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UIL Softball Update 2011-2012

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RESOURCES

UIL website (www.uilutexas.org)

NFHS website (www.nfhs.org)

Constitution and Contest Rules

Sport Specific Manual

NFHS Rule Book

TEA-UIL Side by Side

Booster Club Manual

Junior High Manual

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AGENDA

- **UIL Rule Changes**
- **NFHS Rules Changes**
- **Dates for Season**
- **UIL Required Training/State Requirements**
- **NFHS Concussion Protocol**
- **Officials**
- **Game Regulations and Definitions**
- **Student Eligibility for All UIL Contest**
- **No Pass No Play/Varsity Eligibility**
- **Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF)**
- **Non school participation**
- **Post season competition**

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2011 STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

- Thank you to TGCA board & officers, softball committee, AD's and assistant AD's, coaches, and administrators.
- 43 foot pitching distance
- Graduation ceremonies
- 2012 State Schedule (4 days?)

Softball- There is nothing “soft” about it!

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Dates for 2011-2012 Season

January 20	First day for practice
January 30	First day for scrimmages
February 13	First day for games
April 24	District Certification Deadline
May 1	Bi District
May 5	Area
May 19	Regional Quarterfinals (Fri/Sat only)
May 22	Regional Semi-finals (one game only)
May 26	Regional Finals
May 30-June 2	State Tournament (tentative)

(UT Red McCombs Field, Austin, Texas)

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UIL RULE CHANGES

2011 - 2012

GENERAL

- Change the UIL Concussion Management Protocol to that of the National Federation of State High School Associations based upon the recommendation of the UIL Medical Advisory Committee.
- Providing for specific exceptions to the UIL rule that prohibits schools from allowing students to enroll in more than one Physical Education and/or athletic class (see Section 1206(e)).
- Changes to Reclassification and Realignment Policies regarding students with multiple disabilities and the ability of schools to “opt up”.

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UIL RULE CHANGES

2011 - 2012



Football

- Allow scrimmages after six days of contact (rather than seven).

Baseball and Softball

- Allow three games to be substituted in place of tournament in high school baseball and softball.



Golf

- Allow all players to participate in the team playoff in golf.



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UIL RULE CHANGES 2011 - 2012



SOCCER

- Allow schools to have their first soccer scrimmage after the five-day holiday restriction in December.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

- Remove the degree of difficulty requirement for girls and boys in diving.



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RULE CHANGES 2011-2012

The penalty for the use of an altered or non-approved bat, which previously was an out on the batter, was expanded to state, “when the illegal bat is an altered or non-approved bat, the batter and the head coach are also ejected.”

“White” was deleted from the list of permissible colors for softballs. The ball(s) must now be optic yellow, which will assist schools in ordering and manufacturers in producing the actual product being used for competition.

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RULE CHANGES 2011-2012

In Rule 3-2-5, “headwear (caps, visors, sweatbands, ribbons, etc.), if worn, must now be white, black, beige or school colors. The colors are not required to be solid nor the same for each team member.” Permitting more colors and options for players regarding headwear is consistent with requirements in other NFHS sports.

Rule 1-5-2a, removes the requirement that the bat knob protrude at a 90-degree angle from the handle. The rule now states that each bat knob “may be molded, lathed, welded or permanently fastened. Devices, attachments or wrappings are permitted except those that cause the knob to become flush with the handle.”

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UIL Required Training - Rules Compliance Program (RCP)

- Available **ONLY** via UIL website on a link to gateway - www.uilutexas.org
- Must have a UT Log-in ID and password set-up to complete course
- Print certificate to verify completion

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Rules Compliance Program

1. **UPDATED Constitution and Contest Rules** – separate HS course and JH course
2. **UPDATED QUIZ - Ethics and Sportsmanship**
3. **UPDATED INFORMATION AND QUIZ - Safety Training** - Includes new NFHS and UIL concussion information and protocol as well as new CPR charts
4. **UPDATED QUIZ - Steroid Education** – Video “The Making of a Champion”
5. **NEW! Sport Specific** - 12 separate modules one for each sport that pertains to the high school sport specific plan

