

# THSLL Central District D2 Rules Supplement

Version 4.0

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## 1. Authority

- 1.1. Texas High School Lacrosse League (THSLL) Rule 3.5 empowers each Division and District to establish supplemental rules to govern their District and/or Division given the process adheres to THSLL Rules Section 5.0 (regarding meetings) and 6.0 (regarding rule making). THSLL Rule 4.1 empowers Districts to specify the manner in which District Champions are determined.

## 2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of these supplemental rules is to formalize processes and procedures to provide for effective, efficient, and equitable conduct of Central District (hereafter referred to as "District") play and administration.

## 3. General Provisions

- 3.1. This rule supplement supports the THSLL rules and by-laws and is intended only for use in the District.

## 4. Calendar

- 4.1. The District shall publish a calendar on or before September 1 of each year for the subsequent two year period, resulting in a two-year planning horizon.
- 4.2. The calendar for the period beginning September 2014 is located in appendix C.
- 4.3. At a minimum, events to be included on the calendar are:
  - 4.3.1. District scheduling meeting – This event normally occurs late August of each year. The purpose is to provide a focused forum to schedule District games but it is not limited to this purpose.
  - 4.3.2. State/Regional meeting – As published by the THSLL
  - 4.3.3. Beginning of THSLL sanctioned games – As published by the THSLL
  - 4.3.4. Key Holidays and school dates
  - 4.3.5. Last day of regularly scheduled games – This date is determined at the District scheduling meeting in the previous year
  - 4.3.6. District awards meeting – Immediately follows the last day of regular season play and is conducted as specified in rule supplement item 8 (regarding End of Season Awards)
  - 4.3.7. District Playoffs – Final games are scheduled to be completed on the Sunday prior to the Regional Playoffs. Dates of initial games are dependent on structure of the playoffs as specified in rule supplement 7 (regarding District Championship).
  - 4.3.8. Regional Playoffs – As published by the THSLL.
  - 4.3.9. State Championship – As published by the THSLL
  - 4.3.10. Coaches Roundtable – To be scheduled within three weeks of the State Championship. This event is to provide a forum to discuss District issues and to formulate collective solutions.

## **5. Structure**

- 5.1. In the event there are more than eleven (11) teams participating in the District, the District shall be divided geographically to the point where the difference between groups is no more than one team.
- 5.2. If eleven (11) or less teams are participating in the District, there shall be no subdivision and the District will be consolidated.

## **6. Consolidated Statistics**

- 6.1. Team scorekeepers shall adhere to the NCAA Statistics Manual and shall keep the following statistics for all games:
  - 6.1.1. Game Played
  - 6.1.2. Goals
  - 6.1.3. Assists
  - 6.1.4. Saves
  - 6.1.5. Ground Balls
  - 6.1.6. Face offs
  - 6.1.7. Shots
  - 6.1.8. Clears
  - 6.1.9. EMO
  - 6.1.10. EMD
  - 6.1.11. Turnover and Caused Turnover
- 6.2. As provided in NCAA rules, the home team is the official scorekeeper for both teams, but the visiting team scorekeeper must attest to the official statistics.
- 6.3. Home and visiting scorekeepers must compare scorebooks at halftime and at the end of the game. If both are in agreement, the visiting scorekeeper will sign the official scorebook and the home team will maintain for record.
- 6.4. In the event home and visiting scorekeepers cannot agree, the home scorebook will be used for official scores and the visiting statistics will be distributed as well. The game will be annotated as questionable and this will be considered in district awards and/or records.
- 6.5. The home team is responsible to distribute official tally for both teams, for all areas in 6.1 above, to all District coaches in the manner specified in appendix A, using Microsoft Excel.
- 6.6. For the 2015 season, individual and team records for the District shall be established and updated in subsequent years.

## **7. District Championship**

- 7.1. The District Championship (hereafter referred to as the "Championship") is intended to be the culminating event in the District which identifies and recognizes a distinct Champion as well as providing seeding for the THSLL regional playoffs.
- 7.2. The Championship shall be scheduled on the first non-holiday weekend preceding the THSLL regional playoff and shall be included on the two year calendar. If at all possible, the Championship should be held jointly with the D1 Central District Championship. If this is not possible, a District team will host all rounds of play and will host given the provisions of THSLL rule appendix G (regarding District Championship Standards).

