

- A. DISTRICT ORGANIZATION. Refer to Section 22 for general responsibilities.
- B. PRINCIPLES. The district executive committee shall uphold the principle that high school athletics, when properly controlled, are worthwhile and educational.
- C. **RECRUITING/INDUCEMENT/TAMPERING. Refer to Section 87 for specific information. The district executive committee shall investigate any efforts to induce players for athletic purposes. Inducement and tampering are violations and may subject the school at fault to disqualification. Disqualification may be made by the committee after the school has been given an opportunity to be heard. A school in violation shall remain disqualified for the period of time specified as determined by the district.**
- D. SCHEDULING.
 - 1. The district executive committee shall arrange a schedule to determine district representatives prior to the deadline specified in the current TAPPS calendar.
 - 2. **The district executive committee should refer to the TAPPS calendar and avoid scheduling district contests on the same dates as TAPPS Regional and State contests in other activities, including Fine Arts activities.**
- E. CERTIFICATION OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES. The district president shall certify in writing, eligible district representatives in all athletic activities by the date directed on the TAPPS calendar. Failure to submit timely and accurate information may result in disqualification of the district from the playoffs. The district president must certify eligible representatives without any conditions attached to this certification. In case of dispute, certification to the TAPPS State Office shall be in the form of a written notice naming the eligible schools and must be signed by the majority of the district executive committee.
- F. DISTRICT DISQUALIFICATION. All teams in a TAPPS district shall be disqualified in the playoffs if the district executive committee knowingly certifies a team which has used an ineligible player in any district game unless appropriate action has been taken. Disqualification shall be by the TAPPS Executive Board only upon presentation of sufficient evidence.
- G. ZONES. Refer to Section 22, J. & K. Districts which subdivide into zones for team sports shall determine district representatives by cross-playing the number 1 teams in each zone against the number 2 teams in each zone. The winners of these two inter-zone games (matches) shall be the district representatives. District executive committees shall determine in writing before the season which teams will be the number 1 and number 2 teams from the district in the event both number 2 teams or both number 1 teams win the inter-zone games. If four teams advance in the playoffs, the top two teams from each zone shall play to determine district ranking 1 through 4.
- H. TIES. The district executive committee shall determine in writing prior to the season the method to determine the district representatives in the event two or more schools are tied in

win/loss percentages. If the district executive committee has not provided a procedure prior to the season, the following tie breaker procedures shall apply:

1. *For Team Sports Playing A Single Round-Robin Format:*
 - a. *Two Teams Tied In Percentage For First Place.* The team that defeated the other in head-to-head competition will be the winner. The other team will be the runner-up.
 - b. *Three Teams Tied in Percentage For First Place.*
 Step 1: If one of the teams defeated the other two, that team is the champion. The other teams flip to determine the second place team.
 Step 2: If none of the three defeated the other two, flip (odd coin is the winner, the other two flip again to determine runner-up).
 Step 3: If the tie is three-way for second place in the district and none of the three has beaten the other two, flip (odd coin wins the runner-up spot).
 - c. *Four Teams Tied In Percentage for First Place.*
 Step 1: If one of the teams has defeated the other three, that team is the winner. The other three teams then flip (odd coin wins the runner-up spot).
 Step 2: If none of the four has defeated the other three, the four teams have a blind draw for the winner and the runner-up. Teams who win the draw are the playoff representatives.
 - d. *Four Teams Tied in Percentage for Second (Or Third) Place.* Step 1: If one team has defeated the other three, that team is second (or third) place. If none of the remaining three schools has defeated the other two, then the teams will draw for third place.
 Step 2: If none of the four has defeated the other three, then the four teams have a blind draw for the winner. The team who wins the draw is the runner-up.
2. *For Team Sports Playing A Double Round-Robin Format.*
 - a. *Two Teams Tied in Percentage.* The two teams shall play one game or match (if rules permit).
 - b. *Three Teams Tied In Percentage.* Teams play a district tournament. A draws bye; B plays C and C wins; C plays A. If A wins, C is the district runner-up. If C wins, A plays B for runner-up spot.
 - c. *Four Teams Tied in Percentage.* Teams play a district tournament. Draw for spots. A plays C; B plays D. Winners of the first games play for championship; the loser is the runner-up.
 - d. *More Than Four Teams Tied In Percentage.* Teams play a district tournament.
 - e. *Three Teams Tied In Percentage For Runner-Up.* Teams play a tournament. A draws bye; B plays C and C wins; C plays A. Winner between C and A is the runner-up.
3. Tournaments shall be on consecutive days at one site. The district executive committee may authorize preliminary round games to be played at additional sites, which adjoin the championship site.
4. Any situation not covered in the above tie breaker criteria shall be determined by lot. Unless the district executive committee specifies otherwise prior to the season, tie games shall count as one-half game won and one-half game lost.

- I. EXPENSES OF DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES IN ALL ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES. The district executive committee has authority to finance its expenses. It is recommended that the district activity assessment for a sport be determined at the organizational meeting.
1. *Delinquent Assessments.* The failure of a school to pay its assessment promptly after having been notified is a violation.
 2. *Disqualification.* If a school refuses or fails to pay its assessment, it may be disqualified from participation the current and following year until the amount is paid.
 3. *Statement.* At the close of the season the district executive committee shall furnish each participating school in the district a financial statement showing all receipts and disbursements for the season.