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UIL Required Training – National Federation of High Schools (NFHS)

- Available through a link on the UIL website or visit www.nfhslearn.org
 - Print certificate to verify completion
1. **NFHS – Fundamentals of Coaching – 6 hours course/\$35** - all first year coaches and any coach who is not a full-time employee of the school district.
 2. **NFHS – Teaching and Modeling Behavior – 1.5 hour course/\$20** - minimum penalty for coach ejection

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State Law - Texas Education Code

1. **TEC Chapter 33.086** - Certification for CPR and First Aid Training
2. **TEC Chapter 22.902** – Instruction related to CPR/AED
3. **TEC Chapter 33.202** – Safety Training Requirement
 - Coach completes the training included in RCP
 - Safety information must be presented to the students – PPT provided
 - Rehearse safety communication with athletes in a practice plan per sport
 - Provide the information to the parents

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Concussion Safety – HB 2038

TEC Chapter 38, Sub Chapter D

- UIL Implementation Guide - imbedded into the RCP and available on the UIL Website.
- NFHS Suggested Guidelines for management of Concussion in Sports.
- Link to NFHS Learn – www.nfhslearn.com - FREE course on **Concussion in Sports – What You Need**



To Know



Game Regulations

- 20 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
- 3 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 = 4 innings = not counted on season record

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Game Regulations-Con' t

- 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 ½ game won and ½ lost for each team unless specified at BEGINNING of season by district rules
- **No calendar week limit, but school week limit**

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Required Student Forms

- Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form
- Medical History Form
- Rules Acknowledgment (updated)
- Parent or Guardian Permit
- Parent/Student Anabolic Steroid Use and Random Steroid Testing Form



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OFFICIALS

<http://uil.arbitersports.com/FRONT/105040/Site>

- Request for UIL assigned officials must be done online
- Home team makes request
- If both home team and visitors make request, will have to make pay both sets of officials

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C&CR Section 400

STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL UIL CONTEST



- 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 (PAPF)
- Awards Rule
- Meets requirements of C&CR Section 440



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C&CR Section 440

VARSITY ELIGIBILITY

- Meets all requirements of Section 400
- Parent Residence
- Changing Schools for Athletic Purposes (PAPF)
- Age Rule
- Amateur Athletic Status

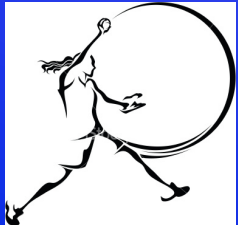


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PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM (PAPF)

Changing schools for athletic purposes:

- 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 includes the student eligibility questionnaire that must be completed first for any student new to that school district before participation.



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AWARDS RULE

- *Awards Schools May Give*

- an award not exceed \$70 in value to a student during that student's high school enrollment at the same school for participation in UIL inter-school competition.

- *Awards Students May Receive*

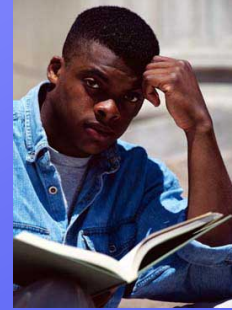
- A certificate, medal, trophy or other symbolic award for participating in any UIL activity which counts on League standing, if it is given by the school, school district, the district executive committee, or the entity that organized the competition.



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“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

***If accumulated credits are not earned, must earn 5 credits within previous 12 months**

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“NO PASS NO PLAY”

Eligibility for the FIRST Six Weeks (Credit Requirements):

- Students who do not meet the credit 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.



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“NO PASS NO PLAY”



Eligibility AFTER the FIRST Six Weeks:

- All schools must check grades for all participants at the end of the first six weeks of the school year. From that point, grades are checked at the end of the grading period whether it is six, nine, or twelve weeks in length.
- Students who pass remain eligible until the end of the next grading period. All activity coaches and directors are responsible for obtaining official grade reports from the individual the principal designates as the keeper of official grades before the student represents the school.
- This provision applies to all grading periods. It also applies to all three school week evaluation periods for ineligible students.

