

BASEBALL

2024-2025



*DISTRICT 32-5A
Baseball Plan*



ARTICLE I: MEMBER SCHOOLS

Section 1

Member Schools

Brownsville Lopez High School
Brownsville Pace High School
Brownsville Porter High School
Brownsville Rivera High School
Donna High School
Weslaco East High School* *Baseball Chair*
Edcouch Elsa High School
Mercedes High School
Donna North High School
Harlingen South High School

ARTICLE II: DISTRICT FINANCES

Section 1

Trophies for varsity district baseball champions will be purchased by the District chairperson.

ARTICLE III: DETERMINING CHAMPION

Section 1

District 32-AAAAA will play the approved schedule attached:

The District Champion will be determined by total district win-loss records.

- A. The team with the second best district win-loss record will be declared second place.
- B. The team with the third best district win-loss record will be declared third place.
- C. The team with the fourth best district win-loss record will be declared fourth place.
- D. Any tie can be resolved by a coin flip, by mutual agreement.
- E. In case of ties for the Playoff Seeding, the following criteria will govern tie-breakers:
 1. If there is a two-way tie and one team has won both mutual games, then that team is designated "Higher Seed" for play-off purposes. The other tying team will be designated "Lower Seed"
 2. In case of a tie between team "A" and team "B" in which they split their regular season games, a one game playoff will determine the top seed, or mutual agreement of coin flop by coaches will determine seeding.
 3. **If there is a tie among three or more schools:**
 - i. **Head-to-head record amongst the teams involved will be used to determine seeds.**
 - ii. **If teams are still tied, or if remaining teams are tied there will be a seeding tournament or game to determine the remaining seeds.**
 - iii. **If there is a three way tie for the LAST playoff seed: best record among the involved teams gets a bye. A draws a bye, B plays C. The winner from B and C will play A to determine final seed.**
 - iv. **If there is a three way tie for the final TWO playoff seeds: the team with the best record will get the THIRD seed and the other two teams will play head to head for the final playoff seed.**

4. If three teams tie with the same record and are tied in mutual games (A, B, C in the example): flip to determine bye, with odd man drawing the bye.
 - i. A draws a bye, B plays C. C defeats B. C plays A and A wins. A is the first seed and C is the second seed. B is the designated third seed.
5. If four or more teams tie for first place and are tied in mutual games, a single elimination playoff tournament, determined by lottery (draw), will decide the first and second seeds. Winners of games 1 and 2 will play each other for first and second higher two seeds. A site will be determined by coin flip. Teams involved will agree upon time and officials.
- ~~6. In case of multiple ties for second, third and/or fourth place, the principles described in sections 1,2,3,4 and 5 will apply.~~
- F. Playoff games will be played in a site within District 32-AAAAA unless no fields are available in which case the next available field including UTRGV and all Valley fields will be the playoff site. The teams involved must mutually agree upon the site.
- G. In case of site change for 1st half district games due to weather or other uncontrollable situations, coaches must mutually agree upon change.

ARTICLE IV: GAMES AND MAKE UP GAMES

Section 1 All district games will be played according to National Federation Rules unless otherwise stipulated.

