

DISTRICT 28-6A
2024-2025 ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN—WATER POLO
EDISON, FOX TECH, HIGHLANDS, JEFFERSON

ARTICLE 1. IMPORTANT DATES

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| Section (a) | August 1 | First Day of Water Polo Practice |
| Section (b) | August 8 | First Day of Games |
| Section (c) | October 5 | District Certification |
| Section (d) | October 7-8 | Bi-District, site TBD |
| Section (e) | October 10-12 | Area |
| Section (f) | October 14-15 | Regional Quarterfinals Deadline, site TBD |
| Section (g) | October 18-19 | Regional Tournament, site TBD |
| Section (h) | October 25-26 | State Championship, site TBD |

ARTICLE 2. UIL FORMS

Section (a) Previous Athletic Participation Forms - PAPF - send to DEC Chair -must be completed in the UIL Portal.

Section (b) Eligibility Roster and Supplements - all forms submitted through the UIL Portal.

Section (c) District Chair: San Antonio ISD

ARTICLE 3. OFFICIALS

Section (a) Games will be officiated by two registered TASO Water Polo officials for all varsity games. During District play and post the table will consist of at least 3 adults to perform the score, clock and other tasks needed during the game.

Section (b) Officials will be scheduled by a TASO assigner.

Section (c) Official pay will follow the UIL Water Polo fee Schedule

ARTICLE 4. OFFICIAL GAME BALL

- Section (a) Official ball for postseason play from UIL:
Girls size 4 (Kap 7)
Boys size 5 (Kap 7)
- Section (b) These balls will be used for District play as possible
- Section (c) Each game will have a minimum of 3 official game balls - provided by the host site; teams will provide their own warm up balls.

ARTICLE 5. NUMBER OF SCRIMMAGES, GAMES, TOURNAMENTS

- Section (a) Teams shall conform to the game limitations laid out by UIL
- Section (b) If the district champions have a bye for the first round of the play-offs, those schools may schedule a warm-up game in addition to the game limits. This shall be played on a non-school night, with no loss of school time. Three games may be substituted in place of a tournament.
- Section (c) Rescheduled games due to inclement weather or public disaster shall be rescheduled on the next available date, other than Sunday, on which another district game is not scheduled, or played on a date determined by the DEC.
- Section (d) Tournament Restrictions-No team shall participate in an invitational water polo tournament held on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, except on school holidays. Games may be played after school on the last day of the school week prior to holidays.
- Section (e) Number of Games Per Day in Tournaments- no team shall play more than three matches per day in tournament play. Teams may play four matches per calendar day in one-day tournaments scheduled on a Saturday.
- Section (f) District games shall consist of four (4) quarters of play. The length of each quarter will be 5 minutes before district play, 6 minutes district play in the 1st round, 7 minutes district play in the 2nd round.
- Section (g) In the event of a District game ending in a tie. A 2-minute quarter will be played, if there is still a tie then a shootout will take place. The teams shall shoot five (5) penalty shots at the goal of the other team, alternating shots. If a tie exists after each team has taken five (5) shots, then teams shall take sets of alternate shots until one team scores and the other

does not. The procedure shall be conducted following the final game of the round or at the first practical opportunity.

Section (h) Team rosters shall allow players as long as they have a unique cap number for the player. Host sites will accommodate the numbers on a team. Coaches will provide the table with a pre-printed scoresheet, with the roster for the game filled in, prior to the start of each District game.

ARTICLE 6. DETERMINING CHAMPIONS

Section (a) A double round robin distinct schedule will be played.

Section (b) The team winning the highest percentage District games will be declared the District Champion and receive the highest position for the state playoffs. The team with the second highest percentage will be second with the #2 seed, the team with the third highest percentage will be third with the #3 seed and the team with the fourth highest percentage will be fourth with the #4 seed.

Section (c) Teams that tie for the District Championship will be declared Co-Champions.

Section (d) **TIEBREAKER FOR SEEDING** (will apply to any two-way, three-way or multiple ties that may occur, in the order laid out in the plan beginning with 1.

1. Determine Head-To-Head District Records.

2. If there is a two-way tie for any of the top four places and both teams have split in District play, then there will be a play-off game **3 between those two teams**. The winner of that game will be seeded above the other one. There will be a one-game play-in, in accordance with the UIL calendar.

3. If there is a three-way tie for any of the top four places, the Head-To-Head District Records determine a one-see, the tie then reverts to a two-way tie between the remaining two teams.

4. If there is 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".

a. 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.

- b. However, in the case of a 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.
 - c. In the case of a three-way tie for third place, the winner of the tournament will be declared the third seed team.
- 5. In the case of a four-way tie for the top four places in which all four teams have won identical mutual head-to-head District games a District tournament will be held with the teams involved to determine the final district standing. The method of placing teams will be by draw. This tournament will be held in accordance with the UIL calendar
- 6. If there is any type of tie that leaves a team out of the state playoff, a play in game will supersede all tiebreakers.

Section (e) In the case of a four-way tie, a tournament will take place, provided only two games have been played that week in an A-B-C-D format. These games may be played in addition to the total number of games and tournaments allowed for the season.

Format: The four teams will draw for A, B, C, or D designation. Teams A and B will play each other and Teams C and D will play each other. The winner of that game is the first seed and the loser is the second seed of the four playoff teams. The loser of the A-B games will play the loser of the C-D game. The winner of that game is the third seed and the loser is the fourth seed of the four playoff teams.

ARTICLE 7. ALL-DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE

The All-District selection meeting will be held at the District Champs home School. The District Championship will act as the committee chair and selections will take place by ballot. The District Chairman withholds the selection results until district representatives are eliminated from the playoffs.

Superlatives: ** Ties will be re-voted**

MVP

Goalie of the Year

Offensive Player of the Year

Defensive Player of the Year

1st Team All-District will include 7 members.

2nd Team All-District will include 7 members with a max of 10 athletes. If there is a nomination for 1st team and did not get in they will automatically be nominated for 2nd team. All ties will be 2nd team.

ARTICLE 8. VIDEO/FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

Section (a) Only authorized personnel will be allowed to video within the restricted area reserved for team videotaping.

Section (b) Team will not exchange film of other district teams during district play.

Section (c) Recordings of District games will not be provided to future play-off opponents.

Section (d) Spectators videotaping the game may do so within the restrictions of the UIL. Video tripods may be used as long as they are not a hindrance to the surrounding spectators.

Section (e) Each team will be allowed one (1) team photographer and two (2) school journalism students on deck to photograph their team during games. All photographers must remain in the designated area throughout the game and leave the deck upon completion of the game.

ARTICLE 9. MISCELLANEOUS

Section (a) One fixed banner allowed per team. Banners will be hung so as not to restrict the view of any spectators.

Section (b) Handheld signs in good taste will be allowed.

Section (c) No bands, band instruments, artificial noisemakers, enhancers (megaphones) or other disturbing devices shall be allowed during games.

Section (d) The National Federation of High School official rules shall be used at all games with the exception or additions as noted in the *Constitution and Contest Rules* of the UIL and District 28-6A. All coaches are responsible for familiarizing themselves with these rules and regulations.

Section (e) SWISD will be the host site for District 28-6A. District Teams will be able to use their school badge for entry as well as their school season pass.