

ACEL Basketball Plan 2022-23



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The General Season Information

Read the ACEL Standing Rules

Make sure to read the ACEL Standing Rules available for download from theacel.com. **ACEL Rules have change substantially from last year!**

It is vitally important that you read and understand all ACEL rules. 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. If you have any questions about ACEL rules or operating procedures, please ask your athletic director for clarification.

If any particular situation is not covered in the ACEL Standing Rules, the current NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations) rules apply.

Points of Emphasis for 2022-23

1. Administrator on Duty (Section 2 of ACEL Rules)

Each team is required to provide an Administrator on Duty at every ACEL event.

The Administrator on Duty:

- Must be capable and willing to fulfill the role of Administrator on Duty,
- Shall be responsible for the general organization, management and supervision of the Organization's student body, coaches and spectators before, during and after each event, (ACEL Rule 2.3)
- Shall work with the Administrator on Duty of the opposing team to handle any issue that arises beyond the scope of the officials' authority, (ACEL Rule 2.4)
- Is **NOT** responsible for the opposing team,
- May not be a coach or other individual participating in that event (scorekeeper, stat keeper, etc.),
- Must locate and introduce themselves to the Administrator on Duty of the opposing team prior to the beginning of the contest,
- Must report ACEL Rule infractions to the Executive Director via the incident report form located on the Forms and Downloads section of the ACEL website (theacel.com).

2. Behavior (Section 5 of ACEL Rules)

There were several unacceptable incidents that occurred at ACEL events last year and that trend must stop. ACEL Rules regarding behavior and sportsmanship have been expanded to clarify expectations. The standards listed in Section 5 of the ACEL Standing Rules are not optional and must be enforced by Administrators on Duty.

The goal is to have inappropriate behavior graciously corrected by the Administrators who have a relationship with the offender. Most of the issues we have had occurred because there was no one in authority with a relationship to the offender present to calm and diffuse the situation or were inflamed by adults from one team attempting the correct adults and students from the other team.

Example Scenario for handling ACEL rule violations

A spectator, player, or coach that witnesses a violation of ACEL rules should report the violation immediately to their Administrator on Duty. The Administrator on Duty should then attempt to confirm that the action is occurring.

For example, if it is reported by a spectator from Team B that a fan from Team A disrespectfully addressed an official, the spectator should immediately alert the Team B Administrator on Duty of the behavior. Team B Administrator will then notify Team A Administrator of the report. It is then the responsibility of the Team A Administrator to confirm if the action did occur or is occurring. The method of confirmation is left to the wisdom of the Team A Administrator. There will be instances when confronting the individual will be appropriate. There will also be instances when closely observing the individual is the better approach. In either case, if the Team A Administrator is able to confirm the action occurred, then that administrator is required to sanction the individual per ACEL Rule 5.6 and to report the incident and sanctions to the ACEL.

Team A Administrator should inform the Team B Administrator of the results of their investigation. Both Administrators should report the incident whether confirmed or not to the ACEL. Multiple incident reports from a variety of Organizations against a particular person, confirmed or not, become plausible proof of an individual's behavior and grounds for sanctions per ACEL rules.

If an Administrator on Duty witnesses a violation of ACEL rules, confirmation of the incident is NOT required. The Administrator on Duty must proceed with corrective sanctions and a report of the incident should be sent to the ACEL by both Administrators.

3. Sportsmanship (ACEL Rule 5.7)

Running clock rules will be applied *regardless* of agreement by coaches.

4. 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 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. Please be aware that there is an updated roster form for 2022-23. Rosters submitted on the old form will not be accepted. An instruction sheet explaining how to complete the updated roster form is available for download from the “forms and downloads” section of the website.

Student Birth Certificates and Grade Reports

Quarterly grade submissions are no longer required. Birth Certificates and transcripts/ grade reports are only required for newly rostered students.

Districts

Balancing the number of regular season games with the amount of travel required given the number of participating teams is a continuing issue but one that we are making progress toward mediating. ACEL districts are now grouped by geography as much possible with varsity teams taking precedent. In the past, districts were grouped by team types (JV teams or both boys’ and girls’ teams) in order to give all team types the maximum number of games possible.