- A. Postponed games due to rain, lightning, or any act of Nature will be resumed from where the game was stopped. Unless four and a half (4 ½) innings have been played, and the home team is ahead then a complete game will be declared. (National Federation Rule) In case of a tie, the game will be resumed from the point of stoppage.
- B. Game suspended due to technicality such as light failure, unsafe environment, etc., will resume from where the game was stopped. 40 minutes must be allowed to rectify the situation. The Head Umpire will have final judgment if a situation is unsafe. If unable to determine a winner and there are no more days/time available (in accordance with UIL), a coin flip will determine winner.
- C. Games(s) called on account of ~~rain~~ weather will be played on the next available date. The games for weather will be made up in sequential order. Tuesday's games made up on Thursday unless coaches mutually agree to play on Wednesday. Friday's games will be made up Saturday. Saturday's games will be played at 2:00pm unless mutually agreed otherwise.
- D. If no show by 1 or more official(s) there will be a 40 min max wait time, if still no show it will be played on the next playable date. The games will be made up in sequential order. Tuesday's no show by officials will be made up on Thursday unless coaches mutually agree to play on Wednesday. Friday's no show by officials will be made up Saturday. Saturday's games will be played at 2:00pm unless mutually agreed otherwise.
- E. Non-playable Fields: If a site is determined unplayable in the first round of competition. The site will be reversed if the opponent's field is playable. The home team may arrange an alternative site. In the second round, the home team will be responsible for securing playable field; including using the opponent's if it is playable. If both games are played at the same site, each team will be the home team once. Host team will be responsible for paying umpires and reporting game score. (The visiting team will provide game baseballs). If no site can be arranged, the game will be moved to the next playable date. Tuesday's game to Thursday; Friday's game to Saturday.
- F. All make up games must be played in the order in which they were originally scheduled.
- G. Any games postponed due to COVID-19 will be made up on the next available date (Saturday) unless mutually agreed by both head coaches.
- H. All changes to games must be reported to the District Chair.

ARTICLE V: OFFICIALS

- Section 1** Rio Grande Valley TASO umpire will be used for all varsity games. Local TASO will be used for Jr. Varsity Dark and Light games.
- Section 2** There will be a two-man mechanic system employed for Varsity and Jr. Varsity Dark and Light games. One umpire is allowable for Jr. Varsity Games.
- Section 3** PASSES
- a) Visiting pep squad, school officials, bus drivers and cheerleaders in uniform will be admitted free. There will be no limit if they are in uniform.
 - b) Any district UIL passes or any district scouting passes will be valid for baseball games.
- Section 4** GAME RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES
- Section 5** Home team will be responsible for all expenses.

ARTICLE VI: VIDEO

- Section 1** Non-district and District Contest
- A. Videotaping/Filming
 - i. It is a violation to videotape or film a non-district or district athletic contest in which your school or team is not competing unless prior consent of the two schools involved had been obtained.
 - ii. Video Taping from the dugout during a district athletic contest in which your team is playing is allowable.
 - iii. A school does not have to obtain permission to film or tape a non-district or district contest in which it is competing. However, the film or video tape may not be utilized until after the contest has been complete.
 - iv. Film and video tapes become property of the school doing the filming unless by district rule or by consent of the school involved in the contest.
 - B. Commercial Use
 - i. Use of film for commercial purposes must be approved by all schools involved.
 - ii. Home team live streaming will be honored by visiting team.

District rule (video camera/cameras)

Parents of participation teams may use video cameras provided above UIL guidelines are followed. No flash cameras may be used.

- Section 2** Either participating school may film or videotape, one per school only. (Includes Varsity, JV dark and light.)
- Section 3** District television or Radio stations will be allowed.

ARTICLE VII: PRE-GAME/GAME ACTIVITIES

JV Light Games:

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>Pre-game conf. -</u>	5:20pm-5:25pm	9:50am-9:55am
<u>Game Time-</u>	5:30pm	10:00am
<u>**4 Run Limit Per Inning / No Run Rule</u>		
<u>Time Limit:</u> Nothing after 1 hour 30 minutes.		

JV Dark Games:

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>Pre-game conf. -</u>	6:50 pm-6:55 pm	11:20 am-11:25 am
<u>Game Time-</u>	7:00 pm	11:30 am
<u>**10 Run Rule After 5 Innings</u>		
<u>Time limit:</u> Nothing after 1 hour 50 minutes.		

- COACHES MUTUALLY AGREE FOR GAME TO BE OVER before time limit.
- *JV GAMES PLAYED AT DONNA NORTH WILL START WITH THE JV DARK GAME FIRST
- *JV Games will NOT be made up should any event happen that forces game not to be played.

