

31-5A
Baseball
District Plan
2024-2025

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District Chairman: **SHARYLAND**

Member Schools

McAllen High School
McAllen Memorial High School
McAllen Rowe High School
PSJA Memorial High School
PSJA Southwest High School
Sharyland High School
Sharyland Pioneer High School
Edinburg Vela
PSJA North

A. ELIGIBILITY

No student athlete who is a senior or has senior eligibility will be allowed to play in any sub-varsity game.

Eligibility forms are to be sent to the District Chair and one copy is to be kept at the home school for their records. Eligibility forms due no later than 2-20-24 Will change once dates are confirmed.

B. REGULATIONS

The baseball regulations adopted are an official part of the minutes.

C. OFFICIALS

Rio Grande Valley TASO umpires will be used for all varsity games. Local TASO will be used for Sub-Varsity games. There will be a two-man mechanic system employed for Varsity and if possible, for Sub-Varsity games

D. GAME BALL

The official game ball for 31-5A baseball games will be a Diamond D1 or D1 Pro brand with a NOCSAE STAMP and the NFHS stamp. (no substitutes). Baseballs must be in accordance with UIL. Sub-varsity teams may use any NOCSAE STAMPED ball.

E. GAME PASSES

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. Principals will make sure a section be reserved for them. The district UIL passes will be valid for baseball games.

F. SPIRIT ITEMS

Music will be allowed before and in between innings at the option of the home team. Posters may be used at the discretion of the home school. The principal of the school is responsible for good taste and correct display of posters. Noisemakers are allowed in accordance with UIL rules. (refer to general rules)

G. Playoff Seeding/ Tie Breakers *REFER TO 31-5A GENERAL PLAN**

H. ALL DISTRICT TEAMS

An all-district selection meeting will be held the 2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm after the certification date. The meeting will be hosted by the 5th seeded team. All-district selection will be conducted by form of secret ballot. 5th seeded team will create a packet for each school with nominations were category as stated in DEC Plan

I. BULLPEN ACCESS

The home team must provide access to a bullpen before games whether it is on the visitor or home side.

I. ALL-DISTRICT SELECTION

1. Selection of players by position will be made from players nominated by coaches. A pitcher is the only player that can be nominated for another position.
- II. An Overall MVP, Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Newcomer of the Year (first year varsity player), and Pitcher of the Year will be selected prior to the selection of all district teams. Each coach will have the option to nominate one player for each category from his or her team. Winners of these awards will not be named to any other all-district position. In addition, an academic all-district team will be named based on GPA. This team will consist of seniors only and must maintain a GPA above 92 (under general rules).
- III. Ties between players will not be broken. The athletes will be given the recognition for which they tied.
- IV. All-District teams will consist of the following: "OPEN BALLOT ELECTIONS". Once a player has been selected as a 1st team All-District player for any position, that player will be ineligible for any other All-District nominations. (Exception Pitcher)
 - a. MVP- does not qualify for any other honors.

- b. Offensive MVP- does not qualify for any other honors.
- c. Defensive MVP- does not qualify for any other honors cannot be a pitcher.
- d. Pitcher of the Year- does not qualify for any other honors.

UTILITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- e. One Newcomer of the Year-does not qualify for any other honor.
 - f. Four pitchers-(4) each 1st team, (3) each 2nd team, Honorable Mention
 - g. One catcher-(1) 1st team, (1) 2nd team, Honorable Mention
 - h. One first baseman-(1) 1st team, (1) 2nd team, Honorable Mention
 - i. One 2nd baseman-(1) 1st team, (1) 2nd team, Honorable Mention
 - j. One shortstop-(1) 1st team, (1) 2nd team, Honorable Mention
 - k. One 3rd baseman-(1) 1st team, (1) 2nd team, Honorable Mention
 - l. Four outfielders-(4) each 1st team, (3) each 2nd team, Honorable mention
 - m. One designated hitter (must play at least 50% of district games at DH)
(1) 1st team, (1) 2nd team, Honorable Mention
- V. Coach of the Year-District Champion Coach and recognition of assistant coaches.

J. FILM

- I. Parents of participation teams may use video cameras provided above UIL guidelines are followed. No flash cameras may be used. Either participating school may film or videotape, one per school only. (Includes Varsity, JV dark and light.) District television stations will be allowed.
 - a. It is a violation to videotape or film a non-conference or district athletic contest in which your school or team is not competing unless prior consent of the two schools involved had been obtained.
 - b. Videotaping from the dugout during a district athletic contest in which your team is playing is allowable.
 - c. A school does not have to obtain permission to film or tape a non-conference or district contest in which it is competing. However, the film or videotape may not be utilized until after the contest has been completed.
 - d. 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.
- II. Commercial Use
 - a. Use of film for commercial purposes must be approved by all schools involved.
 - b. Home team's live streaming will be honored by the visiting team.