Districting by geography means JV teams will only have games against JV teams in their district and only with JV teams in their same division out-of-district. Districts with more JV teams will simply get more games.

Girls’ Districts

There are 6 varsity girls’ teams this year. At least 8 teams depending on locations are needed before districts are used; therefore, all teams are grouped into a single district.

Boys' Districts

There are two boys' districts for 2022-23. With fewer teams in the South this year coupled with districting by geography, there were not enough teams in the Southwest region to form a viable district without arbitrarily dividing Lafayette teams.

North District

CHA Northeast
Faith Training Christian Academy
Shreveport Homeschool Sports
Mt. Olive Christian School
Old Bethel Christian Academy
Word of God Academy

South District

Acadiana Christian School
Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School
The Brighton School
CHEF of Baton Rouge
Christian Academy of Louisiana
Christian Homeschool Sports Assoc. of Acadiana
First Baptist Christian School
John Paul the Great Academy
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics

Boys' Divisions

Boys' teams have been divided between Division 1 and Division 2 depending on last year's power point rankings for the purpose of making out-of-district games more competitive and limiting long travel for less competitive games.

Method for Designating Divisions

The division system will only be used in sports with at least 12 total teams so that divisions will have at least 6 teams each. Division appeals will only be considered if granting the appeal will not reduce the number of remaining teams in the division below 6 teams.

For 2022-23, there are 15 varsity boys' teams committed. 2021-22 rankings for the committed teams are as follows:

- #1 Shreveport Homeschool Sports 156.84
- #2 Word of God Academy 139.15
- #3 Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics 136.98
- #4 CHEF 121.771
- #5 Faith Training Christian Academy 129.62
- #6 Acadiana Christian School 121.21
- #7 John Paul the Great Academy 106.47
- #8 Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School 103.52
- #9 The Brighton School 88.87
- #10 Christian Homeschool Sports Association of Acadiana 84.06
- #11 CHA Northeast 77.19
- #12 First Baptist Christian School 74.13
- #13 Mt. Olive Christian School 73.33
- #14 Christian Academy of Louisiana 63.86
- #15 Old Bethel Christian Academy 63.12

The top half (or half + 1 if an odd number) by power points of committed teams are designated D1 with the remainder D2. Division appeals are then considered on a first come, first serve basis. Division appeals do not affect the division designation of other teams and will only be considered if at least 6 teams remain in the division. For 2022-23 one appeal of their D2 designation was received and granted to CHA Northeast. Therefore, 2022-23 divisions are as follows:

Division 1

Shreveport Homeschool Sports Word of God Academy Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics CHEF of Baton Rouge Faith Training Christian Academy Acadiana Christian School John Paul the Great Academy Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School CHA Northeast

Division 2

The Brighton School Christian Homeschool Sports Association of Acadiana First Baptist Christian School Mt. Olive Christian School Christian Academy of Louisiana Old Bethel Christian Academy
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Schedules

Generally, ACEL teams are scheduled to play all teams in their district twice and out-of-districts teams once as time allows or only same division, out-of-district opponents if the division system is used.

Boys' and Girls' Schedules are independent of each other.

Organizations with both girls' and boys' teams play together when possible but many game days will be in different locations.

Girls' Schedules

Girls are scheduled to play every in-district team twice.

Boys' Schedules

The North Schedule was constructed with two games against all in-district teams regardless of division and one game against all out-of-district opponents in the same division only.

With 9 teams in the South District, there was not enough time in the season for all in-district teams to play each other twice and also play out-of-district opponents. Therefore, in the south each team plays every team in-district once and every team in-district and in the same division a second time, plus each out-of-district team in the same division once.

Playoffs

The following dates are official ACEL playoff dates. Flexibility in playoff scheduling is intended to assist the host Organization secure facilities and officials for the playoff game. Playoff schedule changes should not be made to accommodate personal conflicts or other extra-curricular activities.

To change an official playoff date, both teams must agree to the change and both teams must submit a schedule change form to the ACEL.