Varsity Games:

- TIME CHANGE MUST BE MUTUALLY AGREED ON BY HEAD COACHES
- ALL GAMES PLAYED **AT DONNA NORTH** WILL START AT 5:30 PM THIS WILL MOVE TEAM STRETCH AND PRE GAMES 90 MIN BACK.

Tuesday and Friday

- 5:00-6:00pm Home Team BP
- 6:00-6:30pm Team Stretch
- 6:30-6:40pm Home Team I/O
- 6:40-6:50pm Visiting Team I/O
- 6:50-7:00pm Pre-Game Plate Meeting
- 7:00pm Game Time
- *No BP during game.

*Pitch count **MUST** be submitted by HOME TEAM before 12pm the following day.

*Team will forfeit if a team is not filled. A forfeit will result in a loss.

Pitch Count Implementation:

During the regular season, pitch count limit is determined after each single game appearance. Only official game pitches will count. Rest is defined as not using a pitcher in a contest, days are counted for the full day regardless of appearance start time. (Ex: Pitcher throws 95 pitches on Friday. Rest days are Sat, Sun, Mon, and Tues. He is eligible to pitch on Wednesday, not Tuesday night.). A pitcher will be allowed to complete current at-bat even if they hit pitch count max during the at-bat but must exit as a pitcher after the at bat. There are no restrictions on allowing any game day pitcher (starter or reliever) from resuming play in the field after being removed as a pitcher, regardless of pitch count.

Each JV and Varsity game will need an official pitch counter provided by home team. The official pitch counter will use the forms provided by the district and will not be allowed to be in the dugout. Coaches/team representative will announce pitch totals every half inning to verify counts. Should any dispute arise, the primary source for final pitch count will be the official scorebook/count of the home team. Umpires do NOT have any jurisdiction or involvement in pitch count. Pitch counts will be verified

at the conclusion of the game with a signature on the verification form. The home team is responsible for

submitting the verification form to their District Chair by 12 noon the following day for filing. District Chair is responsible for keeping the Certifications and providing on **Monday and Thursday of each week to Coaches.**

Pitch Count Violations will result in:

1st offense: forfeit of district game.

2nd offense: forfeit of district game and the Head Coach will be suspended for the following district game.

3rd offense: forfeit of game, Head Coach will be suspended for the following district game, and Head Coach will have to meet with the DEC.

High School Pitch Count (Grades 9 through 12): As per UIL

0-30 pitches: 0 days rest

31-45 pitches: 1 day rest

46-65 pitches: 2 days rest

66-85 pitches: 3 days rest

86-110 pitches: 4 days rest

ARTICLE VIII: HALF TIME ACTIVITIES

N/A

ARTICLE IX: TOURNAMENT AND TICKET PROCEDURE

Tournament fees:

Varsity: \$300.00 Sub-varsity:

\$200.00 Ticket Fees:

Adults: \$3.00 Students: \$2.00

ARTICLE X: TRANSFER

STUDENTS

Follow UIL policies.

ARTICLE XI: UNIFORMS

Section 1 Home- Light colors

Visitors- Dark colors

ARTICLE XII: NEGOTIATIONS OF GAME CONTRACTS

Section 1 Athletic coordinator or Athletic Director along with participating coaches will make final decisions.

ARTICLE XIII: GAME BALL

The official game ball for District 32-AAAAA baseball games will be the Diamond 1 and or Diamond 1 Pro ***NOCSAE***.

Sub-varsity will use any NFHS stamped or NOCSAE baseball.

ARTICLE XIV: ALL DISTRICT SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations will be submitted on the official ballot sheet provided by the Last Seeded Team. The host school will be the LAST SEEDED TEAM at their school the Wednesday of the Bi-District Playoffs at 7:00pm. You can add, delete or elaborate when you come to the meeting. Voting for all awards will be done at the meeting.