- 7.3. The Championship will consist of four (4) teams playing on Saturday and Sunday. Teams will be seeded based on performance in District qualifying.
- 7.3.1. Championship will be conducted in accordance with THSLL rules, Appendix G (regarding District Championships)
- 7.3.2. Tournament bracket and seeding results are located in Appendix B.
- 7.3.3. In the event the THSLL does not provide a Championship trophy, the District member teams will contribute equitably to the cost of an appropriate trophy.
- 7.3.3.1. If the District member teams shoulder the cost of the trophy, the trophy will perpetually be known as the "Coaches Trophy" and District coaches attending the Championship game will award the trophy.
- 7.3.3.2. The trophy must be returned to the Championship game each year. If a team wants to keep a trophy, a replica can be made, with all costs being borne by the team requesting the replica.
- 7.4. In order to qualify for the Championship, teams must demonstrate end-of-season preparation for higher competition by winning a qualifying round. Regular season play provides preference to teams that demonstrate strength during the regular season.
- 7.5. Qualifying rounds will be considered "non-district" games for the purpose of THSLL scheduling.
- 7.5.1. The highest ranking team in a given game incurs all costs and is the home team.
- 7.5.2. The qualifying round is played on the Wednesday preceding the Championship. There are two (2) scenarios for the qualifying round:
- 7.5.2.1. In the event the District consists of more than eleven (11) participating teams, the District would consist of a north group and a south group. Since all teams may not play each other during the regular season, it is appropriate that all teams demonstrate strength against teams from the District. To this end, qualifying rounds are always played with a north team competing against a south team. This considers the possibility that the 4<sup>th</sup> place team in one group may be better than the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in the other. Additionally, this follows the same logic and supports the THSLL decision to create a 16-team regional system as the previous system assumed the 1<sup>st</sup> place in one district was better than the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team in the others; 2014 state championship results proved this assumption erroneous.
- 7.5.2.1.1. Based on regular season standings, four (4) games will be played with winners advancing to the Championship:
- 7.5.2.1.1.1. 1<sup>st</sup> North plays 4<sup>th</sup> South (winner is the District 1 seed)
- 7.5.2.1.1.2. 2<sup>nd</sup> South plays 3<sup>rd</sup> North (winner is the District 4 seed)
- 7.5.2.1.1.3. 1<sup>st</sup> South plays 4<sup>th</sup> North (winner is the District 2 seed)
- 7.5.2.1.1.4. 2<sup>nd</sup> North plays 3<sup>rd</sup> South (winner is the District 3 seed)
- 7.5.2.2. If the District consists of eleven (11) or less participating teams, the District would consist of one group. This results in a situation where each team must face the others and regular season play can reasonably determine strength. In such a scenario, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will already be considered as qualified for the Championship.

- 7.5.2.2.1. Based on regular season standings the first and second place teams are automatically in the Championship (as the 1 and 2 seeds respectively) and two (2) games will be played with winners advancing to the Championship:
- 7.5.2.2.1.1. 4<sup>th</sup> place plays 5<sup>th</sup> place (winner is the District 4 seed)
- 7.5.2.2.1.2. 3<sup>rd</sup> place plays 6<sup>th</sup> place (winner is the District 3 seed)

## 8. End of Season Awards

### 8.1. Player Honors

- 8.1.1. Given there are a total of 33 slots for awards (17 all-state, 16 all-district) or 48 considering honorable mention, there should be allocated 54 nominations total with each team allotted two at large nominations. The number of nominations is based on the relative standing of the teams in the district (THSLL Rules Appendix I regarding tiebreakers will be used to adjudicate ties).
- 8.1.2. Actual allocations will require update each year. For the 2015 season, the District will be two divisions and award selection will be conducted prior to the playoffs. Therefore, allocation of nominations will need to be done based on standing within the division:
  - 8.1.2.1. 1<sup>st</sup> – 10 Nominations
  - 8.1.2.2. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9 Nominations
  - 8.1.2.3. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8 Nominations
  - 8.1.2.4. 4<sup>th</sup> – 7 Nominations
  - 8.1.2.5. 5<sup>th</sup> – 6 Nominations
  - 8.1.2.6. 6<sup>th</sup> – 5 Nominations
  - 8.1.2.7. 7<sup>th</sup> – 4 Nominations
  - 8.1.2.8. 8<sup>th</sup> – 3 Nominations
  - 8.1.2.9. 9<sup>th</sup> – 2 Nominations
  - 8.1.2.10. 10<sup>th</sup> – 2 Nominations
  - 8.1.2.11. 11<sup>th</sup> – 1 Nomination
- 8.1.3. At large nominations are available for discussions if a slot stands vacant by position or other circumstances require removal of a name.
- 8.1.4. In the event there are insufficient numbers of players nominated at a given position to fill available slots, the at-large nominees will be provided in place order to the point where all slots are filled
- 8.1.5. Coaches are NOT limited to nominating their own players and if the same player is nominated by two coaches, the lowering ranking coach will be notified and will be able to change his nomination.
- 8.1.6. If a coach fails to provide nominations, the discussion will take place with those available and that team forfeits any nominations.
- 8.1.7. All-state is determined first, then all-district, then a contingent honorable mention will be selected

### 8.2. Coach of the Year and Assistant Coach of the Year

- 8.2.1. Nominations must be in writing and copies (paper or electronic) provided to all coaches.
- 8.2.2. No self-nominations – must be nominated by a peer (e.g. other coach, league administrator, club board)

