

# UIL Spirit Program



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# UIL Role

State mandated policy  
Safety requirements  
Contest rules and regulations



# Spirit/cheer programs are defined as an “Extracurricular Activity”

- Definition of Extracurricular Activity

UIL-TEA Side by Side - Page 15:

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...held in conjunction with another activity that is considered to be extracurricular, public is invited, admission is charged.





**NOT currently defined as a sanctioned sport or athletic activity**

**UIL Athletic rules do NOT apply unless the local district decide to do otherwise**



# AGENDA

## UIL Rules – Current State Mandates

- **Student Eligibility for All UIL Contests**
- **“No Pass, No Play”**
- **One contest/performance night**
- **Limits on Practice and Performance**
- **UIL Required Training – Safety issues**
- **Local jurisdiction and decisions**



# UIL Resource #1

- TEA-UIL Side by Side Manual - State Law
  - Page 3-8: No Pass, No Play
  - Page 11: More than one activity period per day
  - Page 12: Limits on practice and performance
  - Page 16: Required training (some listed here)
  - Page 17: Requirements for Cheerleading and Drill Teams (other training listed here)





# “NO PASS NO PLAY”



## Eligibility for the FIRST Six Weeks (Credit Requirements):

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



# LIMITS ON PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE

- **School Week Limitation**

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

- **Eight Hour Rule**

- Limits 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.



# LIMITS ON ACTIVITY PERIOD



## BE AWARE

- Student athletes shall not be enrolled in more than one physical education and/or athletic class whether or not they are receiving credit.

**-Exceptions: Cheerleading**

**Drill Team**

**Marching Band**

**JROTC**



# Instructor/Supervisor/Coach Checklist Required Training

[http://www.uiltexas.org/files/athletics/2014\\_Coaches\\_Clipboard\\_RequiredTraining.pdf](http://www.uiltexas.org/files/athletics/2014_Coaches_Clipboard_RequiredTraining.pdf)

1. CPR/AED Certification: provided by the school district or community
2. Cheer specific safety training course – recommended NFHS or AACCA
3. UIL Safety Training for Extracurricular Activities (see next slide)



# UIL Provided Training-State Law

## Step ONE

<http://www.uiltexas.org/athletics/rules-compliance-program>

**LOG-IN AS A CHEER COACH OR SPONSOR**

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY**

**“SAFETY TRAINING for Extracurricular Activities”**



# Step TWO – DOCUMENT THESE!!!

1. UIL Website under Health & Safety download the School PPT Student information presentation.
1. Parent presentation and/or information made available on school website.
1. Perform and document a practice drill involving the realistic issues that could come up with all students involved in the program.



# UIL Resource #2



## ● UIL Constitution and Contest Rules

- Policy approved by the Legislative Council members

### CHEER SECTIONS:

- 1208(n): No live mascots, etc.
- 1208(y): NFHS rule and “cheer specific” safety course requirement
- 1208(z): Concussion Management Protocol



# C&CR subchapter M: Section 400 STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL UIL CONTEST

## Student's Eligibility:

- Is a full-time student
- Regular attendance
- Meets credit requirements
- Enrolled in four year program







# FULL TIME STUDENT

- Enrolled in participant high school
  - a student must be enrolled for at least four hours per day of required courses by the state.
- In compliance with local written transfer and admission policies.



# Extracurricular Activity

## Local Control for Spirit Programs

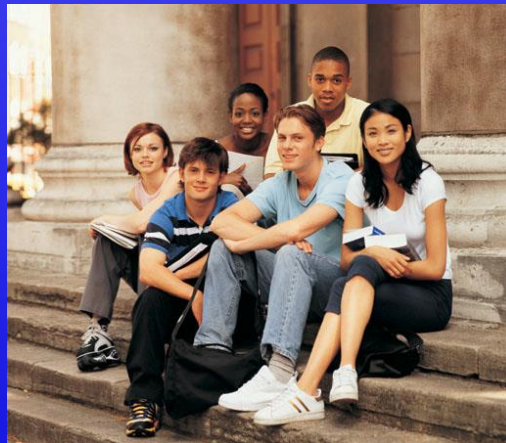
- Selections for participation
- Awards - Gifting
- Residence rule
- Fundraising – Booster Clubs
- Travel – overnight trips
- Competitions
- Additional private instruction



# STUDENT SAFETY

## Highly Recommended (NOT REQUIRED):

- Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form
- Medical History Form



# Your Booster Clubs

Travel funds for competitions, co-curricular appearances or performances are not restricted.



# State Championship Dates



January 13-16, 2016 in Arlington, TX

- 1A-3A, Small Coed-Wed/Thurs, Jan. 13-14
- 4A-6A, Large Coed- Fri/Sat, Jan. 15-16



# School Conference Division

- 1A-Max of 12 Participants (2 or fewer males)
- 2A-Max of 12 Participants (2 or fewer males)
- 3A-Max of 20 Participants (2 or fewer males)
- 4A-Max of 20 Participants (2 or fewer males)
- 5A-Max of 30 Participants (3 or fewer males)
- 6A-Max of 30 Participants (3 or fewer males)

## CoEd Divisions

### Small Coed

(Teams from 1A-4A schools)  
Max of 20 Participants  
(3 or more males)

### Large Coed

(Teams from 5A-6A schools)  
Max of 30 Participants  
(4 or more males)



# Game Day Format- Preliminary Round



## 3 Categories:

- Fight Song
- Band Dance
- Crowdleading

Final Round is determined by total combined score from all preliminary categories.



# Game Day Format- Final Round

- One continued performance in this order:
  - Band Dance
  - Cheer
  - Fight Song

Crowd-leading Tools are  
encouraged!





# State Spirit Championship Event Registration will begin August 2015!



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