

GENERAL POLICIES FOR ALL CONTESTS

District 24AAA

Boling, Danbury, East Bernard, Hitchcock, Palacios, Tidehaven & Van Vleck 2018-2019

1. The Constitution and Contest Rules of the University Interscholastic League will govern all interschool contests for the 2018-2020 years. In cases not covered by these rules, the official policies of District 24AAA will prevail. The District Executive Committee will settle disputes.
2. The District Executive Committee will serve for all contests for the district. Each school district will be entitled to one vote to be cast by the Executive Committee member of his / her designee.
3. All rules and policies herein stated will remain in effect until changed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
4. The District Executive Committee will serve all University Interscholastic League interschool activities. The District Executive Secretary will serve for all athletic and literary events. All sports eligibility lists shall be sent to Bryan Blanar at bblanar@bolingisd.net prior to the first varsity competition.
5. Complimentary Passes:
 - a. The director general is to issue 65 district passes to each school to admit bearer and one guest/spouse.
 - b. Bus drivers and sponsors admitted free upon proper identification.
 - c. Cheerleaders, band and sponsors will be admitted free when in uniform.
6. Admission Prices
 - a. \$3.00 for Adults and \$2.00 for Students
7. Pre-Game Music
 - a. Home Team shall control volume and lyrics
 - b. Bands playing at home games will not sit directly behind visiting team bench
 - c. No noisemakers (UIL Rules)
8. All District: See individual sports
All-Academic Teams for All Sports:
Students must have a 90 overall average in all courses.
 - a. For the Fall Sports, use the average from the 1st and 2nd six weeks. Sports will include volleyball and cross country.
 - b. For the Winter Sports, use the average from the 3rd and 4th six weeks. Sports will include basketball.

- c. For the Spring Sports, use the average from the 4th and 5th six weeks. Sports will include baseball, softball and track.

9. Officials

The selection of game officials will be governed by the Constitution and Contest Rules of the University Interscholastic League. A Scratch list will be provided with name and address of all officials.

10. Awards

The district's chairman shall purchase spring meet awards that are presented by the District 24AAA so there will be consistency through all activities. The DEC shall establish criteria for all awards. District team sports winners in volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball will buy their own trophy. All other meet awards will be furnished by the District committee and the cost split between all schools evenly.

11. Radio

Live broadcasts and internet broadcasts will be permitted at all sports to conform to UIL-CCR

12. Game is canceled because of weather or public disaster

If a game is canceled because of weather or public disaster, a make-up game must be played at the first available date. The first available date is defined as any day other than Sunday without changing any other district game. The site and time of the make-up game will be the same as the original game was scheduled unless mutually agreeable upon by the schools involved. Superintendents of the two schools or the appropriate representatives involved will determine if the game needs to be postponed. If one team refuses to play on the make-up date, it will be a forfeit by that team. Wednesday is the next available date if Tuesday is a rain out. **Please check with your superintendent before scheduling any game on Wednesday.** Saturday is the next available date if Friday is cancelled due to weather or public disaster. A baseball or softball game cannot be cancelled or moved due to another athletic event, i.e. track meet unless that event is a district event.

A game or match may be discontinued due to an emergency situation, which would make continuation of the game or match impossible. An alternative court or field acceptable to each representative or officials shall be used to complete the game on that same date. It shall be the responsibility of the home team to arrange for an alternate site. Should no alternate gym or field be available on the same date, the suspended game shall be completed at the first available playing date. No players may be added to the official scorebook. A game that has an effect of the playoff standings must be completed. If a make-up game is played on Wednesday, it will be varsity only at the earliest possible time agreeable to both schools involved.

In baseball and softball, 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. The

game will resume 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.

NOTE: District competitions will do their best to not conflict with any Bi-District, Area, Regional, or State Competition. In the event of rainouts, UIL mandates that games be played on the next available playing date.

