

**DISTRICT 26-AAA BOYS' AND GIRLS'  
BASKETBALL ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN  
2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Seasons**

**ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION**

- Section A. The schools comprising the 27-AAA basketball district are Cole, Marion, Young Men's Leadership Academy, Young Women's Leadership Academy, Great Hearts Northern Oaks, and Randolph
- Section B. Cole High School was approved by the District Executive Committee to be the District Chair for basketball during the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.
- Section C. Cole High School will file certification paperwork for boys and girls basketball.
- Section D. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the superintendents or principals from the member schools with alternates as designated by the representatives and each member school having one vote.

**ARTICLE 2. TIMER AND SCORER**

The timer and scorer must be adults contracted by the Athletic Director of the home school. For varsity games, no high school varsity assistant basketball coach may be used as a timer. In the event the designated timer or scorer does not show up, a substitute timer or scorer must be agreed upon by both coaches. Expenses of the timer and scorer shall be the responsibility of the home team.

**ARTICLE 3. OFFICIALS**

- Section A. District basketball games will be officiated by the Greater San Antonio Chapter / San Antonio Chapter for all varsity and JV games.
- Section B. Officials will be assigned by the chapter secretary of the South Texas Chapter. All officials will be TASO certified. Each coach will provide the South Texas Chapter with a scratch list.
- Section C. All varsity games will consist of a 3-man crew.
- Section D. TASO certified officials will be used for all sub-varsity games.
- Section E. The home team is responsible for paying the officials.
- Section F. In case no officials arrive to officiate a district game, the coaches of the teams involved must agree upon the officials to be used, or the game must be made up on Saturday of the same week. If the officials did not show up because of the home team's error the game will be played at the original visitor's site. If the officials or the chapter are at fault then the game will remain at the original home site. The "new" home team will secure and pay officials and retain all gate money.

**ARTICLE 4. VIDEO/FILMING**

- Section A. Only authorized personnel will be allowed to video games. Spectators videotaping the game may do so within the restrictions of the UIL, provided video replay is not used during the

game. Video tripods may be used by spectators as long as they are not a hindrance to the surrounding spectators.

Section B. Videos may not be provided to opponents of playoff schools by teams already eliminated from the playoffs. Schools involved in the playoffs may trade videos with schools from other districts.

Section C. No flashes or lights on cameras are allowed during live action.

#### **ARTICLE 5. GAME BALL**

Section A. The official ball shall be any ball on the list approved by the National Federation.

Section B. The home team will provide a minimum of five warm-up balls for the visiting team and the game ball. The warm up balls that are provided must be the same brand & style as the game ball.

Section C. Both teams will be allowed the opportunity to shoot at halftime of the preceding game, provided players are wearing game shoes. The first 8 minutes of halftime is reserved for shooting of the teams who will be playing next.

#### **ARTICLE 6. JERSEY COLOR**

Uniforms will be white for the home team and dark for the visiting team.

#### **ARTICLE 7. PRE-GAME AND HALF-TIME**

Section A. Warm-up time for varsity games is to be no less than 12 minutes, unless mutually agreed upon.

Section B. Time between varsity halves is 10 minutes. Half-time activities/entertainment shall be restricted to the home team with said activity limited to the first five minutes of the half-time. This activity may only take place during halftime of the last game of the evening.

Section C. Half-time between sub-varsity games is 10 minutes, unless mutually agreed upon.

Section D. The National Anthem will be played before the first varsity game of the evening.

Section E. It is suggested an announcement stating the importance of sportsmanship be announced before each varsity game of the evening.

Section F. It is suggested starters for each team be announced before each varsity game. If mutually agreed upon, reserves will be announced also.

#### **ARTICLE 8. WATER**

The home team will provide water for the visiting team.

#### **ARTICLE 9. CHEERLEADERS, PEP SQUADS, BANDS, NOISE, AND SIGNS**

Section A. Seating for pep squads and cheerleaders will not be positioned behind the visitor bench. No megaphones may be used except by the cheerleaders. Megaphones should not at any time be hit on the floor of the gym or bleachers forcefully.

- Section B. Artificial noisemakers or other disturbing or distracting devices shall not be allowed in the gym. The home team may use mechanical devices such as stereo systems before the game, during half-time, or after the game.
- Section C. A musical performing group may be allowed at the discretion of the local school administration. These performances may not take place during the course of the game. This includes tuning any instrument while games are in progress. Seating for the band will be positioned not behind the visitor bench.
- Section D. Spectators shall not go on the playing floor before, during, or after a ball game.
- Section E. Home teams only are permitted paper signs/banners anywhere in the gym. Only permanent banners are acceptable behind the baskets.

#### **ARTICLE 10. GAME FINANCES**

- Section A. Admission for all schools in the District will be a maximum of \$3.00 for students and \$4.00 for adults.
- Section B. The home team shall keep gate receipts.
- Section C. All concession rights, including radio and television, shall belong to the home school, and any video tape for the games becomes the property of the home school.

#### **ARTICLE 11. PASSES**

- Section A. The District 27-AAA athletic passes will be valid for all basketball games and can be used to admit up to two persons.
- Section B. Cheerleaders and drill teams in uniform will be admitted free to all district games. Pep squads in full uniform, up to 50, shall be admitted free of charge. The pep squad sponsor or designee must be present. Admittance of Pep Squads may not be permitted if the capacity of the gym will not allow for them and spectators.
- Section C. Current THSCA, TABC, and TGCA membership cards can be used to admit up to two persons. Senior Citizens will also be admitted.