- A. The head coach shall nominate his own players and emailed prior to the selection meeting.
- B. The organizing school will provide master ballots for the final voting. These ballots will be completed after all the head coaches have arrived at the site.
- C. Each position will be treated as a separate vote.
- D. Each coach will vote for a position.
- E. Each position will be voted on and votes will be counted before continuing on to the next position.
- F. A player can be nominated for more than one position **only if he is a pitcher.**
- G. *District MVP, Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Newcomer of the Year, Utility POY will be made first. **These players will not be included on other selections.*** Open Ballot voting will be implemented for the All-District Selection Process. OVERALL VOTING RESULTS ALONG WITH VOTING SUBMISSIONS WILL BE SENT OUT TO ALL HEAD COACHES AT THE END OF MEETING.
- H. ADDING OF PLAYERS WILL **NOT** BE ALLOWED ONCE SELECTION PROCESS HAS BEGUN.
- I. Coaches will vote for opponents' players only. As indicated on the ballot, the number of individuals selected for each position will be voted on as follows:
 - i. First Team selection- 2
 - ii. Second Team selection – 1
- J. First team selections will be those receiving the most votes for the available positions. The second team will be those receiving the next most votes for positions available.
- K. Any tie will not be broken. Tied players will be included on the appropriate team. Honorable Mention will be given to any player receiving **1 or more votes.**
- L. Coach of the Year will be the District Champion Coach(es)
- M. All-District teams will not be announced to the public or the press until the final 32-AAAAA team is out of the state play-offs.
- N. **Newcomer criteria is as follows:** Exclude seniors and no previous district game experience.
- O. **Only DISTRICT STATS** will be used to nominate players.
- P. All voting will be open ballot.

ALL-DISTRICT TEAMS will consist of the following:

Superlatives:

MVP: *will come from the district champion team(s)*

Offensive Player of the Year

Defensive Player of the Year

Pitcher of the Year

Newcomer of the Year: *No more than 3 games the previous year*

Utility Player of Year: *Must have played 3 or more positions.*

All-District:

Pitchers: 3 - 1st Team and 2 - 2nd Team

(must throw 25 innings or 9 appearances during district play)

Catcher: 1st Team and 2nd Team

First Baseman: 1st Team and 2nd Team

Second Baseman: 1st Team and 2nd Team

Shortstop: 1st Team and 2nd Team

Third Baseman: 1st Team and 2nd Team

Outfielders: 4 - 1st Team and 3 - 2nd Team

Utility Player: 1st Team and 2nd Team

(Must have played at least 3 different positions)

Designated Hitter: 1st Team and 2nd Team

(Must play 50% of Dist. Games @ DH)

Coach of the Year- District Champion Coach (es)

ALL ACADEMIC TEAM: Varsity players with 90% or better GPA

Honorable Mentions:

Players who receive minimum of 1 vote

Write Ins: Top 4 teams get 3 and the other 6 teams will get 2

All-District 32-AAAAA Balloting Procedure:

1. Each head coach must vote on every position for both first team and second team.
2. Each head coach cannot vote for their own players.
3. District MVP will come out of the District champion voted in by their Head Coach.
4. Each head coach is allowed **ONE VOTE** Offensive MVP, and Defensive MVP (all nominating and voting will be done at the meeting – results not shown until end of entire voting process). District MVP, Offensive MVP, and Defensive MVP, Pitcher of the Year and Newcomer of the Year cannot win any other award. District MVP cannot be a player that only pitches.
5. The results of this balloting will **NOT** be disclosed until each of the district representatives in the playoffs have completed their season.
6. **All stats will be up to date on a weekly basis through Max Preps.**

