

UIL DISTRICT 27-5A VOLLEYBALL

**Brackenridge – Burbank – Edison – Highlands – Houston –
Jefferson – Kennedy - Lanier - Memorial**

2021-22 ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN

ARTICLE I GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. It shall be the responsibility of the host school (principal or game supervisor) to initiate corrective measures at all district volleyball matches to prevent unusual disturbances from individuals or groups and to prevent the use of noise-making instruments of any kind in the gym. Prohibited, but not limited to, are bull horns, bells and whistles, bottles with rocks, and balloons. Cheer megaphones may not be used in the gymnasium.
2. Flash cameras including digital cameras with flash are not allowed during the match.
3. School flags must be stationed at a designated location in the stands.
4. The only music allowed will be provided by the home site and approved by the Administrator.
5. Victory lines and tunnels by anyone other than players are not allowed. Only the players, coaches, managers, officials, and game administrators are allowed on the gym floor before and during matches, unless mutually agreed upon by both teams.
6. Parent night or any other recognition activities will occur prior to Varsity pre-match warm up and should not exceed 10 minutes. The opponent will be notified prior to the match.
7. Spirit signs may be allowed in the stands as long as they are no larger than 12 inches by 18 inches and shall not be affixed to sticks or metal objects for the protection of the public.
8. Each team may bring in one large fixed banner.
9. Seniors will not be allowed to play in sub-varsity matches.
10. All general policies in the UIL Volleyball manual and the C & CR will be followed.

ARTICLE II TIME OF MATCHES/MATCH FORMAT

1. Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshmen A & B will play a regulation match.
2. Freshmen, JV and Varsity matches if on a SAISD campus will be played on Tuesdays and Fridays, and possibly Wednesdays if needed:
 - Freshmen A at 5:30pm, (Freshman B at 6:15pm) JV at 6:15pm, and Varsity at 7:30pm if there is one gym.
 - Freshman at 5:30pm and JV at 6:30pm if no Varsity on campus.
 - Freshman A at 5:30pm, JV at 5:30pm and Varsity at 6:30pm (Freshman B at 6:30pm) if there are two gyms.
3. Freshman, JV and Varsity matches hosted by Kennedy and Memorial will be played on Tuesdays or Fridays at Edgewood Gym and the Campus
 - Freshman @ 5:30pm on home campus (Kennedy or Memorial)
 - JV and Varsity 5:30pm, 6:30pm
4. Central site (ACC) times will be determined by the Athletic Department. Varsity matches will be played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5:30pm and 7:30pm. A few Varsity matches on Fridays will be at 4:15pm, 6:30m and 7:45 pm.
5. Varsity
 - Will play by National Federation rules.
 - 3 out of 5 to 25 (no cap)
 - 5th set to 15 (no cap)
6. Sub-varsity (Junior Varsity and Freshmen)
 - 2 out of 3 to 25 (cap at 30)
 - 3rd set to 15 (no cap)
7. “B” team matches will be scheduled by the competing coaches.
8. If there is a site or time change, all district teams must be notified by the appropriate Athletic Office. Matches will be started at scheduled times whenever possible.
9. The varsity warm-up will be a 15-minute time period, divided as follows.
 - 3-minute pepper
 - 5-minute spiking separate - visiting team
 - 5-minute spiking separate - home team
 - 2-minute shared serving
 - 2-minute team huddles, off court
 - Unauthorized persons will not be allowed on the court during warm-up
 - Timed warm-up will not begin until varsity coach is in attendance and the

coin toss has been completed.

10. Sub-varsity warm up will be an 15 minute time period:
 - 3-minute pepper
 - 5-minute spiking separate - visiting team
 - 5-minute spiking separate - home team
 - 2-minute shared serving
 - 2-minute team huddles, off court
 - Unauthorized persons will not be allowed on the court during warm-up
 - Timed warm-up will not begin until sub-varsity coach is in attendance and the coin toss has been completed.

ARTICLE III OFFICIAL BOOKKEEPER

1. The official bookkeeper for a varsity match will be an adult who is knowledgeable of volleyball rules and score keeping procedures. Adults are also recommended for sub-varsity contests.
2. The home team scorebook will be the official game book and it will list the players by name and number.
3. The Libero Tracker and clock will be an adult for Varsity matches. Adults are also recommended for sub-varsity matches, however, a student may also be used. It is recommended that there be at least one adult at the table.

