



**BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2023-2024  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BASEBALL PLAN**

**MEMBER SCHOOLS:** Besteiro, Faulk, Garcia, Lucio, Manzano, Perkins, Oliveira, Stell, Stillman, Vela

- 1. Each school will field one 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade team with a goal to have a minimum of 12 players and a cap of 25 players. A coach may establish a home and away team if needed.
- 2. The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade team will compete for the district championship.
- 3. 7<sup>th</sup> grade game will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Sports Park followed by 8<sup>th</sup> grade at 7:00pm. Allow 8-minute infield warm up for each team.
- 4. **TIME LIMITS:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade games- 75 minutes w/ No inning can starting after the 75 minutes.  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade games- 90 minutes w/ No inning can start after the 90 minutes.

**Please Note:** *Time begins when the first pitch of the game is made.*  
If the inning starts, the inning must be completed.

The inning will change when 4 runs are scored or three outs are made. 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. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will implement the International tiebreaker rule, in which the last batter from the previous inning goes to second base, and the batter begins with a one ball, one strike count. **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.**

**Please Note:** *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.*

- 5. **Pitch Count Rule will apply-** The home team scorekeeper will also be the official pitch counter for the game. This person, should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his minimum limit of pitches for the game. If pitch count limit is met during an at bat, the pitcher may finish that at bat. Please see addendum for details.

**Junior High Pitch Count (Grades 7 and 8):**

0-20 pitches	0 days rest
21- 35 pitches	1 day rest
36 - 50 pitches	2 days rest
51 – 65 pitches	3 days rest
66 - 85 pitches	4 days rest

- 6. All games will be played under National Federation Rules and Local Rules
- 7. Only the coaches, managers and administrators are allowed on the bench with the players.

8. **Modified rules:** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 that begins after 5:30 p.m. will also begin the game with a one-one count. **This rule applies only when teams are playing on an un-lighted field.**
9. 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 BESTEIRO. 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.
10. **Before the game, a line-up card with substitutes must be exchanged between coaches.**
11. Both teams are required for providing one game ball to the umpire before the game. NFHS approved baseballs will be allowed.
12. 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).
13. Home team is responsible for setting up the field, designating a home and visitor section and keeping the official score. **Home team must provide two umpires for each game; however, you can start the game with one umpire.**
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 -pitch counter for 8<sup>th</sup> grade game.
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.
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. (rsosa@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.