

Philosophy of the Southwest League

1. All boys in 6th through 8th grades, who do not make the A or B or C Travel squads for their grade, are eligible. **NO TRAVEL TEAM MEMBERS** shall play in this league.
2. Each city will have 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teams. The boys will be graded on their skill level and divided into teams. These teams will be kept as equal as possible related to skill levels.
3. Prior to the start of the game, officials and coaches will meet to discuss boundary areas, special rules, etc.
4. It will be expected that all players will play equal game time unless there are situations that fall under #5.
5. The coaches must, at the start of the game, name to officials and to the coach of the opposing team, players that are unable to play equal time due to injuries, illness, or practice misses.
6. At the conclusion of the game, all players and coaches are required to line up for a **'good game handshake.'**
7. **No game or call protests will be allowed.** The decision on all calls is with the Officials. Should any coach have a problem with any call or enforcement of a rule, the concern should be taken to their commissioner and not the officials. Coaches will be held responsible for the behavior of the team's fans.
8. **At no time will coaches or parents be allowed to disrupt a game.** Any arguing about calls or rules by coaches and parents will not be tolerated. Above all, we should all use good judgment as we are setting an example for our youth.
9. Remember each of the coaches and the players represent their respective cities and should model behavior that is symbolic of the commitment this league has to quality sportsmanship. This is a developmental league to allow boys the chance to advance their skills for future play.