

A. DISTRICT PLAY. Teams must qualify for the state play-off by competition in district play.

B. PLAYING DATES. Starting dates for practice, scrimmages, first playing date, and district certification are shown on the current TAPPS calendar.

C. NUMBER OF GAMES.

1. **No team shall compete in more than three (3) individual tournaments, plus 22 games in a season, up to and including the last date for certifying district champions.**
2. *No games may be scheduled after the certification date, except by teams who are in the play-offs. No additional games may be played by a team once it has been eliminated from the playoffs.*
3. **All District games must be played and all District games count as varsity games on the schedule.**
4. **No game is to be scheduled on Sunday.**
5. **Those students who play on both the JV and Varsity may play in no more than 3 tournaments plus a total of 28 games (Varsity and JV games combined).**
6. **A district tournament or district play-off does not count as one of the three tournaments.**
7. **Teams in the play offs are allowed one practice game between each round of the play offs. These games do not count toward the total games allowed.**
8. **Schools may substitute two (2) games for each tournament dropped-or-add an additional tournament for each 2 dropped games. These changes should be clearly noted on the school's official schedule.**
9. **A varsity starter shall not play on a junior varsity team unless the opposing coach gives his permission, and there are not enough junior varsity players to begin the contest. Under no circumstances should a varsity starter be allowed to play when there are junior varsity player(s) on the bench.**

D. EXCEPTION TO RESOLVE DISTRICT TIES.

1. *Two Schools Tied.* To resolve a two-way tie, the district executive committee may authorize a single elimination game. The tie breaking game may be in addition to the 20 allowed games.
2. *Three or More Schools Tied.* If three or more schools are tied, the district executive committee may authorize a single elimination tournament in addition to the total number of games and tournaments allowed for the season.

E. QUALIFICATION BY CLASSIFICATION. The number of teams qualifying for the play-offs will be noted in **Section 141**.

F. CERTIFICATION OF PLAY-OFF QUALIFIERS. The District President shall certify the District Champion and other play-off qualifiers to the TAPPS office by the deadline shown on the current year TAPPS calendar.

- G. SEND TO TAPPS OFFICE. The District President's certification and play-off entries, and program information (rosters, etc.) shall be sent to the TAPPS office by the deadline on the TAPPS current calendar.

- H. USE FEDERAL EXPRESS OR SOME OTHER OVERNIGHT MAIL IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT ABOUT YOUR ENTRY ARRIVING ON TIME. Entries and certification may be FAXED to the TAPPS office.