

DISTRICT 31-5A SOFTBALL RULES

I. Game Days and Times

1. Games will be played on Mondays and tournaments will be on Saturday.
2. Games will be at 5:00p.m.

II. Time Schedule

1. Pre-game warm up schedule: Each team will be allowed 30 minutes to warm up on the playing field prior to the start of the game.
2. Teams may take additional warm-up in a designated area provided by the home team.

III. Game Site

1. The home team will designate the dug out for the visiting team.

IV. Postponed Games

1. In the event of a postponed game due to inclement weather, the game will be rescheduled for the same week up to Saturday.

V. Assignment

1. Two officials (at least 1 for Middle School), assigned by the assigning secretary, will be paid by the home team.
2. If a visible time clock is available, it must be used and will keep the official time. If a visible clock is unavailable, the umpire will keep official time.
3. If only one official is assigned, he/she will be behind the mound.

VI. Lack of Officials

1. If only one official shows up, the game will still be played. If no official shows up, the game must be officiated by another coach or school personnel.
2. People from the stands cannot be used to assist the official present. It must be school personnel.

VII. Rules

1. The UIL Rules govern district games. Recommendations for rulebook must be adhered to.
2. Game time is 90 minutes. If an inning starts before the end of regulation time, then the inning must be completed.
3. 4 runs in a single inning or 3 outs shall constitute a complete half inning.
4. If game is tied, 1 extra inning will be played with last out of previous inning in 2nd base and 1 out.
5. First game is at 5:00pm. and the next game will follow 15 minutes after the completion of the first game.
6. In regular scheduled games, 1 extra inning will be allowed if game is tied. In tournament play, all ties are broken by how many runners reached 3rd base and if a tie still remains the outcome will be determined by a flip of a coin.

7. No metal cleats should be worn.
8. Home teams for district games must have an adult on the book and at tournaments can be an adult or students.
9. Games must include 9 players to begin the game, but if an injury occurs during the game (verified by a trainer), the game may continue with 8 players.
10. Home team must provide 2 new softballs for the game.
11. Allow unlimited defensive substitutions.