13. UIL regulations regarding filming and taping will be followed.
14. The District Executive Secretary and Chairman shall be authorized to poll each school on the eligibility of athletes filing a Previous Athletic Participation Form request. **Each request is to be submitted with the completed and legible UIL forms, as well as a letter describing the student athlete's reason for moving in PDF format, to the District Executive Secretary Bryan Blanar at bblanar@bolingisd.net.** The District Executive Secretary will email a scanned copy of the submitted documentation to each district superintendent, and copied to each high school principal and athletic director. The superintendent or his/her designee will approve/disapprove. A time frame of 48 business hours will be allowed for a response. If no response is received then a yes will be assumed. Upon receipt of all responses, the District Executive Secretary will notify all district schools of their decision.
15. Pre-game ceremonies should be at the discretion of the home team. Home teams will notify visiting teams of any deviation from the normal schedule.
16. All schools shall send a confirmation to each member school of the district schedule prior to the beginning of the non-district play, and will notify each district school and District Executive Secretary of any changes.
17. Each school shall report the game results after each game to the District Executive Secretary Bryan Blanar (979)-531-9721 by text or email bblanar@bolingisd.net. The completed report will be sent to all District 24AAA Coaches, Athletic Directors, High School Principals, and Superintendents.
18. If less than the requested number of officials show up for a contest, the game shall be postponed unless agreed upon by both coaches. If the game is postponed, it will be made-up at the same site as originally scheduled with the game to be varsity only and time to be set by the two schools involved.
19. Unauthorized persons or groups shall not be permitted on playing areas before or during the game
20. Determining District Champions and Playoff Representatives in all sports.

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)

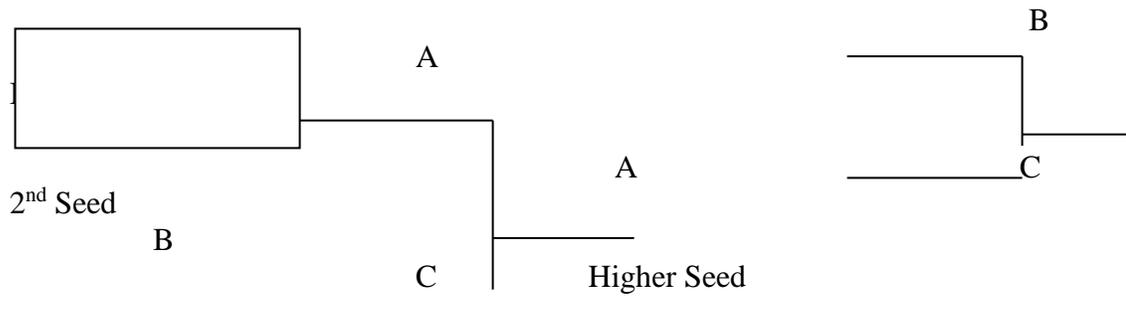
Two Teams Tie: (head to head)

- 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 by mutual consent of both schools.
3. 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.

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- 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.

21. Official Game Ball (see individual sports)
22. Hosting schools of district sporting events will be reimbursed for fees incurred to run the event. Reasonable hospitality expenses will be shared by 24AAA.
23. For all sports, if there is a change in the number of teams playing, the home team is responsible to set the times of the games notifying the visiting team as soon as possible. In turn, if the visiting team has a change in the number of teams they are sending, they must notify the home team as soon as possible so they can set the game times.
24. Security: Home team will provide; up to them
25. Home Team will provide drinking water and cups for gym sports (volleyball and basketball).
26. Each school will be responsible for purchasing their own District Championship Trophy-refers only to baseball, softball, basketball and volleyball.

District 24AAA Athletic Training Recommendations

- Water and injury ice should be provided for both teams for all sporting events.
- It is recommended that an ambulance be in attendance for all high school football games (varsity, junior varsity, and freshman).

- If employed by the individual school, an Athletic Trainer shall be in the area / on call for all high school home games for all sports unless previous notification is given to the host head coach of the individual sport affected.
- The National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) lightning policy shall be in effect for all outdoor district contests.
 - a. When lightning is spotted in the area one or more of the following should be notified: Head coach, administrator in charge, head official.
 - b. When using a flash to bang* count of 30 seconds (lightning within six miles of site) the event will be suspended and all contestants, coaches, and fans should seek safe shelter**. The suspension will be for a minimum of 20 minutes from the last lightning strike within a six-mile distance to game site. Every time there is a lightning strike within six miles using a flash to bang count of 30 seconds the 20-minute suspension period restarts.

*Each 5 seconds between seeing a lightning flash and hearing thunder represents approximately one (1) mile of distance from yourself and the lightning. For example, a flash-to-bang count of 15 seconds would represent a distance of 3 miles.

**Safe Shelter includes buildings which people occupy; office buildings; clubhouses; classrooms; gymnasiums. Emergency Shelter (if safe shelter is not available) includes such things as an enclosed car with metal roof; dense cluster of similar height trees/bushes; depressed areas. "Shelters" that are NOT safe – convertible car; golf cart; storage sheds; picnic shelters; portable toilets; single tall objects (i.e. a tree); umbrellas; open fields; bodies of water; hills.