



DIVISION II-A MIDDLE REGION

ALL SPORTS CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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The High School Principals & Athletic Directors representing eighteen schools of the TSSAA Division II-A Middle Region have drafted this Constitution for the 2017-2021 school years. Its purpose is to provide extra direction and guidance for the specific needs of the member schools in addition to those bylaws and rules already established by the TSSAA. Thus, this document is merely an appendage to the TSSAA handbook, as said association and book are final authority in all matters governing high school sports in Tennessee and must be followed accordingly.

Section I OFFICERS

A League Commissioner, and one Administrative Representative from every member school shall be designated by appointment of member schools for voting purposes related to the TSSAA DII-A Middle Region. The primary responsibility of the Commissioner is to take the lead in all matters involving Middle Region Schools, and also serve as the direct liaison to the TSSAA State Office. The individual schools shall appoint one representative who currently serves a member school in the position of Athletic Director or High School Principal.

Section II VOTING

1. In any or all matters of action requiring a vote, each member school will be allowed one vote.
2. In the event of absentia, an absentee vote in writing or email may be counted.
3. A designated representative, also in writing, can partake and vote for a member school in the event that a High School Principal or Athletic Director is unable to attend.
4. On the matters of action requiring a vote, above 50% of the electorate (10 votes) must be represented before any action can be legislated in a quorum.
5. On matters of action requiring a constitutional amendment or change, a 2/3 voting majority (12 of 18 schools) must be in agreement.
6. Constitutional amendments or changes are to be made at the annual spring meeting in April of each year. High School Principals or Athletic Directors must attend the annual meeting.
7. Any school not represented past the minimum requirements for voting forfeits the vote and will not figure into the balloting.
8. The non-represented school is still subject to adhere to any relevant legislation.
9. All voting should occur in a roll manner. This simply means every vote is transparent among all member schools.

Section III SCHEDULING

1. Beginning with the 2017 school year, each school is expected to play every school within their district. There shall be two districts that feed into the TSSAA DII-A Middle Region. They are called District 3 and District 4.
2. In the sports of volleyball, basketball, baseball, & softball schedules will be created with two games each season. One home & one away.
3. For the sports of Boys Golf, Girls Golf, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys Tennis, and Girls Tennis, there shall be a minimum of one game/event per season.
4. For the sports of Cross Country, Bowling, Wrestling, & Track there shall be large meet opportunities where several schools can participate at one location/date/time. The option to schedule a dual or tri meet is also available, but not required.
5. It is strongly recommended that schools (sports teams) not schedule non-district opponents until districts schedules have been completed unless other arrangements have been made in cooperation with the affected schools for every sport.
6. In case of conflict or exception, individual schools should work out any problem.
7. All district schedules must be completed prior to the first-round play in game of a particular sports post-season tournament.

Section III DISTRICT GAMES

1. Any school not playing a full district schedule or put on TSSAA probation will have to be seeded according to how many wins they have.
2. Teams ineligible for tournament play cannot figure into the seeding.
3. District games postponed due to inclement weather should be made up on the first available date agreed to by the affected schools.
4. If a scheduling crunch occurs at the end of the season, district games must take precedence over non-district games for the purpose of tournament seeding.
5. For regular season games – each school will honor faculty passes. Honoring additional family members is up to each school.
6. Coach's spouses and children will be admitted free of charge.

7. Schools will set their own fees for the main gate.
8. Free Admission Passes Include:
 - TSSAA Card
 - TACA Card
 - Media Personnel – with Credentials
 - College and High School Coaches with Identification

Section V JV GAMES

1. It is recommended that JV games, in which the participating schools intend to play, do so on the same day as a Varsity competition. It is also recommended they play at the same location although this is not a requirement.
2. Schools have the authority to adjust game times when necessary.
3. It is important for schools to communicate well in advance and necessary changes to a JV game schedule.
4. Overtime will be played in increments of one minute periods.
5. A running clock should also be used in matters of prolonged JV play.
6. The home team is the final authority regarding starting time and management of all games.
7. Finally: JV games are important for students in every sport in the TSSAA DII-A Middle Region. Please encourage your coaches to schedule JV games. It allows for non-varsity starters to develop their skills and the games also reward them for the hard work they put into practice!

Section VI DISTRICT TOURNAMENT SEEDING

Tie Breaker: in the event of a tie between teams during the regular season, the tie will be broken for tournament seeding purposes in the following ways:

Note: For all sports, if more than two teams are tied, when one is eliminated, the process shall begin again at step 1.

1. Head to head
2. Comparison of records against the highest ranked available teams – whether above and/or ranked below in the standings – in descending order.
3. Coin toss

Sport specific exceptions to the above tiebreaker procedure:

Soccer (B), Soccer (G)

1. Head to head
2. Goal Differential (max of +3 and -3 per match)
3. Comparison of records against the highest ranked available teams – whether above and/or ranked below in the standings – in descending order.
4. Penalty kick shootout (kicks from the penalty mark) - when a district game ends in a tie, there will be a penalty kick shootout immediately following the game. The game shall be recorded as a tie and the results of the shootout will only be used for seeding purposes in the event that the above three criteria are unable to break a tie.