- 8.2.3. Nominees may remove themselves from consideration and should refrain from self-promotion.
- 8.2.4. Nominees will be excused during discussion regarding the relevant awards and cannot vote or participate once nominated unless they specifically remove themselves from consideration.
- 8.2.5. All head coaches may participate and vote for Assistant Coach of the Year.
- 8.2.6. Nominations address key aspects and voting coaches, after review of the formal nomination, assign a maximum of 20 points to each area listed below:
  - 8.2.6.1. Win/Loss record
  - 8.2.6.2. Athletes who receive athletic and academic honors
  - 8.2.6.3. Actions off the field to advance lacrosse
  - 8.2.6.4. Examples of sportsmanship and honoring the game (e.g. rules, opponents, officials, team)
  - 8.2.6.5. Extraordinary circumstances
- 8.2.7. Once the numerical tally is complete, voting coaches discuss the results and make a final decision

## **9. Rule Making**

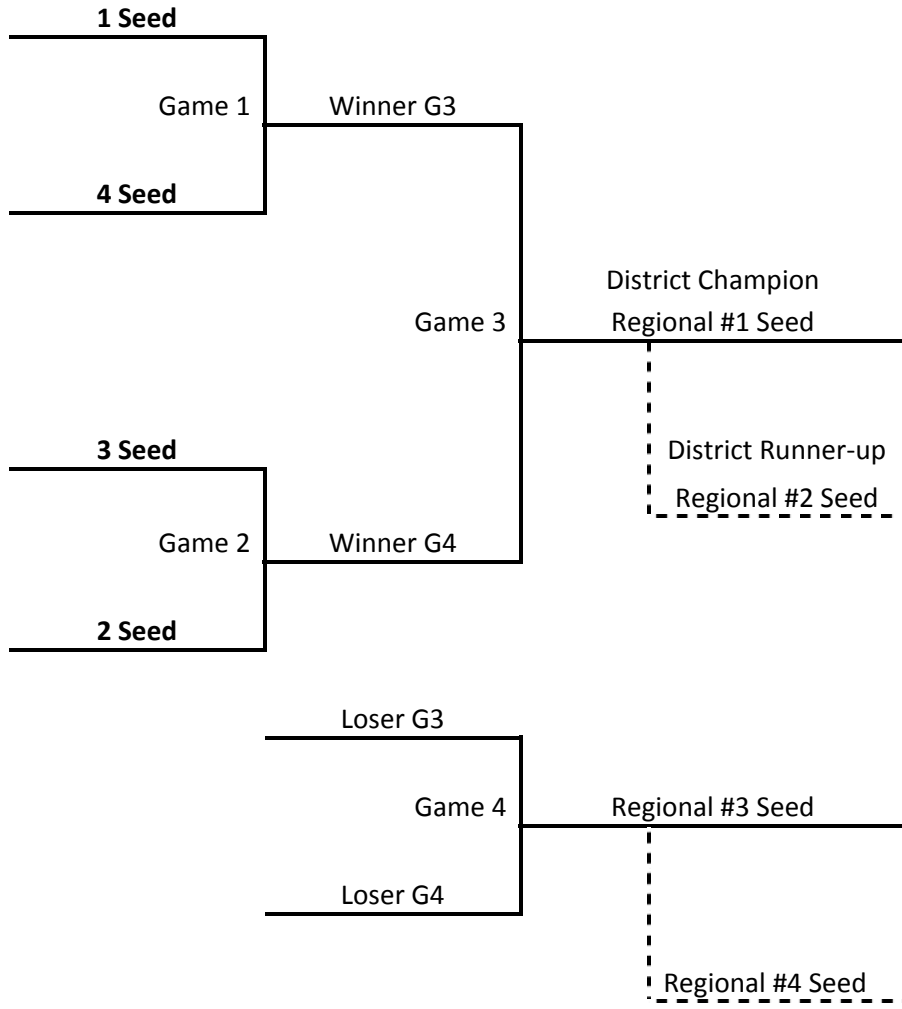
- 9.1. This rule supplement is in accordance with the THSL Rule 6.0 and these rules are effective for one year and remain in effect for future years unless ratified, amended, or repealed at the District scheduling meeting.

## **10. Effective Period**

- 10.1. These rules are in effect beginning September 13, 2014 as a result of the unanimous vote of the coaches present and voting by proxy at the district meeting held on September 13, 2014.



Appendix B  
District Championship Structure



## Appendix C

### 2014 – 2016 Central District Planning Calendar

#### **2014**

September 13 THSLL State Meeting

#### **2015**

January 23 Play Begins  
March 14-22 Spring Break  
April 4-5 Easter Weekend  
April 18 Last District Game/ Award Nominations Due  
April 19 Awards Meeting  
April 21(22) District Preliminary Games  
April 25-26 District Championship  
May 2-3 Regional Championship  
May 9-10 State Championship  
May 23 District Coaches Roundtable (new event, discuss issues)  
August 22 District Scheduling Meeting (new event, scheduling)  
September 12(T) THSLL State Meeting

#### **2016 (tentative)**

January 22 Play Begins  
March 12-20 Spring Break  
March 26-27 Easter Weekend  
April 16 Last District Game/ Award Nominations Due  
April 17 Awards Meeting  
April 19(20) District Preliminary Games  
April 23-24 District Championship  
April 30-May 1 Regional Championship  
May 7-8 State Championship  
May 21 District Coaches Roundtable (new event, discuss issues)  
August 20 District Scheduling Meeting (new event, scheduling)  
September 10 (T) THSLL State Meeting