K. SCHEDULING (Amended)

- I. Varsity district games will be played on Tuesdays and Fridays starting at 7:00PM.
 - a. The 10-run rule after 4 ½ innings will be adhered to.
- II. Varsity Pregame Schedule

*A mutual attempt to accommodate both teams in regards will take place amongst coaches in regards to batting practice and availability of pitching mound to warm up on.

6:00 – 6:25 Team Stretch

6:25 – 6:40 Home Team In & Out

6:40 – 6:55 Visiting Team In & Out

6:55 – 7:00 Pre-game Conference
- III. JV Light/JV Dark games will be played on Mondays, and Saturdays OPPOSITE sites.
 - a. Monday – Games will have a start time of 6:00 PM
 - b. Saturday – Games will have a start time of 10AM
- IV. Game schedule during spring break Games will be played Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Game times are sub-varsity's 10AM, varsity's 7PM unless mutually agreed upon by coaches and notification provided to DEC and its members.)

IV. Sub-Varsity baseball games:

VARSITY SCHEDULE FOLLOWS THE JV LIGHT

- a. JV Light - no inning will start at or after 1:40 time limit. The 10-run rule will be in effect after 5 innings and 15 run rule after 3 innings. JV light 4 runs per inning limit, last inning will be unlimited number of runs.
- b. JV Dark – No inning will start at or after the 1:50 time limit. The 10-run rule will be in effect after 5 innings and 15 run rule after 3 innings. JV dark will utilize same rules as JV Light 5 run cap or 3 outs whichever comes first.

RUN RULE MOVED TO 6 RUNS PER INNING. TEAMS CAN AGREE ON NO RUN LIMIT PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME.

- V. Sub-Varsity baseball games must provide the umpire and team a line-up card. Line-up cards must provide players' First and Last Name with Jersey Number. No Make-up games.

MAKE UP GAMES / MOVE GAMES

- I. All district games are played according to National Federation rules.
- II. If a district game is stopped for any reason other than a completed game, the game shall be replayed from the point that it was stopped. The only exception to this is a

completed game after 5 innings due to inclement weather. If unable to determine a winner and there are no more days / time available (in accordance with U.I.L.), a coin flip will determine the winner.

III. Game(s) called on account of weather or no show by officials will be played on the next playable date including Wednesday.

IV. Non-Playable Fields:

- a. If a site is determined to be unplayable in the first round of competition, the site will be reversed if the opponent's field is playable. If neither site is playable the home team may arrange an alternate site within the district.
- b. In the second round, the home team will be responsible to secure a playable field. Every effort must be made by the home team to secure a playing field.
- c. If no site can be arranged, the game will be moved to the next playable date, i.e. Tuesday's game to Wednesday or Thursday. Friday's game will be played on Saturday (*No Option of Monday if the field is playable on Saturday).

*Arrangements must be made by 2 PM on the day of the game or as mutually agreed upon.

**Subject to Approval by Athletic Director or Athletic Coordinator (if necessary)

***Must let other head coaches in the district know of cancellation/changes in sites, etc.

V. Section C and D apply to section B

VI. Rescheduling Game Times:

- a. Can be done if mutually agreed upon.
- b. Must be done in advance and it is head coach's responsibility to inform the other coaches in the district as well as media outlets

UNIFORMS

Home=Light Color Visitors=Dark Color

PITCH COUNT

Varsity and JV teams must provide first name, last name, and jersey number for each player on lineup cards. Each Varsity and Junior Varsity game will need an official pitch counter provided by the home team. For Varsity games the official pitch counter will use the forms provided by the District and will not be allowed to be in the dugout. Coaches/team representatives 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 will NOT have any kind of 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 within 48 hours of the end of the contest for filing. The District Chair is responsible for keeping the Certification and providing access to those numbers when requested. (If a pitch counter is

not visible, home team must announce pitch count after every inning. **Agree on location of pitch counter location).**

Alleged violations of the Pitch Count Rule occurring during the regular season will result in the Head Coach meeting with the DEC

Pitch count forms will be submitted to district chair at all levels:

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OTHER

- I. Use of illegal bat will result in an out, ejection of an offending player, and suspension of that player from the next District game.
- II. GAME RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES - Home team will be responsible for all expenses.
- III. DISTRICT FINANCES - Trophies for varsity district baseball champions will be purchased by the District-Chair.
- IV. Lightening protocols will be set by the school district.