

## BASKETBALL

### ELIGIBILITY:

Athletes are eligible if they are passing all courses with a 70 or above except those courses exempted according to information in the TEA & UIL Side by Side. Two copies are to be submitted to the D.I.S.D. Athletic Office one week prior to the first game. Please avoid use of nicknames, only use full names. Failure to furnish correct and complete information on each team member may constitute grounds for suspension. (Refer to eligibility due date list.) U.I.L. supplementary eligibility lists should be submitted in duplicate for each girl or boy, who for some reason was not included on the original list. Players may be moved up or down from junior varsity to varsity as long as the two game/week rule is not violated.

### TIE BREAKER FORMAT:

- A. Two teams tie in percentage, Step 1: The team that defeated the other in head to head competition both games will be declared the winner and the other the runner-up. Step 2: If the two teams split in head to head competition the two teams shall play one game to determine the winner and the other will be the runner up.
- B. Three teams tied in percentage. Teams play a district tournament. A draws bye: B plays C and C wins; C plays A. If A wins, C is the runner-up and B is third place. If C wins, A plays B to determine second and third place.
- C. Four teams tied in percentage. Teams play a district tournament. Draw for spots. A plays B to determine second and third place.
- D. More than four teams tied in percentage. Teams play a district tournament.
- E. Three teams tied in percentage for runner-up. Teams play a tournament. A draws bye; B plays C and C wins; C plays A. If A wins, A is second and C is third. If C wins, A plays B for third place.
- F. A flip will be put in place if weather does not allow for the above procedures to take place.

### POSTPONEMENT OF GAME:

All basketball games will be played unless postponed by the athletic office. The district executive committee may permit district varsity basketball games

postponed by weather or public disaster (not including illness), to be played as an exception to the two-matched-contests per week rule, provided that they are rescheduled and played within seven days or next non-school day after the cancellation.

#### CONDUCT:

The conduct of the coach will determine the conduct of the players and largely that of the students. Coaches should read the Code of Ethics found in this manual. Coaches will be responsible for the conduct of their players. The principal or his/her appointee shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the fans.

#### DISCIPLINE:

Players ejected from a contest will be required to meet the discipline committee, composed of members of the athletic department. Each case will be handled on an individual basis. Penalties may range from a reprimand to suspension from future contests.

#### PHYSICALS:

All athletes must have a physical on file with the school nurse before they will be allowed to participate in a practice or game. Players are required to have a physical on a yearly basis.

#### LETTERING PROCEDURE:

Athletes must participate in at least one-half the games in which the squad has played. The Head coach has the discretion to letter athletes that have not met this requirement but have contributed to the program.

#### SCHEDULING:

All district scheduling will be done through the athletic office using the U.I.L. scheduling chart. All schedules are based on a two year system. The high school district play follows a double round robin schedule with every team in the district. The participating school with the approval of the athletic office will set up all non-district games and scrimmages. No games shall be played prior to the

UIL starting date. Schedules need to be sent to the district office as soon as your schedule is complete. The coach is responsible for contacting officials, workers, administrators, trainers, and the athletic office when cancelling games.

#### NUMBER OF SCRIMMAGES, MATCHES, TOURNAMENTS:

No team or student shall compete in more than three invitational tournaments plus 21 basketball games in a season, including all games prior to the first playoff game. This shall include non-district and district games. No team or contestant shall participate in more than one matched game between Monday and the end of the school day on Friday. No team or contestant shall participate in more than two matched games during the calendar week of a district tournament. No inter-school basketball scrimmages are allowed after the first game is played.

#### GAME DAY:

If a student athlete is not in attendance the day of the contest he/she must have the permission of the principal or designee in order to compete in the contest the day of night of the event, or the last school day preceding the game.

#### RESERVING FIELD HOUSES:

All reservations of a field house must be made through the athletic office for scrimmage games unless it is to be held at a participating school. Coaches are urged to be responsible for facilities and equipment used. If a school is host to an event at a field house: the school will be responsible for the related cost of having the event. This includes officials, security and all other related expenses.

#### OFF SEASON TRAINING:

*Team Practice.* School teams shall be prohibited from practicing team skills before or after school except during the specified practice dates and during the one allowable period during the school day set by the U.I.L.

*Off-Season Participation.* Varsity or non-varsity athletes shall not be required to participate in an off-season program on the day of an in-season competition.

*Weight Training.* Outside the allowable period during the school day, schools may provide a general weight schedule for students, but may not provide athletes individual workout schedules which required activities to be at specified

hours, specify a number of workouts, or designate specified groups of students to be involved at a certain time.