ARTICLE IV OFFICIALS

1. Only UIL-approved officials shall be used.
2. In each District 27-5A varsity match, four UIL-approved officials will be used. Should all officials not arrive; the match will proceed if an umpire and referee are present. If the umpire or referee do not show up, the visiting school shall not be in violation by refusing to play. However, earnest effort should be expended to find officials so that the match may be played without additional travel expenses for the team and fans. If the contest cannot begin within one hour of the regular scheduled time, then the contest would be played on the next available day at a scheduled time, as per UIL. The District Executive Committee would have the authority to determine forfeit. In the event that one or no linesman has arrived, each team should provide an adult linesman.
3. District 27-5A volleyball coaches shall be provided a scratch list for officials on arbiter.
4. JV officials will be two (2) TASO/SAVOA officials. Freshman matches must be officiated by at least one (1) TASO/SAVOA official. If no official arrives, a coach or knowledgeable adult may officiate if agreed upon by both coaches.

5. As per NFHS rules (5-1-1.), the home team will provide the linespeople for the subvarsity matches.

ARTICLE V OFFICIAL MATCH BALL

1. The official game ball to be used in all District 27-5A contests is the Baden 15-0 or Spalding TF-VB5. The ball must meet NFHS standards.
2. The home team will play with a multi-colored ball (in school colors). The ball should be a leather ball.
3. The home team will provide the warm up balls for both teams.

ARTICLE VI ADMISSION PRICES

****NOTE: Due to COVID 19 concerns, spectators may be limited on the campus based on each facility**

1. **On campus or Varsity ACC**
Varsity & Subvarsity
\$ 5.00 – Adult
\$ 3.00 – Student
2. **Sub-Varsity only on SAISD campus**
\$4.00 – Adult
\$3.00 – Student
3. Teams shall play a double round robin on a home and home basis and each home team will keep their own receipts.
4. Passes:
 - a. Varsity volleyball player passes with ID will be honored at all 27-5A regular season matches.
 - b. When their varsity is playing, freshmen and junior varsity volleyball teams of District 27-5A schools will be admitted free with list, passes, or escorted by their coach.
 - c. Faculty and staff passes will admit one; spouses and children must pay admission.
 - d. District 27-5A passes will be honored at volleyball matches.
 - e. Senior citizen passes are honored for district games

ARTICLE VII UNIFORMED, SCHOOL SPONSORED GROUPS

1. Cheerleaders, pep-squads, drill teams, and other uniformed school sponsored groups accompanied by the sponsor(s) shall be admitted free of charge to all varsity and subvarsity matches.
2. Cheerleaders at ACC may be on the floor on the baseline behind their team at ACC but may not cheer during the serve. Cheer groups shall not use their megaphones as noise makers by hitting them on the floor or bleachers.
3. There shall be no imitating of another school's fight song or alma mater by an opponent's pep squad organization or any student groups as spectators. Jeering, name calling or other unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
4. At individual district schools, cheerleaders must be beside or behind their own team or in a mutually-agreed-upon location as space allows. Cheer and mascots will remain outside of playing area as designated by the host school and officials.
5. The home team may have a band or mariachi present but they may play before the match during warm up time only

ARTICLE VIII ALL DISTRICT TEAMS

1. The District Champion will chair a meeting of coaches after the district certification which is Sat. October.30th, 2021 . The meeting will be held on Wed., Oct. 3rd, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. at the home campus of the District champion. The list will not be released until the last district representative has been eliminated from the playoffs.
2. All-district selection procedures for District 27-5A will be as follows:
 - a. The All District Team shall consist of: 16 First Team athletes, 12 Second Team athletes and a maximum of 27 Honorable Mention athletes
 - b. Superlatives: Outstanding Hitter, Outstanding Setter, Defensive Specialist and Newcomer of the Year (first year on Varsity) will be decided before first team nominations are made. All MVP's will automatically be on the All-District 1st Team. Coaches will not be able to vote for their own player on these votes.
 - c. First team will have 16 total athletes, (4 superlatives plus 12 first team)
 - i. 1st place team has a minimum of three slots
 - ii. 2nd place team has a minimum of two slots
 - iii. 3rd and 4th place teams have a minimum of one athlete.

- iv. Any Superlatives will fill one of the allocated slots for the top four teams.
 - d. The remaining vacancies will be nominated by the coach and voted on by the group for first team.
 - e. Second team will have 12 total athletes. Coaches will nominate their athletes.
 - g. Coaches will not be allowed to vote for their own players. Each coach is limited to two nominations for First Team and three nominations for Second Team with the exception of the four superlatives which will be voted on prior to the First Team allocations/nominations.
 - h. Tie votes will be included on all teams. In cases of three or more tied votes, a revote will be required for the selection. In the re-vote, coaches will not vote if their athletes are involved.
 - i. The Honorable Mention team will come from the coaches selections. No more than three athletes per school.
- 3. All-Academic teams
 - a. Lists will be submitted at the all-district selection committee meeting.
 - b. Academic All-District selection with a cumulative average of 90 or better will be forwarded to the District Chairman.

