

BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL PLAN

2025-2026



MEMBER SCHOOLS:

Conference 1 – Faulk, Garcia, Manzano, Stell, Stillman

Conference 2 - Besteiro, Lucio, Oliveira, Perkins, Vela, Port Isabel

1. Each school will field one 7th grade and one 8th grade team with the goal of meeting the minimum number of 12 players for games and the maximum of 25 players for each campus for the team.
2. Each campus will fill a 7th Grade team and an 8th Grade team.
3. Weekday Games will begin at **5:15 p.m.** at same sites. Saturday Games will be played at the same site. The games will be played at the middle school campus. The 7th grade will play first, followed by the 8th grade. The home team is HOME for both games.
4. **Time Limits:** 8th grade- 90 minutes with no inning starting after the 90 minutes.
7th grade- 75 minutes with no inning starting after the 75 minutes.
Please Note: *Time begins when the first pitch of the game is made.*
If the inning starts, the inning must be completed.
A game can also be called after 5 innings because of the 10 run rule, or after 3 innings because of the 12 run rule.
5. **Tie Breaker Rule:** 7th Grade game will remain a tie (NO extra innings). The 8th grade will implement the *International tiebreaker rule will be implemented for games tied after time limit, in which the last batter from the previous inning goes to second base, and the batter begins with a one ball, one strike count for ONLY 2 extra innings.* Due to Local UIL rule, all players dressed out must play. **NOTE TO OFFICIALS:** If time has not expired, you must consult with the Athletic Coordinator or Administrator before ending the game. *If still TIED, WINNER will be determined by the total number of base runners left on base (team with most) for both grade levels.*
6. **Modified rules:** “7th & 8th grade” games: We will implement the rule: 4 runs or 3 outs whichever comes first and this will be considered half of the inning.
Any game during the week will begin with a one-one count unless the field is lighted.
This rule applies only when teams are playing on an un-lighted field.
7. All schools must submit an eligibility list to the UIL School. The eligibility list is to be placed in the one drive file under your school created by **GARCIA MS.** This list must include name, age, and date of birth. Do not submit social security numbers. If there are any changes on your original eligibility list, the revised copy with the administrator’s signature, must sent to the UIL School. If there are no changes on your original eligibility list, you do not have to change the list again to the UIL School.

8. **Before the game, a line-up card with substitutes must be exchanged between coaches.**
9. Both teams are required for providing one game ball to the umpire before the game. Game ball should be 12". (Lemon-Lime) Leather and meet National Federation Rules. No ASA Softball allowed. **Official Ball: NFHS approved Dudley Thunder Heat Cor.47**
10. All catchers must have a throat protector and face mask. Hockey Style Mask is acceptable. Bats must be in compliance with the NFHS rule (may find on the UIL website for illegal bats).
11. Home team is responsible for setting up the field, designating a home and visitor section and keeping the official score. Please note, the third base dugout will be the designated home team dug out for both 7th and 8th grade games. **Home team must provide two umpires for each game; however, you can start the game with one umpire.**
12. All games will be played under National Federation Rules and Local Rules.
13. Only the coaches, and managers are allowed on the bench with the players.
14. Jewelry and lighted shoes and steel spikes are prohibited.
15. Each home shall designate a game Administrator. The home team shall provide the official scorekeeper for the 7th and 8th grade game. ***Game Personnel: 1 usher, 1 scorekeeper, 1 scoreboard operator, security and game administrator, are the responsibility of the home team.*** The game administrator, is responsible for the officials sign in sheets and game report and venue capacity.
16. Schools must be following the policies found in the CNCR Manual (UIL), as well as the local policies established in the Athletic Plan. All protests must be filed within a reasonable time, with the UIL Chairman, but not exceeding 4 days after the contest unless it involves eligibility or a rule imposing mandatory penalties.
17. **No taunting will be tolerated by players or fans.** Game Officials' will impose penalties or have fans escorted out. All coaches must distribute the UIL Parent-Handbook to all athletic parents. No admission fee for fans.
18. **TWO GAME SUSPENSIONS FOR ANY FAN ASKED TO LEAVE TO GAME. ONE GAME SUSPENSION FOR ANY STUDENT-ATHLETE WHO IS EJECTED FROM A GAME OR COMMITS AN ACT THAT IS DEEMED UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT.**
19. ATHLETIC COORDINATORS WILL E-MAIL **Stillman M.S. (hmramirez@bisd.us)** WITH THE Game RESULTS NO LATER THAN NOON TIME ON the following day.
20. **Coaches must call each other to verify game site and time.**
21. If Officials are late or no shows, each team may select one non-softball coach or Athletic Coordinator to officiate the game.