

DISTRICT 25-6A
SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS
2024-2026

A. General Responsibilities

It shall be the responsibility of the host school (Principal or Game Supervisor) to initiate corrective measures at all District Softball games to prevent unusual disturbances from individuals or groups and to prevent the use of noise-making instruments, which are not to be used at the site, unless mutually agreed upon. Only appropriate signs shall be placed on the field of play. The home school only may provide warm-up music, between innings. Walk-up songs are okay.

B. Days for District Games

District varsity games will be scheduled on Tuesday and Friday. Make up games will be played on the first available playing date.

C. Starting Times for District Games

Weekday:	Sub-Varsity and Varsity Game	5:00pm/7:00pm
	Single Varsity Game	6:00pm
Saturday:	Mutual Agreement (JV game included)	
	Sub-Varsity and Varsity Game	11:00am/1:00pm
	Single Varsity Game	1:00pm

Spring Break: Games will be scheduled at normal, weekday times. Games can be mutually agreed upon to be played earlier in the day.

The District Games played over Spring Break will take place on Monday and Tuesday. If rained out, it will move to Wednesday. If Wednesday is rained out, it will move to Monday.

Varsity Games will be a complete 7 innings. If 7 innings have been completed and the game is tied, the game will continue in straight extra innings. No ITB.

Sub-Varsity Games will be timed, 1 hour and 15 minutes, finish the inning. Games may end in a tie. Sub-Varsity Games will allow 5 runs maximum per their at bat, unless mutually agreed upon by coaches.

Run Rule: 15 runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings
10 runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings

D. Playing Sites

Availability of Home Team Field.

E. Changing Original Schedule

Date changes of games cannot take place without DEC approval. Time changes can be made between participating schools with approval of the principals. Games postponed because of bad weather, wet fields, or facility issues will be rescheduled on the next available playing date. If a district game has begun, and is suspended before the completion of the number of innings (7 complete innings) the game shall continue on the next available playing date from the point of suspension.

F. Officials

Two officials shall be employed for each game, shall be contracted and paid by the home team, and shall belong to the Softball Officials Association. If only one official shows up, the J.V. game will be played; but the home team coach will be responsible for attempting to obtain the second official. A Varsity game will not be played without two umpires.

The fee per official shall be UIL minimum, and mileage paid for out of town games shall be according to UIL guidelines. The SOA will assign the umpires for each game. Each school will send its schedule to the SOA, which will assign the umpires. Coaches need to be furnished scratch lists prior to contests. Umpires assigned will be from the Austin Area Chapter Officials or Williamson County Chapter of officials.

G. Balls

The home team shall furnish the game balls and shall be the or Dudley Thunder (yellow, red stitch) 47 core, 375 compression, NFHS stamped.

I. Seating

Each school will be allowed one-half of the stands. The Home Team has choice of dugout. Fans will sit on same side of field as their team's dugout.

J. Video Film Policy

It is a violation to film or videotape a game in which your school or team is not competing. Filming or taping a game or contest in which your team is not involved is permissible only by prior mutual consent of the two schools involved in the contract. Note: A school does not have to obtain permission to film or tape a game in which it is competing. However, the film or videotape may not be utilized until after the contest has been completed. Both schools must approve use of this film of commercial purposes. Films and videotapes become property of the school doing the filming unless by district rule or mutual agreement otherwise.

The Home Team will notify the visiting team of team photographer. No film should be shared with non-district opponents.

L. Noisemakers

No stereos, radios, tape decks, megaphones or noisemakers or any kind are allowed, unless mutually agreed upon. Cheerleaders only in their official role may use megaphones.

M. Spirit Lines/Signs/Noisemakers

1. Spirit lines are restricted to cheerleaders only. No signs are allowed in the field Area.
2. The only persons allowed on the field before, during, and after games are players, coaches, trainers, managers, newspaper, photographer in foul territory and officials.

N. Forfeit

Game time is forfeit time unless there are extenuating circumstances (ie. Transportation) that can be verified.

O. Safety Zone (before the game/pre-game)

Before the game, during pre-game warm-up, from second base into the outfield, no player will be allowed in this area.







P. All-District Selection

1. The District Champion will call a meeting of coaches on Wednesday of the week following the last district games. The announcements of all-district selections will be withheld until the district representatives have been eliminated from the playoffs, and will be submitted by the district champion.

Special Awards

These five will be nominated by their coach and other coaches will vote by secret ballot.

1. You may not vote for your own player.
 2. All selections will be automatic 1st Team.
 3. There will be co-champions if the vote ends in a tie.
 4. Please provide a copy of your stats to each voting coach for the All-District Meeting.
- Only Player statistics from District Games are Official Statistics.

-  Most Valuable Player
-  Offensive Player of the Year
-  Defensive Player of the Year
-  Newcomer of the Year
-  Pitcher of the Year
-  Coach of the Year

All-District 1st/2nd/Honorable Mention

There shall be a first and second team selected according to the following procedure:

1. The first team will consist of 18 players, not including Special Awards.
2. Players will be nominated for first team according to the following criteria and voted upon by all coaches:
3. Teams will receive their selections according to the order of finish in the final district standings.