ARTICLE IX. METHOD FOR DETERMINING DISTRICT CHAMPION & PLAYOFF REPRESENTATIVES

A double round robin schedule will be played. The team winning the highest percentage of district matches will be declared the district champion and will receive the highest position for the state playoffs. The team with the second highest percentage will be second; the team with the third highest percentage will be third. The team with the fourth highest percentage will be fourth. The team(s) that end in a tie for the district championships will be declared co-champions, tri-champions, or quad champions, etc.

TIES: In the case of ties, the procedure below will be used to determine the ranking of teams that are tied for the same position at the conclusion of the season.

1. Two-way Tie: If two teams are tied and one team has beaten the other twice during district play, then that team will receive the higher seed and the other team will receive the next seed or advancement. Both coaches must agree to the coin flip, otherwise the match will be played. If the two teams decide to flip a coin instead of playing the match, the winner of the coin flip will receive choice of play for the higher seed. If there is no coin flip or match and both coaches agree, then the two coaches involved can decide on the seeding position. Any tie can be decided by a coin flip if it is mutually agreed upon

up by both teams. If two teams tie for fourth a tiebreaker match will determine fourth place seed.

2. Three-way Ties: The team with the best head to head record will be declared the 1st place team representative. The next best head to head record is declared the 2nd place representative and the third best head to head record will be declared the 3rd place representative.

Example: “A”, “B”, and “C” will draw for bye if the teams have identical records in head to head competition. Tournament play will determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place representative. Team “C” draws the bye. Team “A” plays team “B”. The winner, “A” then plays “C”. If team “C” wins, team “C” is the 1st place representative, “A” is the 2nd place representative, and “B” is the 3rd place representative. If “A” wins, “A” is the 1st place representative and “B” and “C” will play to determine the 2nd and 3rd place representative.

If the head to head records for the three teams are not identical within the “tied” three teams, the seeding for the tournament play will be determined by the standings within the three teams, rather than a draw.

Example: “A” is 3-1, “B” is 1-3 and “C” is 2-2. “A” would have the bye, and teams “B” and “C” would play each other, and the winner would play “A”.

If there is no coin flip or match and all three coaches agree, then the three coaches involved can decide on the seeding position. Any tie can be decided by a coin flip if it is mutually agreed upon by the three teams, as long as the positions are guaranteed playoff positions. A tie for 4th place, where the winner is 4th and the loser would be 5th would have a playoff match.

3. Four-way Ties: If one team beats the other three teams twice each, then they would be the higher seed and the other teams would revert back to 9B. If four teams tie for a position, the teams will draw for opponents for the first round of an elimination tournament. The winners of the first matches will play each other, with the winner of that match being the highest ranked team of the four, and the loser of that match ranked second. The losers of the first match played in the tournament will play for the third ranking if necessary.

Example: A play B and A wins; C plays D and C wins
A plays C for 1st and 2nd seed
B plays D if necessary for third seeding.

If there is no coin flip or match and all four coaches agree, then the four coaches involved can decide on the seeding position. Any tie can be decided by a coin flip if it is mutually agreed up by the four teams, as long as the positions are guaranteed playoff positions. A tie for 4th place, where the winner is 4th and the loser would be 5th would have a playoff match.

1. PANDEMIC AMENDMENT TO DETERMINING DISTRICT CHAMPION & PLAYOFF REPRESENTATIVES

Under current UIL guidelines, there are no provisions for make up matches due to COVID. If multiple district games (more than two weeks of at least 5 schools) are postponed due to pandemic quarantines in the first round, the following options may be followed:

- A. Play one round of district only during the allowable playing dates set by UIL. Sites would be determined by original schedule rotation. Tie Breakers will follow Regular Season Tie Breaker rules if playable dates permit.
- B. If there are ties for the top 4 playoff positions, and district play-in matches cannot be conducted, a coin flip will determine seeding

If teams cannot play scheduled or postponed games due to isolations or quarantines, then the last option will be forfeiture of game(s) by the team that cannot compete due to roster limitations. If both teams are in the same situation, then the game will be declared a no-contest and will not reflect as a win nor loss in the district standings.

4. District Playoff matches

All district playoff matches for District seeding will be at a site within District 27-5A or adjoining school districts with unanimous consent of schools concerned. If the schools concerned cannot agree on a site, the site will be decided by the flip of a coin.

ARTICLE X. FILMING/MEDIA ACCESS

- 1. Videos may not be provided to opponents of playoff schools.
- 2. Filming is allowed by the team or parents only.
- 3. Only media organizations with credentials will be permitted on the court during matches. Organizations that are selling pictures on their websites are not permitted free entry or access to the court.