

ACEL Basketball Plan 2021-2022



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The General Season Information

COVID-19

There are no ACEL guidelines for COVID-19 situations this year. The ACEL respects the ability of our members to protect themselves and their families by taking appropriate precautions against COVID-19.

- For member organizations that have COVID-19 restrictions in place, it is their responsibility to communicate and to confirm that communication with visiting teams several days in advance.
- ACEL schedules must be completed.
- Playoff participation will be earned by PowerPoints from the regular season.

Points of Emphasis

1. ACEL Rule 19.7. Running up the Score in a Lopsided Contest

19.7.1. As an organization based on Christian principles, the ACEL believes that running up the score in a lopsided contest is not good for the winner or the loser of such contests. Head coaches are expected to use wisdom to avoid this if at all possible.

19.7.2. Should head coaches not have the will or ability to control their teams in such matters, the ACEL Commissioner/Executive Board will invoke “Mercy Rules” appropriate to rectify the situation with appropriate penalties including technical fouls, ejections, suspensions, forfeits, fines, and removal from the league as necessary.

As discussed during the membership meeting, there were problems last season with teams winning games in an unsportsmanlike manner. While not all large score discrepancies are the result of unsportsmanlike actions, coaches are expected to avoid running up the score if at all possible.

To be clear, point differentials **ARE NOT** part of our powerpoint calculations. Also be aware that inflating player statistics by running up the score in lopsided contests for the purpose of All-State voting will not be tolerated.

2. League Records

Rosters

Rosters must be completely filled out to include player numbers. Teams may not leave player numbers blank. Any rostered player with a blank player number will be ineligible.

Rosters are due October 26 and must be uploaded to eFilecabinet. (Your AD has information for accessing that system.). The fillable roster form available from the forms and downloads section of the website must be used for roster submissions.

Student Birth Certificates and Grade Reports due November 9.

After I receive your roster, I will make folders for your athletes in eFilecabinet and notify your AD when they are complete. All birth certificates and grade reports must be uploaded by November 9. Any player without all documents uploaded will be ineligible after November 9.

The Schedule

Districts

Boys

There are three boys' districts that are only loosely geographical. Teams with both varsity and JV boys teams were grouped together first and then divided into two districts North and Southwest. The remaining varsity only teams make up the Southeast district.

Girls

All girls' teams were placed into a single district this year.

Scheduling Priorities

1. Varsity district games for both boys and girls were scheduled first. Members with both boys' and girls' teams will play together most nights. Please be aware there are a few instances that boys and girls teams had to be separated to get the maximum number of girls' games possible.
2. JV Boys games were scheduled next. All JV teams play all out-of-district opponents once.
3. Finally, varsity boys' teams were used to fill the remaining dates.

All teams play everyone in their district twice and most out-of-district opponents once. Home/away games were traded for out-of-district opponents played last year.

Playoffs: February 1 & 3

Varsity Girls: There will be no playoffs for varsity girls. Top 4 teams by powerpoints advance to the state semi-finals.

JV Girls: All 4 teams will be seeded for semi-final playoffs. Highest seed will host with the championship game to be played February 12 at state.

Varsity Boys: Top 8 teams by powerpoints advance to the playoff bracket. Highest seed will host.

JV Boys: Top 4 teams advance to the semi-final playoffs. Highest seed will host with the championship game to be played February 12 at state.

State Championship

The 2021-2022 ACEL Basketball State Championship is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, February 11 & 12 in Alexandria.

Reminders

Read the ACEL Standing Rules

Please make sure to read the ACEL Standing Rules available for download on the website. If any particular situation is not covered in the ACEL Standing Rules, the current NFHS rules apply. (ACEL Rule 1.5) If you have any questions about ACEL rules or operating procedures, please ask your athletic director for clarification. Be aware that ACEL rules and procedures are tailored to the unique needs of our member organizations. Therefore, some ACEL rules are unlike those customarily found in other leagues.

Administrator Required at Each Game

An administrator or a designated representative for each team must be in attendance at all ACEL events. The administrator may NOT be the team's coach nor may they sit on the bench. The purpose of the administrator is to handle issues that may arise with the fans, players, or coaches of their organization. The administrator must locate and introduce themselves to the administrator of the opposing team prior to the beginning of the game. Administrators for each team will work together to handle any issue that arises beyond the scope of the officials' authority. (ACEL Rule 13)

Update Your Coach Information

Please check the members' section of the ACEL website (theacel.com) to confirm that the contact information for your coach and the location of your facility are correct. (The members' section of the website is password protected. Your administrator and athletic director have the password.) To update your information, use the "Information Update Form" available from the forms and downloads section of the website.

MaxPreps

The use of MaxPreps to report player stats for all-state consideration in the ACEL is mandatory. No all-state nomination will be accepted without an accompanying MaxPreps stat report.

Please do not underestimate the time that it can take MaxPreps to approve new organizations or to fix problems within existing accounts. ***If you are new to MaxPreps or are having issues with your MaxPreps account, NOW is the time to get those fixed.***

In order for MaxPreps to work for us as it is intended, player stats must be uploaded for each ACEL game in which an all-state nominated player participates. Stats should be uploaded routinely throughout the season. Waiting until the end of the season makes it difficult for our other teams to link to your schedule and for stat reporting to be transparent.

Physicals and Coaches' Concussion Course

Per ACEL Rule 14.1.7, all athletes participating in league competition (boys/girls) are required to take and pass a physical examination. These physicals are good for one calendar year. Physicals must be kept on-hand by athletic directors and coaches at all ACEL events and must be presented immediately upon request.

All ACEL coaches are required to take a concussion course and be able to provide evidence/certificate of completion upon request.

Schedule Changes

The ACEL allows organizations to easily change their schedules as necessary. All that is required is for both the home and away teams to submit a schedule change form through the website.

Score Reporting

Scores must be reported by both the home and away teams by noon the following day. Failure to report the score will result in a fine. (See ACEL Rule 6.1)

All-State Voting

All organizations participating in volleyball are required to attend All-State Voting even if no player is nominated for all-state from the organization. There is a \$500 fine for failure to attend. Basketball All-State Voting meeting will be via Zoom, Saturday, January 29.

AED

The ACEL strongly recommends that all organizations have an AED at all ACEL events.

ACEL Standing Rules Changes/Amendments for 2021-2022

The final draft of the 2021-2022 ACEL Standing Rules is available for download from the ACEL website. A complete list of changes is available from the members' section of the webpage.

Communicate with your Executive Director

Most problems and misunderstandings can be avoided simply through communication. Coaches, if you have a league concern please discuss it with your athletic director ASAP. In many instances athletic directors will already have related information from the ACEL. Athletic directors, please do not hesitate to contact me with any league issue you may have. The more you all communicate with me, the better I understand what is actually happening within our league, making me better able to act in the best interest of all our organizations. I cannot address what I do not know.

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