set forth by the host school for any and all events.

XVI ALL-DISTRICT TEAM SELECTION

- A. A meeting will be held after the sport is completed to select all-district teams.
- B. Each coach may nominate but cannot vote for his own player in all sports.
- C. Football nominations will be for an Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year, and First and Second Teams – Offense and Defense.
- D. Basketball nominations will be for Player of the Year, Newcomer of the Year, First and Second Team. Each team consists of seven players.
- E. Volleyball nominations will be for Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, Newcomer of the Year, and First and Second Team (eight (8) players to each team – not selected by position).
- F. Baseball nominations will be for Player of the Year, Utility Player, and First and Second Team.
- G. Softball nominations will be for Player of the Year, Utility Player, and First and Second Team.
- H. Soccer nominations will be for Player of the Year, Newcomer of the Year, and First and Second Team.
- I. Coach of the Year will be the head coach from the District Champion.
- J. Ties will be re-voted and if still tied, both will be added to the team.
- K. Player of the Year is to be a member of the First Team All-District Team.
- L. Golf, Tennis, Track, and Cross Country Regional qualifiers will be the All-District Teams.
- M. In Team Tennis, there will be six boys and girls for singles and three boys' doubles teams, and three girls' doubles teams with a Most Valuable Player boy and girl.
- N. All District Teams will not be released until the season is over for all teams. Season is defined until the last team from District 3-AAAAA is eliminated from competition.

XVII. ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

A. GOAL

To recognize academic excellence among all district varsity level sports under the auspices of UIL rules.

B. CRITERIA

1. Must play varsity level UIL sport.
2. May be a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior playing any varsity level sport.
3. Current average of 90 or better based on all subjects in the present school year. Schools using a 4/0 or similar scale may want to establish a standard equivalent to a 90 average.
4. No U's in conduct during the current year.

C. PROCEDURE

1. Presented for all sports in the spring. Presented in local newspapers by the principal of each school.
2. Each student receives a certificate from the 3-AAAAA district.
3. Principal of each school will certify school list to send to the local media.
4. Current average includes through the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> six week grading period.
5. District Chairman will send the certificates to the principal for completion and distribution to the students. The student may receive a certificate for each sport participated in on the varsity level.