Varsity Girls: The 6 teams by regular season power points advance to playoffs with #1 and #2 earning byes to the state semi-finals.

Round 1 of varsity girls' playoffs is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2023. Highest seeds will host playoff games for seeds 3-6.

Varsity Semi-Finals will take place Friday, February 10, 2023 at the ACEL Basketball State Championship Tournament in Pineville.

JV Girls: The 4 Jv Girls' teams will be seeded by Power Points. Highest seed hosts first round games on Monday, January 30, 2023. Championship game played at the State Tournament on Saturday, February 11.

Varsity Boys'

Top 6 teams by Power Points with top 2 receiving byes to the semi-finals for both D1 & D2.

D1 & D2 first round playoff games will take place on Friday, February 3, 2023.

D1 Semi-finals @ State on Friday, February 10, 2023.

D2 Semi-Finals hosted by highest seed on Tuesday, February 7th.

D2 Championship game @ State Saturday, February 11, 2023.

Jv Boys'

There are (5) D1 Jv boys teams and only (1) D2 Jv team; therefore, all Jv teams will be seeded into a 6-team playoff bracket by Power Points with the top two teams receiving first round byes.

Round 1 will be played Monday, January 30, 2023 and Round 2 will be Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Championship game played @ State on Saturday, February 11.

Reminders

Basketball Commissioner

The ACEL is seeking a basketball commissioner to begin work this coming season. The primary job of the commissioner will be that of a liaison between coaches and the executive director. The basketball commissioner will also advise the executive director and the executive board regarding ACEL basketball policy and procedure. For 2022-23, the basketball commissioner position will be a volunteer position.

To apply, explain in an email to the executive director (admin@theacel.com) how you would be an asset to the ACEL as the basketball commissioner. Applications will be reviewed by the executive board.

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.

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

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 yearly 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 28.

AED

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

ACEL Standing Rules 2022-23

The final draft of the 2022-23 ACEL Standing Rules is available for download from the ACEL website.

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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(Leave a message, and I will get back to you.)

2022-23 ACEL Boys' Basketball Schedule

North District

CHA Northeast Flame—Monroe
Faith Training Christian Academy Patriots—Leesville
Mt. Olive Christian School Eagles—Athens
Old Bethel Christian Academy Crusaders—Clarks
Shreveport Homeschool Sports Force—Shreveport
Word of God Academy Force—Shreveport

South District

Acadiana Christian School Lions—New Iberia
Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School Eagles—Lake Charles
The Brighton School Bengals—Baton Rouge
CHEF of Baton Rouge Patriots—Baton Rouge
Christian Academy of Louisiana Crusaders—Addis
Christian Homeschool Sports Association of Acadiana ArchAngels—Lafayette
First Baptist Christian School Eagles—Lafayette
John Paul the Great Academy Guardians—Lafayette
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics Knights—Lake Charles

Official JV teams are listed in bold, as well as all official JV contests below

Preseason Coaches' Meeting Via Zoom October 22

November 1, Tuesday

CHA @ Shreveport
WOGA @ FTCA
OBCA @ MOCS
SWLA @ JPG
ACS @ CHEF
CHSAA @ FBCS
Brighton @ CAL

November 4, Friday

CHA @ BNEDS
OBCA @ CHSAA
MOCS @ FBCS
JPG @ FTCA
ACS @ WOGA
CAL @ SWLA
Brighton @ CHEF

November 8, Tuesday

Shreveport @ MOCS
WOGA @ OBCA
FTCA @ CHA
SWLA @ CHSAA
JPG @ CHEF
BNEDS @ ACS

November 11, Friday

CHA @ CHEF
Shreveport @ ACS
SWLA @ FTCA
JPG @ Brighton
BNEDS @ WOGA
FBCS @ OBCA
CAL @ MOCS

November 15, Tuesday

WOGA @ Shreveport
OBCA @ FTCA
MOCS @ CHA
CHEF @ SWLA
JPG @ BNEDS
CHSAA @ CAL
FBCS @ Brighton