District 32-5A Head Coaches CONTACT INFORMATION

SCHOOL	COACH	EMAIL	CELL PHONE
Brownsville Porter	Oscar Cortez	oicortez@bisd.us	956-266-4435
Donna High	Orlando Cruz	Ocruz@donnaisd.net	956-472-8089
Brownsville Pace	BORIS VEGA	bjrvega@bisd.us	956-346-9010
Brownsville Lopez	Victor Martinez	vhmartinez@bisd.us	956-443-5930
Weslaco East	Mike Brown	mbrown@wisd.us	956-325-9413
Mercedes	Carlos Pimentel	carlos.pimentel2@misdtx.net	956-998-8177
Brownsville Rivera	Travis Parker	tparker@bisd.us	956-545-9295
Edcouch Elsa	Ryan Garza	rygarza@eeisd.org	956-457-2224
Harlingen South	BRYAN AUGHNEY	Bryan.aughney@hcisd.org	956-221-2847
Donna North	JOEY RAMIREZ	jramirez@donnaisd.net	956-802-3771

2025 Varsity Baseball District 32-5A Master Schedule						
Visitor	Feb. 18	Home	WEEK 1/2	Visitor	Feb. 25	Home
Donna	At	Mercedes		Mercedes	At	Donna
W. East	At	Pace		Pace	At	W. East
Lopez	At	Porter		Porter	At	Lopez
H South	At	Rivera		Rivera	At	H South
E Elsa	At	D North		D North	At	E Elsa
Visitor	Mar. 4	Home	WEEK 3	Visitor	Mar. 7	Home
Mercedes	At	W East	Feb. 25	W East	At	Mercedes
Porter	At	Donna		Donna	At	Porter
Pace	At	H South		H South	At	Pace
D North	At	Lopez		Lopez	At	D North
E Elsa	At	Rivera		Rivera	At	E Elsa
Visitor	Mar. 11	Home	WEEK 4	Visitor	Thur. Mar. 13	Home
Mercedes	At	Porter		Porter	At	Mercedes
H South	At	W East		W East	At	H South
Donna	At	D North		D North	At	Donna
E Elsa	At	Pace		Pace	At	E Elsa
Lopez	At	Rivera		Rivera	At	Lopez
Visitor	Mar. 18	Home	WEEK 5	Visitor	Mar. 21	Home
H South	At	Merceds		Mercedes	At	H South
D North	At	Porter		Porter	At	D North
W. East	At	E Elsa		E Elsa	At	W. East
Rivera	At	Donna		Donna	At	Rivera
Pace	At	Lopez		Lopez	At	Pace
Visitor	Mar. 25	Home	WEEK 6	Visitor	Mar. 28	Home
Mercedes	At	D North		D North	At	Mercedes
E Elsa	At	H South		H South	At	E Elsa
Porter	At	Rivera		Rivera	At	Porter
Lopez	At	W East		W East	At	Lopez
Donna	At	Pace		Pace	At	Donna
Visitor	Apr. 1	Home	WEEK 7	Visitor	Apr. 4	Home
E Elsa	At	Mercedes		Mercedes	At	E Elsa
Rivera	At	D North		D North	At	Rivera
H South	At	Lopez		Lopez	At	H South
Pace	At	Porter		Porter	At	Pace
Donna	At	W East		W East	At	Donna
Visitor	Apr. 8	Home	WEEK 8	Visitor	Apr. 11	Home
Rivera	At	Mercedes		Mercedes	At	Rivera
Lopez	At	E Elsa		E Elsa	At	Lopez
D North	At	Pace		Pace	At	D North
Donna	At	H South		H South	At	Donna
Porter	At	W East		W East	At	Porter
Visitor	Apr. 15	Home	WEEK 9	Visitor	Thur. Apr. 17	Home
Mercedes	At	Lopez		Lopez	At	Mercedes
Pace	At	Rivera		Rivera	At	Pace
E Elsa	At	Donna		Donna	At	E Elsa
W. East	At	D North		D North	At	W. East
H South	At	Porter		Porter	At	H South
Visitor	Apr. 22	Home	WEEK 10	Visitor	Apr. 25	Home
Pace	At	Mercedes		Mercedes	At	Pace
Donna	At	Lopez		Lopez	At	Donna
Rivera	At	W East		W East	At	Rivera
Porter	At	E Elsa		E Elsa	At	Porter
D North	At	H South		H South	At	D North

