

**DISTRICT 28AAA SOFTBALL RULES
2017 & 2018**

1. The first date of District play shall be determined by the District Executive Committee in accordance with the University Interscholastic League calendar.
2. Make-up games, play-offs, and ties must be completed so that the District Champion may be certified by the last date authorized by the UIL calendar. If a rainout occurs at the home in the first round of district play and the scheduled visiting school field is playable, the home sites will be flipped so the game could be played on its original date. Any games that are canceled must be played on the next available date, as per UIL rules. ***Rainouts are to be scheduled in the order that the rainouts occur. Please check with your superintendent before scheduling any games on Wednesday.***
3. Seven (7)-inning games will be played unless extra innings are necessary to break a tie. If the tie game is called because of darkness or weather in district play, then the game will be continued and decided just prior to the next scheduled game between the two teams or the first available playing date.
4. If a game in progress is called by the umpires due to inclement weather, it will stand as a complete game if four and one-half (4.5) innings have been played, if the home team is ahead; 5 innings, if the home team is trailing. If a game has completed 5 innings it is a complete game and if it has not completed 5 innings the game will resume exactly where it was suspended. Same (play at the next available date, from the exact same spot.) After 4 ½ innings the game will not be replayed if the home team is ahead.

Rainouts and games called because of darkness will be played on the next available playing date.

Schools must wait at least 45 minutes before cancelling the game, but may wait longer by mutual consent of both schools. Certified umpires are only required for varsity contests.

5. The Ten Run Rule (10) shall be in effect after five (5) innings, (4 ½ innings) if the home team is ahead. The 15 Run Rule shall be in effect after three (3) innings, (2 ½ innings) if the home team is ahead.
6. District games will be scheduled at 5:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. as scheduled by the coaches involved. By mutual agreement between the coaches involved, the starting time of the game may be changed. Each school should do its best to accommodate the needs of its playing partners. If two schools mutually agree upon changes in times, dates, sites, the District Chairman and other schools in the District shall be notified.
7. Pre-game warm-up time shall be as follows:

NO LIGHTS (Varsity game must be played first) LIGHTED FIELDS

5:00 p.m. Games

3:55 to 4:25

4:25 to 4:40

4:40 to 4:55

Visiting Team Batting

Home Team Infield

Visiting Team Infield

7:00 p.m. Games

5:55 to 6:25

6:25 to 6:40

6:40 to 6:55

8. If a team is involved in a girl's basketball play-off game and there is a conflict with a District softball game, the softball game and schedule can be modified by the DEC.
9. Players are to be in full uniform.
10. Admission charges, if made, shall be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.
11. Officials shall be from accredited associations and shall be secured by the home team.

12. Speed up rules as outlined by National Federation will be used. The use of a courtesy runner for pitcher and catcher is allowed any time, regardless of the number of outs.
13. The District winner shall call a meeting of the softball coaches to select All-District players within 10 days of the conclusion of the District schedule (may be neutral site). Results of the All-District selections shall be sealed and kept by the district school's coach until after all four teams representing the district are out of the play-offs.
14. Determining District Champions and Playoff Representatives

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

- a. The team with the best overall win/loss record will be the District Champion.
- b. The team with the 2nd best win/loss record will be the 2nd place team.
- c. The team with the 3rd best win/loss record will be the 3rd place team.
- d. The team with the 4th best win/loss record will be the 4th place team.

In the event two (2) or more teams tie for the District Championship, they will be declared Co-Champions and the following (head to head) format to determine playoff seeding.

In the event of any tie the first tie breaker is head to head and if head to head cannot resolve the tie then a playoff game or tournament is played. Head to head is defined as the record between the tied schools during district play. (not overall record)

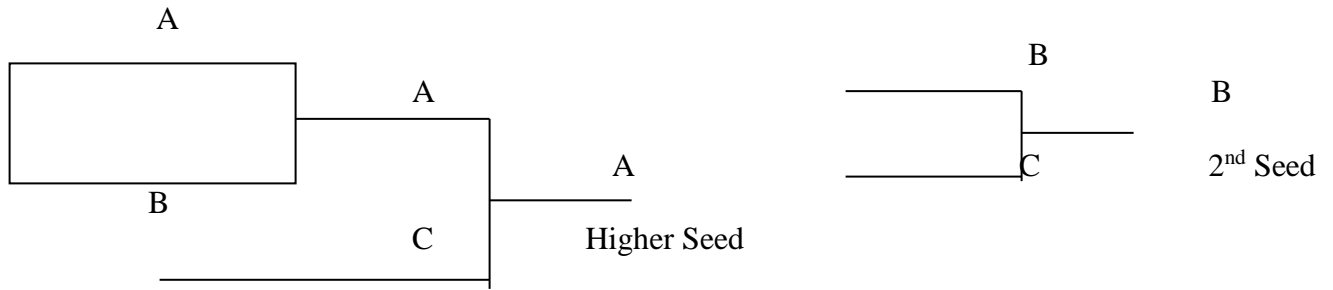
Two Teams Tie: (head to head)

- a. If one team has defeated the other team twice in round robin play that team will occupy the higher playoff seeding with the other team occupying the next available position (no game needed).
- b. If the two (2) teams involved each have a win over each other (split) in the round robin play they have the following options.
 1. A one game playoff with the winner occupying the higher playoff seeding and the other team occupying the next available position. If either team chooses to play the game, the game must be played.
 2. Schools involved may flip for playoff positions. Teams tied for third place position cannot flip and must play a one game playoff for that position.

In the event three (3) teams tie for the District Championship, teams will be declared Co-Champions and a playoff seeding tournament will be played. Three teams will advance to the playoffs.

For the runner up and third place position, all teams involved in the tie will participate in a playoff seeding tournament, with the winner occupying the higher playoff seeding and the runner up team occupying the next available position.

- Seeding for the playoff tournament will be decided through a coin flip. No team involved will receive any special seeding privileges.
- The teams involved in the tie will flip a coin, odd team will get the bye and the two other teams will play. The winner will play the team with the bye to determine the higher seeding.
- If the team with the bye loses, it will play an additional game with the first round loser to determine the next playoff seed only.



- a. Four or more teams tie: The teams involved will draw for position A, B, C, D, etc and play a tournament to determine the District Champion. Winners of the first games will play for the District Championship and 2nd place.

15. Softball Schedules for the 2017 season is enclosed. Coaches are to exchange schedules prior to the start of the season.
16. Both teams will report results to Bryan Blanar at bblanar@bolingisd.net
17. Security: Home team will provide; up to them
18. No JV District Games scheduled in softball as part of a district schedule. Each school is on their own in making their own JV schedule.

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