November 18, Friday

Shreveport @ CHEF
WOGA @ JPG
ACS @ CHSAA
BNEDS @ CAL
Brighton @ OBCA

November 29, Tuesday

CHA @ OBCA
FTCA @ Shreveport
ACS @ JPG
BNEDS @ SWLA
CHSAA @ CHEF
WOGA @ MOCS

December 2, Friday

CAL @ FBCS
Brighton @ CHSAA

December 6, Tuesday

Shreveport @ OBCA
WOGA @ CHA
FTCA @ MOCS
CHEF @ BNEDS
ACS @ SWLA
CHSAA @ JPG

December 9, Friday

CHEF @ FTCA
SWLA @ CHA
ACS @ FBCS
BNEDS @ Shreveport
CAL @ JPG

December 13, Tuesday

Shreveport @ CHA
MOCS @ OBCA
FTCA @ WOGA
CHEF @ ACS
JPG @ SWLA
BNEDS @ Brighton

December 16, Friday

CHA @ JPG
Shreveport @ SWLA
FTCA @ BNEDS
CHEF @ WOGA
FBCS @ CHSAA
CAL @ Brighton

January 3, Tuesday

CHA @ FTCA
OBCA @ WOGA
MOCS @ Shreveport
CHEF @ JPG
ACS @ BNEDS
FBCS @ SWLA

January 6, Friday

JPG @ Shreveport
CHSAA @ BNEDS
CAL @ ACS
SWLA @ Brighton

January 10, Tuesday

CHA @ MOCS
Shreveport @ WOGA
FTCA @ OBCA
SWLA @ ACS
JPG @ FBCS
BNEDS @ CHEF

January 13, Friday

WOGA @ SWLA
FTCA @ ACS
CAL @ CHSAA
Brighton @ FBCS

January 17, Tuesday

Shreveport @ FTCA
OBCA @ CHA
MOCS @ WOGA
CHEF @ FBCS
SWLA @ BNEDS
JPG @ ACS

January 20, Friday

CHEF @ CAL
CHSAA @ MOCS
FBCS @ BNEDS
Brighton @ ACS

January 24, Tuesday

CHA @ WOGA
OBCA @ Shreveport
MOCS @ FTCA
SWLA @ CHEF
BNEDS @ JPG
CHSAA @ Brighton
FBCS @ CAL

January 28, Friday

OBCA @ CAL
MOCS @ Brighton
ACS @ CHA

All games must be completed by January 27.

Playoffs, January 30-February 7

See Basketball Plan for playoff schedule.

ACEL Basketball Championship

Friday, February 10

Girls and D1 Boys Varsity Semifinals

Saturday, February 11

JV Girls & Boys & Varsity Girls, D1 and D2 Boys
State Championships

2022-2023 ACEL Girls Basketball Schedule

CHA Northeast Flames—Monroe
CHEF of Baton Rouge Patriots—Baton Rouge
Faith Training Christian Academy Patriots—Leesville
John Paul the Great Academy Guardians—Lafayette
Mt. Olive Christian School Eagles—Athens
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics Knights—Lake Charles

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November 8, Tuesday

FTCA @ CHA

JPG @ CHEF

November 11, Friday

CHA @ CHEF

SWLA @ FTCA

JPG @ MOCS

November 15, Tuesday

MOCS @ CHA

CHEF @ SWLA

November 18, Friday

MOCS @ SWLA

FTCA @ CHEF

November 29, Tuesday

December 2, Friday

December 6, Tuesday
FTCA @ MOCS

December 9, Friday
CHEF @ FTCA
SWLA @ CHA
MOCS @ JPG

December 13, Tuesday
JPG @ SWLA

December 16, Friday
CHA @ JPG
FTCA @ SWLA

January 3, Tuesday
CHA @ FTCA
CHEF @ JPG

January 6, Friday
SWLA @ MOCS
CHEF @ CHA

January 10, Tuesday
CHA @ MOCS

January 13, Friday
FTCA @ JPG

January 17, Tuesday
JPG @ CHA

January 20, Friday
CHEF @ MOCS

January 24, Tuesday
MOCS @ FTCA
SWLA @ CHEF

January 28, Friday
Bye

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