Softball

1. Head to head
2. Head to head run differential
3. Comparison of records against the highest ranked available teams – whether above and/or ranked below in the standings – in descending order.
4. Coin toss

Tennis (B), Tennis (G)

1. Head to head
2. Head to head - total wins within match
3. Head to head - most set within match
4. Comparison of records against the highest ranked available teams – whether above and/or ranked below in the standings – in descending order.
5. Most sets won vs highest seed above or below in descending order.

Volleyball

1. Head
2. Head to head set differential
3. Head to head point differential
4. Record vs highest seed above or below in descending order
5. Set differential vs highest seed above or below in descending order
6. Most set won vs highest seed above or below in descending order

Section VII DISTRICT TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Play-In Game: 8 vs 9, 7 vs 10

First Round: 1 vs 8 (or winner of 8 vs 9 if applicable)

 2 vs 7 (or winner of 7 vs 10 if applicable)

 3 vs 6

 4 vs 5

Semi-Finals: 1 / 8 winner vs 4 / 5 winner

 2 / 7 winner vs 3 / 6 winner

3rd Place: Semifinal Losers (when necessary, will depend on the sport)

Championship: Semifinal Winners

Section VIII DISTRICT TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. The District Tournament site must have a minimum of 1,250 permanent seats. If a gym seats less than 1,250 then the potential host school must submit a letter in writing to the Executive Director of the TSSAA for permission.
2. On Region Tournament years, consideration must be given to factors such as gym size, parking, locker rooms, etc...
3. In case of multiple proposals for hosting the district and/or the region tournament the district will vote with each school having one vote.
4. If this vote ends in a tie, the tournament site will be awarded to the school that has waited the longest since hosting its last District tournament.
5. The principal of the school hosting the District Basketball Tournament will select a tournament director and secretary whose duties will also include scheduling all necessary meetings, recording relevant information and keeping a file to pass on to future tournament directors.
6. The District Tournament Director will be responsible for coordinating with the assigning officer for all game officials, both at the central site and satellite games.
7. The tournament director will be responsible for collecting all monies from participating schools, paying officials, sending the required percentage to the TSSAA and the remaining amount to the member schools.
8. The District Tournament Director will be paid \$25.00 per game at central host site.
9. All tournament games prior to the semifinal round will be played at the home site of the higher seeded team, until the tournament semifinals, where the remaining teams will play off at a central site, as voted on by the majority vote of district school (1 vote per school).
10. The host schools (both satellite and central sites) will keep 100% of the concessions profits.
11. Each team will receive 30 passes for the District Tournament (60 per school).
12. All monies from the first round game will be paid directly to the tournament host school for later distribution minus game expenses.
13. Prior to the quarterfinal round of the district, teams finishing eighth and ninth in the regular season will play a district tournament play-in game.
14. The play-in games for both boys and girl's teams will be held on the Saturday preceding the start of the district quarterfinals.
15. The eighth seeded teams will host the ninth seeded team in the play-in games.

16. Play-in games will be played at 6:30 pm unless otherwise agreed upon by the two participating schools.
17. The winner of the play-in games will then face the number one seed for the district tournament.

Section IX SELECTION OF TOURNAMENT HOST

1. Schools interested in hosting the district tournament must develop a plan and make a presentation to the member schools at the pre-tournament meeting to take place each February.
2. Presentation should include information about gym size, parking, locker rooms, hospitality room, location and any other pertinent facts.
3. Schools may not host the tournament two times in a four-year span unless other schools in the district are unable to host.
4. Special consideration should be given to schools that have not hosted a district tournament for an extended period of time.

Section X AWARDS

All District Regular Season Team: 14 players and 1 MVP

1. Coaches will send All District nominations to the Tournament Director by Wednesday of the week of the district tournament-seeding meeting.
2. The Tournament Director will compose a list for the coaches to rank for the All District team.
3. Coaches that don't nominate their players by given date will have their player left off the list.
4. Coaches must be present to vote for the All District team.
5. Coaches will not receive their District Tournament passes without voting.

All District Tournament Team: 5 players and 1 MVP

1. Semi-Final teams will have 1 player each.
2. District Runner-up will have 2 players.
3. District Champion will have 1 player as well as the tournament MVP.

Coach of the Year

1. Coaches will cast their vote for coach of the year when they send in their nominations for All District to the tournament director.
2. In the event there is a tie, there will be a second vote at the tournament meeting.
3. If, after the second vote, there is still a tie the district will have Co Coaches of the year.

All-District regular season and all-tournament teams are to be announced at the conclusion of the girls' and boys' championship games

There were no Amendments added to the Constitution/Bylaws as approved on Friday, April 6, 2018.

The following changes were made on a sport specific level:

VOLLEYBALL: a tie breaking scenario was reestablished

BOYS SOCCER, GIRLS SOCCER: The District Tournament was eliminated for the 2018-19 school year. The Region Tournament will include every school in District 3 and District 4. The soccer coaches will confirm matchups based on seeding at their respective Boys and Girls Soccer Coaches Meetings.