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AMATEUR ATHLETIC STATUS

Amateur Rule

Student-athletes in grades 9-12 shall not:

- Accept any valuable consideration as an award for winning/placing in an athletic contest. Valuable consideration is defined as anything wearable, usable or salable, and includes such items as tee-shirts, hamburger coupons, free or reduced rate tennis racquets, etc.
- Accept valuable consideration for teaching or coaching any UIL sport, except beginning swimming or lifesaving lessons.
- Accept valuable consideration for allowing their name to be used for advertisement of a product, plan or service.



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AMATEUR ATHLETIC STATUS

Amateur Rule

VALUABLE CONSIDERATION SCHOOL TEAMS AND ATHLETES MAY ACCEPT:

- **Pre-Season.** School athletic teams may be given pre-season meals, if approved by the school.
- **Post-Season.** School athletic teams may be given post-season meals if approved by the school. Banquet favors or gifts are considered valuable consideration and are subject to the Awards and Amateur Rules if they are given to a student athlete at any time.
- **Other.** If approved by the school, school athletic teams and athletes may be invited to and may attend functions where free admission is offered, or where refreshments and/or meals are served. Athletes or athletic teams may be recognized at these functions, but may not accept anything, other than food items, that is not given to all other students.

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AMATEUR ATHLETIC STATUS

Amateur Rule

- Additional VALUABLE CONSIDERATION THAT SCHOOL TEAMS AND ATHLETES MAY ACCEPT

Examples of additional items deemed allowable under this interpretation if approved by the school, include but are not limited to:

1. meals, snacks or snack foods during or after practices;
2. parties provided by parents or other students strictly for an athletic team



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LIMITS ON PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE

Activities Inside the School Year:



- **School Week Limitation**

- For any given extracurricular activity, a student may not participate in more than one activity per school week, excluding holidays.

- **Eight Hour Rule**

- State law limits schools to no more than eight hours of practice outside of the school day during the school week, per activity. School week is defined as Monday to the end of school on the last instructional day of the week (usually Friday).

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LIMITS ON PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE



Activity Periods:

- Student athletes shall not be enrolled in more than one physical education and/or athletic class whether or not they are receiving credit. **Exceptions: PE Class: Adventure/Outdoor Education; PE Substitutes: JROTC, Cheerleading, Drill Team, Marching Band**

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*.

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C&CR, Section 1209

School Summer Camps & Clinics Non-School Activities

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School Summer Camps & Clinics

(Incoming 7th -9th Student-athletes from coaches own attendance zone)

Camp guidelines:

- Offered the last day of school, and before 2nd Monday in August
- 6 consecutive days
- Fee waiver process for students unable to pay
- May use equipment inherent to the sport

Coaches are prohibited from:

- Using incoming 10th-12th grade students
- Paying fees



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Non-School Activities

(7-12 Student-athletes from coaches own attendance zone)

Coaches can assist in:

- Organization, selection of players, and selection of coaches for a league
- Supervision of facilities
- Instruct his or her own adopted or birth children



Coaches are prohibited from:

- Giving instruction
 - Being primary coordinator point of contact, or director
 - Transporting students
 - Using school funds
 - Using school equipment
 - Handling money
 - Paying any type of fees
- Recommend coaches do not:
- Officiate while students are participating

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POST SEASON

- **Bi-District, Area, Regionals**
 - **Contracts**
 - **Officials- Split crews**
 - **Post Season Packets**
 - **Brackets**
 - **Game Reporting**
 - **State Packets**
- **State Tournament**
 - **Officials by Crews**
 - **Memorable Experiences**



You can't live a perfect day without
doing something for someone who
will never be able to repay you.

John Wooden

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**We make a living by what we get; we
make a life by what we give.**

Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

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