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UIL Softball Update

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AGENDA

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UIL RULE CHANGES

2009 - 2010

GENERAL

- Change in the time frame to identify or place overage students in 504 or special education for an athletic eligibility waiver prior to the end of his or her second year in high school.

Softball

- Change to the softball practice start date.



NFHS RULE CHANGES 2009-2010

- **(1-1-2b) Changed the female fast-pitch pitching distance to 43 feet effective with the 2010-11 academic year.**
- **(1-5) Identified and specified guidelines for each part of the bat, including: knob, handle/grip, taper, barrel and end cap. In addition, the rule clarifies that the taper must be a solid surface.**
- **(3-2-12) Added an exception to permit hard, unadorned devices, such as bobby pins, barrettes and hair clips, no longer than 2 inches, to be worn to control a player's hair.**
- **(9-6-6) Changed the required number of innings pitched to half of the total number of innings played in the game for a starting pitcher to be credited with a win.**



Dates for 2009-2010 Season

- **January 22**
First day for practice
- **February 1**
First day for interschool scrimmages
- **April 27**
District Certification Deadline
- **June 3-5**
State Softball Tournament



Game Regulations

- 19 games, 2 tournaments or 17 games, 3 tournaments, leave dates for tiebreaker games (includes district and non-district)
- If District champion has a bye for the first round they may play a warm-up game in addition to game limit (non-school night, no loss of school time)
- Other play-off bound teams must have a game to give in order to schedule a warm-up game
- 2 games may be substituted in place of a tournament
- Teams shall play no more than 6 total games in a tournament, no more than 3 games in a day
- Pool play games can be no more than 4 innings



Game Regulations

- District VARSITY games postponed by weather or public disaster shall be rescheduled on the next date (played as an exception to school week limitation)
- Regular season games called before completion will be replayed from the start unless specified by district rules
- Post season play-off games suspended shall continue at a later time from the point of suspension
- Tiebreaker will be $\frac{1}{2}$ game won and $\frac{1}{2}$ lost for each team unless specified at BEGINNING of season by district rules
- No calendar week limit, but school week limit



UIL Required Training 2009 - 2010

The UIL Legislative Council requires all coaches to complete the:

- **UIL COPE course program**
- **UIL Steroid Education course with video, "The Making of a Champion"**
- **UIL Safety Training course and presentation to athletes**
- *****First year coaches must complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course prior to their participation as a coach**



UIL Required Training 2009 - 2010

Safety Training: SB 82 legislation from last year

- **Mandates that records of compliance with the requirements**
- Requires safety training for all coaches or sponsors for athletic activities, and any marching band director.**
- Requires that students shall be provided safety training.**
- Directs coaches to provide the text of sections of the bill as well as included in each Parent Information Manual must be provided to parents of participants.**
- Mandates that school programs, (1 per year) conduct a safety drill that incorporates the training.**



C&CR Section 400

STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL UIL CONTEST

Student's Eligibility:

- Is not a high school graduate
- Is a full-time student
- Regular attendance / 15 day rule
- Meets credit requirements (“NO PASS NO PLAY”)
- Enrolled in four year program
- Four year rule
- Was not recruited
- Awards Rule
- Meets requirements of C&CR Section 440



FULL TIME STUDENT

- Enrolled in participant high school
 - a student must be enrolled for at least four hours per day
 - four hours may be for either state approved or local credit.
- Required courses by SBOE
- In compliance with local written transfer and admission policies



REGULAR ATTENDANCE

- A student who does not enroll in and attend school within the first six class days is ineligible to participate until the 15th day after enrollment and attendance.
- Students who are in an alternative program under TEC Section 37.006 (c) may resume UIL participation on the first day they return to regular classes, with local school district approval.



“NO PASS NO PLAY”

Eligibility for the FIRST Six Weeks (Credit Requirements):

- *Grades nine and below* - must have been promoted from the previous grade.
- *Second Year of High School* - five accumulated credit towards state graduation.
- *Third Year of High School* - ten accumulated credit toward state graduation.
- *Fourth Year of High School* - fifteen accumulated credits toward state graduation.



“NO PASS NO PLAY”

Eligibility for the FIRST Six Weeks (Credit Requirements):

- Students who do not meet the previous requirements are academically ineligible for participation the first six weeks of the school year. Grades are checked at the end of the first six weeks and if the students are passing all classes, they could regain academic eligibility after the seven calendar day grace period.



“NO PASS NO PLAY”

Eligibility AFTER the FIRST Six Weeks:

- A student who receives, at the end of any grading period (after the first six weeks of the school year), a grade below 70 in any academic class (other than an identified advanced class) or a student with disabilities who fails to meet the standards in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) may not participate in extracurricular activities for at least three school weeks.



VARSDITY ELIGIBILITY

Residence Rule:

- Is a resident of the member school district and a resident of the attendance zone in which the participant school being attended is situated
- Or has been *continuously enrolled* in and regularly attending the school for at least the previous calendar year if his or her parents do not reside within the school district's attendance zone



CHANGING SCHOOLS FOR ATHLETIC PURPOSES

Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF):

- All new students in grades 9-12 who have ever practiced (before, during or after school) or participated in any UIL athletic activity in grade 8-12 at another school **MUST** have this form completed by the previous school (last school of participation) and be approved by the District Executive Committee **before** they are eligible to participate at the varsity level at the new school.
- The new form also includes a new student eligibility questionnaire that must be completed for any student new to that school district before participation.



Age

Age Rule:

- Student is less than 19 years old on September 1 preceding the contest, or has been granted eligibility based on a disability which delayed his or her education by at least one year



LIMITS ON PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE

Activity Periods:

- A school district must limit a student to one period of practice during the regularly scheduled school day for extracurricular activities, such as athletics, or drill team, or cheerleading.

Extracurricular Absences:

- In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Education Code, § 33.0811, the number of times that a school district may allow a student to miss a class for extracurricular participation during a school year shall be determined by the *school district board of trustees*.



Play-Offs

- Contracts
- Reporting Scores
- Financial Reports