2025 Junior Varsity Baseball District 32-5A Master Schedule						
Visitor	Feb. 17	Home	WEEK 1	Visitor	Feb. 22	Home
Donna	At	Mercedes		Mercedes	At	Donna
W. East	At	Pace		Pace	At	W. East
Lopez	At	Porter		Porter	At	Lopez
H South	At	Rivera		Rivera	At	H South
E Elsa	At	D North		D North	At	E Elsa
Visitor	Feb. 24	Home	WEEK 2	Visitor	Mar. 1	Home
Mercedes	At	W East		W East	At	Mercedes
Porter	At	Donna		Donna	At	Porter
Pace	At	H South		H South	At	Pace
D North	At	Lopez		Lopez	At	D North
E Elsa	At	Rivera		Rivera	At	E Elsa
Visitor	Mar. 3	Home	WEEK 3	Visitor	Mar. 8	Home
Mercedes	At	Porter		Porter	At	Mercedes
H South	At	W East		W East	At	H South
Donna	At	D North		D North	At	Donna
E Elsa	At	Pace		Pace	At	E Elsa
Lopez	At	Rivera		Rivera	At	Lopez
Visitor	Mar. 10	Home	WEEK 4	Visitor	Wed. Mar. 12	Home
H South	At	Merceds		Mercedes	At	H South
D North	At	Porter		Porter	At	D North
W. East	At	E Elsa		E Elsa	At	W. East
Rivera	At	Donna		Donna	At	Rivera
Pace	At	Lopez		Lopez	At	Pace
Visitor	Mar. 17	Home	WEEK 5	Visitor	Mar. 22	Home
Mercedes	At	D North		D North	At	Mercedes
E Elsa	At	H South		H South	At	E Elsa
Porter	At	Rivera		Rivera	At	Porter
Lopez	At	W East		W East	At	Lopez
Donna	At	Pace		Pace	At	Donna
Visitor	Mar. 24	Home	WEEK 6	Visitor	Mar. 29	Home
E Elsa	At	Mercedes		Mercedes	At	E Elsa
Rivera	At	D North		D North	At	Rivera
H South	At	Lopez		Lopez	At	H South
Pace	At	Porter		Porter	At	Pace
Donna	At	W East		W East	At	Donna
Visitor	Mar. 31	Home	WEEK 7	Visitor	Apr. 5	Home
Rivera	At	Mercedes		Mercedes	At	Rivera
Lopez	At	E Elsa		E Elsa	At	Lopez
D North	At	Pace		Pace	At	D North
Donna	At	H South		H South	At	Donna
Porter	At	W East		W East	At	Porter
Visitor	Apr. 7	Home	WEEK 8	Visitor	Apr. 12	Home
Mercedes	At	Lopez		Lopez	At	Mercedes
Pace	At	Rivera		Rivera	At	Pace
E Elsa	At	Donna		Donna	At	E Elsa
W. East	At	D North		D North	At	W. East
H South	At	Porter		Porter	At	H South
Visitor	Apr. 14	Home	WEEK 9/10	Visitor	Apr. 21	Home
Pace	At	Mercedes		Mercedes	At	Pace
Donna	At	Lopez		Lopez	At	Donna
Rivera	At	W East		W East	At	Rivera
Porter	At	E Elsa		E Elsa	At	Porter
D North	At	H South		H South	At	D North

- 29-Apr District Certification
- 3-May Bi District Deadline
- 10-May Area Deadline
- 17-May Regional Semifinal Deadline
- 24-May Regional Final Deadline
- 31-May State Semifinal Deadline
- June 5-7 State Finals