If a team does not have a deserving player of 1st or 2nd Team, its selection may be given to another school

4. The second team will consist of up to 18 players with each school receiving 2 selections. Each school is responsible for naming its own honorable mention players (maximum of 3) and shall be limited to announcing them to their local paper.

*A copy of the All-District team will be given to the district chairman.

Q. Academic All-District – Per School Individual School Districts

Each individual school district is responsible for following guidelines:

- Only varsity athletes are considered.
- The athlete must earn a minimum of a 90-grade point cumulative average during the 4th and 5th six-weeks, or the 3rd nine-weeks grading period of participation and must not have failed a course either of the two six weeks.
- Each varsity head coach is responsible for compiling a list of qualified athletes at the conclusion of the season. The list is to be approved by the principal.

R. Determining District Playoff Representatives

To determine District Playoff Representatives refer to the attached document entitled DETERMINING DISTRICT PLAY-OFF REPRESENTATIVES

DETERMINING DISTRICT PLAY-OFF REPRESENTATIVES

25-6A Softball

- A. The first place team will be declared the District champion. The second place team will be declared the District runner-up. The third place team will be declared the third seed team. The fourth place team will be declared the fourth seed team.
- B. The district play-off representatives will first be determined by total District won-lost record.
- C. The first method of tie-breaker to be used in case of a tie for any play-off position will be determined by “head to head” mutual district games won. This will apply to any two-way, three-way, or multiple ties that may occur. Example: Teams A, B, & C finish in a three-way tie in total district won-lost records, but team A has won more games in “head to head” District competition. Team A is automatically seeded above the other two. Then, B and C will use the two-way format to determine the next seed should a play-off spot still be open. The winner of that tie format would be seeded second of the three and the loser seeded third of the three teams involved.
- D. If there is a two-way tie for any of the top four places and both teams have won one mutual District game, then there will be a play-off game between those two teams. The winner of that game will be seeded above the other one. Play-off factors will be arranged by the schools concerned. There will be a one-game play-off in accordance with the UIL calendar.
- E. In the case of a three-way tie for any of the top four places and each team has won identical mutual “head to head” District games, there will be a District play-off tournament with the three teams involved to be held in accordance with the UIL calendar. A draw will be held to determine the “bye”.
1. If the team drawing the “bye” wins their game, they will be seeded above the other two teams. The loser of the final game will be seeded second of the three teams. The loser of the preliminary game will be seeded third of the three teams.

____A____ ____A____
____Bye____

____B____ ____B____
____C____

____A____

Of the three:
“A” is seeded
first. “B” is
seeded
second. “C”
is seeded
third.

Illustration E-1

2. However, in the case of three-way tie (which cannot be resolved by “head to head” competition) for the first or second place District spots in which the team drawing the “bye” loses their game, then they will need to play the loser of the first round game to determine the seeding for the next two spots.

____A____
 _____A_____

____Bye____
 _____B_____

____B____

____C____

____B____

____C____

Of the three:
 “B” is seeded
 first. “A” is
 seeded second.
 “C” is seeded
 third.

____A____

____A____

Illustration E-2

3. In the case of a three-way tie for third place, the winner of the tournament will be declared the third seed team. Illustrations E-1 and E-2, whichever is applicable, will be followed to determine the fourth place team, and the team that is not seeded. Following the above illustrations “C” would not be seeded.
 4. In the case of a three-way tie for fourth place, the winner of the tournament will be declared the fourth seed team. Illustration E-1 will be the only format followed.
- F. In the case of a four-way tie for the top four places in which all four teams have won identical mutual District games, a District tournament will be held with the teams involved to determine the final District standings. The method of placing teams will be by draw. This tournament will be held in accordance with the UIL calendar.

1. Four way tie for first:

____A____

“A” is District Champ

____B____
 _____A_____

“C” is District
 Runner-up

____B____

“D” is the third seed

____D____

____A____

“B” is fourth seed

_____D_____ _____C_____ _____C_____

_____D_____

Illustration F-1

2. Four-way tie for second:

_____A_____

“A” is District Runner-up

_____B_____ _____A_____

“C” is third seed

_____B_____

“D” is fourth seed

_____D_____

_____A_____

_____C_____

_____D_____

_____C_____

_____D_____

Illustration F-2

3. Four –way tie for third:

_____A_____

“A” is third seed

_____A_____

“C” is fourth seed

_____B_____

_____A_____

_____C_____

_____C_____

_____D_____

Illustration F-3

4. Four-way tie for fourth:

____A____

“A” is fourth seed

____A____

____B____

____A____

____C____

____C____

____D____

Illustration F-4

- G. After head to head, any ties not resulting in elimination from the playoff may be decided by coin flip if mutually agreed upon by all coaches involved. The winner of the flip shall receive the highest seed and all subsequent flips will follow the same procedure.
- H. All District play-off games will be at a site within District 25-6A or adjoining Districts with unanimous consent of the schools concerned. If the schools involved cannot agree on a site, the site will be decided by the flip of a coin.