#### **ARTICLE 12. SCHEDULE AND TIME OF GAMES**

- Section A. The order of play for boys' and girls' basketball games will be a double round robin format and determined by a draw as per the UIL recommendation.
- Schedules are set for two years beginning with the 2024-2025 season, with playing sites reversed the second year.
- Section B. District 27-AAA Boys' and Girls' Varsity Basketball will be played on Tuesday and Friday, except by agreement between schools. In cases where game days are changed, all other district schools will be notified. (The team initiating the change is responsible for the notification.)
- Gym sites will be determined by the host school.

Section C.	Important dates for girls basketball:	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
	First day to practice	Oct. 16	
	First day of district play	Oct. 26	
	Last day of district play	Nov. 1	
	Last day to certify playoff representatives	Feb. 8	

	Important dates for boy basketball:	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
	First day to practice	Oct. 23	
	First day of district play	Nov. 2	
	Last day of district play	Nov. 8	
	Last day to certify playoff representatives	Feb. 15	

Section D. When one gender is playing 3 games. The order of games will be Freshman, Junior Varsity, Varsity. These games will be scheduled 5:00pm, 6:15pm, & 7:30pm. Unless mutually agreed upon by the coaches involved to change the order or start times.

When one gender is playing 2 games. The order of games will be Junior Varsity followed by Varsity. These games will be scheduled as follows 5:00pm and 6:15pm. Unless mutually agreed upon by the coaches involved.

When both boys and girls are scheduled to play at the same site, the order of games in the main competition gym will be; JV game will begin at 5:00 p.m., the Varsity Girls game will begin at 6:15 p.m., and the Varsity Boys game will begin at 7:30. Schools that have more than one gym and wish to play more games on these dates may do so by mutual agreement.

When schools will play 4 games in one gym the order and start times of games will be Sub-varsity Boys/Girls @ 4:00pm, Sub-varsity Boys/Girls 5:00pm, Varsity Girls 6:15pm, Varsity Boys 7:30pm. In this circumstance the sub-varsity games will be limited to 7-minute quarters.

Section F. Each team will send a schedule to all other teams in the district before the start of the season. If a school should have a change of district or non-district schedule, it shall notify each district school of the change.

Section G. All games will be played with 8-minute quarters. Sub-varsity games may be shortened only with mutual consent.

Section H. If a Sub-varsity game is tied at the end of regulation they will play one overtime period. If at the end of that overtime period the second overtime will be sudden death. The first team to score will win the game.

Section I. If a team arrives late for a game and is not prepared to begin the game 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, then the offending team will forfeit that game.

### **ARTICLE 13. DETERMINING DISTRICT PLAYOFF REPRESENTATIVES**

Section A. The District Champion shall be determined by playing a double round-robin schedule.

The team with the best overall district win-loss record will be the District Champion.

The team with the second best overall district win-loss record will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place District

Representative.

The team with the third best overall district win-loss record will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place District Representative.

The team with the fourth best overall district win-loss record will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Place District Representative.

Section B. If two teams tie for the district championship, they will be co-champions.

If one team has won both mutual games, then that team is the 1 seed. The other team is the 2 seed.

If the two teams split mutual games, the two teams will play a game to determine playoff positions. The two teams involved may also flip a coin, if mutually agreed, to determine playoff positions.

Section C. If three teams are tied for the district championship, they will be Tri-Champions.

If one team has defeated the other two in all mutual games, that team shall be declared the first place team. The two remaining teams will determine 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place using the tie-breaker described in Article 13, Section B.

If two teams (A & B) split mutual games and both teams have defeated the third team (C) in all mutual games, teams A & B will be tied for the first place seed, there will be a one game play-off or a mutually agreed upon coin flip. Team C will get the third-place seed. The same format will apply to determine third and fourth place.

If no team has won all mutual games between the teams involved in the tie, the three teams will play a tournament. The team with the best record against the other two teams will receive the bye. If the records of the three teams in play against each other are tied each team will draw for the Bye and tournament play will determine first, second, and third place teams.

**EXAMPLE:**

Team A plays Team B. The winner A then plays Team C. If Team C loses, Team A is the first place team, and Teams B and C will play for second place. If Team A beats Team B, and Team C beats Team A, then Team C is the first place team, and Team A is the second place team.

Section D. If four teams are tied for the district championship, the four teams would draw and play, with the two winners playing for first and second places. After the initial round of games, the games to determine 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> may be decided by a coin flip, if mutually agreed by the coaches.

**EXAMPLE:**

Team A plays Team B and Team C plays Team D. Team A beats Team B and Team C beats Team D. Team A plays Team C, with the winner being declared 1<sup>st</sup> place and the loser being declared 2<sup>nd</sup> place (or the coaches could agree to flip for place). Team B plays Team D, with the winner being declared 3<sup>rd</sup> place and the loser being declared 4<sup>th</sup> place (or the coaches could agree to flip for place).

Section E. If there is a clear district winner, but a tie for second, third, or fourth place exists, the same format described in Article 13, Sections A through D will be used.

- Section F. A format different from Article 13, Sections A through D may be considered only if mutually agreed by all participating teams.
- Section G. The date, site, and time of the district tie-breaker games will be determined by the teams involved in accordance with the Constitution and Contest Rules. It is suggested that the games be played at a district school not involved in the tie-breaker, if possible.
- Section H. Teams involved in district tie-breaker games to determine first, second, third, and fourth place teams will determine admission prices and will split all receipts and expenses.

#### **ARTICLE 14. TROPHIES**

Each winning team will purchase their own trophy.

#### **ARTICLE 15. ALL-DISTRICT TEAMS**

A meeting will be called by the District Chairman to select All-District teams, with the meeting to be on the Wednesday after the last district ballgame. Boys and Girls All-District selections will be made at separate meetings. All teams must be present. The coaches will set procedures for the selection of All-District teams. Coaches may select an Academic All-District team.