#### EQUIPMENT:

Equipment will be ordered through the athletic office in the late fall for the upcoming school year. Coaches should be aware of any mandatory equipment necessary and order accordingly. Uniforms to be worn by groups will be an option of the local school, with approval by the principal. Do not suit out more than 18 boys/girls; all must be alike. The athletic office does not replace stolen equipment. It is the responsibility of the individual school to secure and store their equipment. All equipment should be washed, dried, and stored at the end of the season. There should also be an inventory taken at that time noting all equipment on hand. School equipment and uniforms can not be used for off-season non-school teams.

#### INJURIES:

All injuries should be taken seriously and recorded on the correct forms. Refer to the section in your manual called "Safety in Athletics". The responsibility of recording, reporting, treating and rehabilitation of athletic injuries rests with the head basketball coach or his/her assistant.

#### GAMES:

*Performing groups* will be admitted free. Director and sponsor should be at entrance gate to admit only those members in the performing band and drill team. The managers of the field house will arrange designated seating of bands and drill teams. If for any reason a band, drill team, or individual is found to be in violation of rules governing the game, unsportsmanlike conduct or disruptions of the game, they will be held accountable to their local school, the Athletic Department and the Creative Arts Department. If necessary, the individual or group will not be allowed to perform in the future. *Note: The school planning to perform should notify the athletic office, the stadium manger, and the visiting school at least one day in advance of the performance.* The school designated as the home team will have the option of furnishing a drill team for halftime entertainment. Only the drill team will be allowed on the gym floor with the band (not to exceed twenty members) performing from their assigned section. A drill team performing without a live band must furnish their own tape/CD player.

All performances will be limited to the first five minutes of the halftime intermission. Cheerleaders may sit on the floor at the end of the gym where their team is shooting, and may lead yells only during time outs, between quarters and at halftime.

Ticket sellers, Timers and scorers will be furnished for a schedule district senior high school game. Home team schools shall provide ticket sellers, timer and scorer for freshman and junior varsity games. One representative from each participating school will be allowed to sit at the scorers' table to keep the score book. Towels are available at the stadium and should be returned after the game. Only team members, coaches, and managers, statisticians, and other persons identified by the coaches may sit with the team on the bench or on the floor. Only players eligible to play may suit out and sit on the bench. *Small children on the bench are not allowed.* All coaches are urged to sit near the vicinity of the team and should be on alert for undue rowdy or boisterous acts by students.

The length of all high school games will be 8 minute quarters.  
Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity

#### RULES:

National Federation Rules with U.I.L. modifications will be adhered to. Each school shall abide by all rules contained in the constitution.

#### PRE-GAME WARM-UP:

Teams should warm-up on the opposite end of their bench. Warm-up should be confined only to one half of the gymnasium. Teams should not circle around the gym. No two teams huddle at center court the same time. If team one huddle first, team two must wait until team one breaks the huddle, before they come to huddle. Coaches will be held responsible for violations of these policies.

#### GAME BALL:

Practice and game balls will be furnished at all Dallas ISD facilities.

### HOME TEAM:

The home team is listed first on the district schedule and should wear white uniforms.

### ROSTERS:

A complete team roster of players and game line-up must be turned into the scorekeeper at least ten minutes prior to game time.

### PARTICIPATION REPORTS:

The participation report for all district games should be sent to the athletic office immediately following the game. All games, at all levels, should be reported. Season and district records should be included on the report.

### BUSES TO GAME SITES:

All teams are to be transported in buses or vans. Bus requests are to be made at the beginning of the season for the entire season. Any changes during the season should be made five days before needing the bus or van transportation. Teams must board the buses as soon as they arrive in order to keep the games on time.

### OUT OF TOWN TRIPS:

All out of town trips must be approved by your school principal before you finalize your schedule. All games over 50 miles must be approved by Dallas ISD athletic office in advance or the expenses and arrangement for transportation will be the responsibility of the local school. This includes scrimmages and non-district games.

### GAME FILMING:

It is a violation to film or videotape a non-conference or district athletic contest in which your school or team is not competing unless prior consent of the two schools involved has been obtained.

### PRESEASON SCRIMMAGES:

The participating schools should make all pre-season scrimmages. The athletic office must make approval of these pre-season scrimmages.

### OFFICIALS:

Officials for non-district games must be arranged by the participating home school. The pre-season home team will see that all officials pay form is filled out and sent to the Athletic Office for payment. If the officials do not have a vendor number, have them complete a vendor set up form. All district game officials will be assigned and paid by the athletic office.