Proposed 2025 Schedule

- First district game 2/18
- Last district game 4/17
- Allows for two tournaments
- Two games over Spring Break (Monday, Tuesday)
- Saturday game 4/5
- Good Friday 4/18
- District Certification 4/22

2025 District 25-6A Softball Schedule

2024-2026 UIL District 25 - 6A Girls Composite Softball Schedule

ROUND 1		
Tuesday February 18th		
VISITOR		HOME
Stony Point	@	Hutto
Westwood	@	Manor
Cedar Ridge	@	McNeil
Vandegrift	@	Round Rock
Vista Ridge	BYE	
Tuesday February 25th		
VISITOR		HOME
Round Rock	@	Vista Ridge
McNeil	@	Vandegrift
Stony Point	@	Manor
Cedar Ridge	@	Westwood
Hutto	BYE	
Friday February 28th		
VISITOR		HOME
Hutto	@	Round Rock
Manor	@	Cedar Ridge
Vista Ridge	@	McNeil
Vandegrift	@	Westwood
Stony Point	BYE	
Tuesday March 4th		
VISITOR		HOME
McNeil	@	Hutto
Westwood	@	Vista Ridge
Manor	@	Vandegrift
Cedar Ridge	@	Stony Point
Round Rock	BYE	
Friday March 7th		
VISITOR		HOME
Vandegrift	@	Cedar Ridge
Round Rock	@	Stony Point
Hutto	@	Westwood
Vista Ridge	@	Manor
McNeil	BYE	
Tuesday March 11th		
VISITOR		HOME
Manor	@	Hutto
Round Rock	@	McNeil
Stony Point	@	Vandegrift
Cedar Ridge	@	Vista Ridge
Westwood	BYE	
Friday March 14th		
VISITOR		HOME
Vista Ridge	@	Vandegrift

Member Schools by Draw	
1	Stony Point Tigers
2	Cedar Ridge Raiders
3	Round Rock Dragons
4	McNeil Mavericks
5	Westwood Warriors
6	Vista Ridge Rangers
7	Hutto Hippos
8	Vandegrift Vipers
9	Manor Mustangs

1	Stony Point Tigers
2	Cedar Ridge Raiders
3	Round Rock Dragons
4	McNeil Mavericks
5	Westwood Warriors
6	Vista Ridge Rangers
7	Hutto Hippos
8	Vandegrift Vipers
9	Manor Mustangs

ROUND 2		
Tuesday March 25th		
VISITOR		HOME
Hutto	@	Stony Point
Manor	@	Westwood
McNeil	@	Cedar Ridge
Round Rock	@	Vandegrift
Vista Ridge	BYE	
Friday March 28th		
VISITOR		HOME
Vista Ridge	@	Round Rock
Vandegrift	@	McNeil
Manor	@	Stony Point
Westwood	@	Cedar Ridge
Hutto	BYE	
Tuesday April 1st		
VISITOR		HOME
Round Rock	@	Hutto
Cedar Ridge	@	Manor
McNeil	@	Vista Ridge
Westwood	@	Vandegrift
Stony Point	BYE	
Friday April 4th		
VISITOR		HOME
Hutto	@	McNeil
Vista Ridge	@	Westwood
Vandegrift	@	Manor
Stony Point	@	Cedar Ridge
Round Rock	BYE	
Saturday April 5th		
VISITOR		HOME
Cedar Ridge	@	Vandegrift
Stony Point	@	Round Rock
Westwood	@	Hutto
Manor	@	Vista Ridge
McNeil	BYE	
Tuesday April 8th		
VISITOR		HOME
Hutto	@	Manor
McNeil	@	Round Rock
Vandegrift	@	Stony Point
Vista Ridge	@	Cedar Ridge
Westwood	BYE	
Friday April 11th		
VISITOR		HOME
Vandegrift	@	Vista Ridge

Westwood	@	Round Rock
Stony Point	@	McNeil
Hutto	@	Cedar Ridge
Manor	BYE	

Monday March 17th		
VISITOR		HOME
Vandegrift	@	Hutto
Vista Ridge	@	Stony Point
Manor	@	Round Rock
McNeil	@	Westwood
Cedar Ridge	BYE	

Tuesday March 18th		
VISITOR		HOME
Hutto	@	Vista Ridge
McNeil	@	Manor
Westwood	@	Stony Point
Round Rock	@	Cedar Ridge
Vandegrift	BYE	

Round Rock	@	Westwood
McNeil	@	Stony Point
Cedar Ridge	@	Hutto
Manor	BYE	

Tuesday April 15th		
VISITOR		HOME
Hutto	@	Vandegrift
Stony Point	@	Vista Ridge
Round Rock	@	Manor
Westwood	@	McNeil
Cedar Ridge	BYE	

Thursday April 17th		
VISITOR		HOME
Vista Ridge	@	Hutto
Manor	@	McNeil
Stony Point	@	Westwood
Cedar Ridge	@	Round Rock
Vandegrift	BYE	