



Softball

AGENDA

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LEAGUE GOVERNANCE

- Legislative Council – 32 member rule making body
- State Executive Committee (SEC) – 12 school administrators appointed by the Commissioner of Education.
- Waiver Review Board – 10 person committee, reviews decisions of the UIL Waiver Officer on appeals
- District Executive Committee (DEC) – Consists of ONE voting member per school in a given UIL District.



CONSTITUTION CHANGES

2018-2019

- **Coaches Certification Program (CCP)** – Replaces RCP. Coaches can satisfy these requirements by going to TGCA or THSCA and attending sessions or by taking the online modules through the UIL portal.
 - Will have member # scanned in when attending sessions at coaching school.
 - UIL portal is live.
- **Officials Pay** – Moving to a flat fee structure based on travel range up to 120 miles. Starting in August of 2018. Will not be in C&CR section 1204, will be on UIL Sports Officials webpage.



CONSTITUTION CHANGES 2018-2019

- Fundamentals of Coaching in Texas – Required of all coaches in their first year coaching in Texas.
 - NFHS fundamentals course is now only required for coaches who have been ejected.
- Non-School Participation – updated document on UIL Athletics homepage.
- Online PAPF – starting this summer, schools can use online or paper through January. After January, all PAPF's will be required to be completed online.
- Eligibility Forms – Will be in UIL Portal, fillable and will be housed in the portal.
- Online Waivers – Ready to go now, can pay waiver fee online.



Rule Proposals from June Council

➤ **Player Ejections** – Automatic penalty for a player ejected from a contest.

Penalty is as follows:

- **Football.** Ejected player misses remainder of the game they were ejected from plus the first half of the next game.
- **Other Team Sports.** Ejected player misses remainder of the game they were ejected from plus all of the following game.

	<u>16-17</u>	<u>17-18</u>
REPORTABLE INCIDENTS	374	502
TOTAL FAN EJECTIONS	134	164
TOTAL COACH EJECTIONS	136	128
TOTAL ALLEGED VIOLATIONS	142	94
TOTAL PLAYER EJECTIONS	1614	1586
TOTAL ITEMS WORKED	2,400	2,474



Rule Proposals from June Council

- **Baseball / Softball Scrimmages (Passed)** – change the language in the C&CR from 18th Monday prior to state tournament to allow for scrimmages to start on the Saturday before.
- **Baseball / Softball Playoffs (Passed)** – Would allow more latitude for playing games/series in the playoffs.





Future Rule Proposals (October)

- **Emergency Action Plan** – Proposal will require member schools to have an EAP for each venue that will host practice or contests in the district.
- **Catastrophic Reporting** – Proposal will require all member schools to report catastrophic injuries that occur in practices or competitions on an online reporting form.





UIL Staff Studies

- Summer Strength & Conditioning Regulations – Allowing 30 days, Monday-Friday, 5-day mandatory shutdown set by UIL calendar.
- Elementary School Leagues – look at changing language that prohibits school districts from forming leagues
- Softball/Baseball Double Elimination (State) – Looking at the possibility of double elimination at the State Tournament.
- Playoffs - Look at allowing the top seed to choose between a 1 game or best of 3 series for 1st round.

SOFTBALL

Specific Information

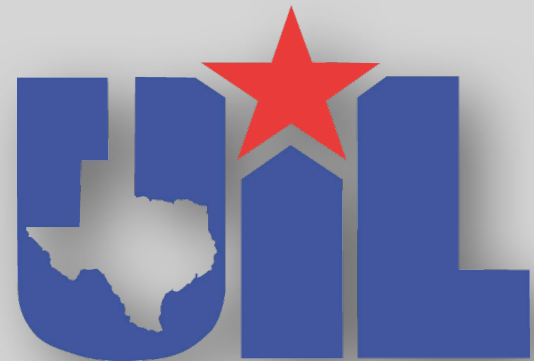


Participation Numbers

2018 SOFTBALL Numbers

1,106 Teams

31,478 Participants



ALLOWABLE SOFTBALL CONTESTS (2018-2019)

- **0 Tournaments and 26 Games**
- **1 Tournament and 23 Games**
- **2 Tournaments and 20 Games**
- **3 Tournaments and 17 Games**

3 games may be substituted for a tournament.



SOFTBALL PLAN

Weekly Game Limits



School week:

1. A single game; or
2. a double header (a student could play two back-to-back varsity games or in a varsity and junior varsity game, at the same site the same night.) Each game counts as one of the student's total games for the season.

Calendar week:

Teams may play in additional games at the conclusion of that school week because there is not a calendar week limit.

SOFTBALL PLAN

Invitational Tournaments



Invitational Tournament Restriction. No team shall participate in an invitational softball tournament held on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, except on school holidays. However, games in tournaments may be played after school on the last day of the school week prior to holidays. The maximum number of tournaments a team play in is three (3).

Invitational Tournament Restrictions. Softball teams shall play no more than six total games in a tournament and no more than three games in any one day.

Pool Play. Teams may play 4-inning pool play games. If 4-inning pool play games are played, all 4-inning games played in a day count as one of the three allowable games for that day.

SOFTBALL PLAN

Postseason Playoffs



Day of Playoff Game. Playoff games shall not be played before Wednesday of that week unless by mutual consent of both schools.

Playoffs. Playoffs may be single elimination or two-out-of-three from bi-district to state. If neither method is mutually agreeable, a coin flip shall determine play-off format.

Two-out-of-Three Series. If schools play a two-out-of-three elimination series, the first two games may be played prior to Friday, the third would need to be played after the end of the school week. If one game is played and a second game cannot be played because of weather, then the winner of the one game advances to the next round. If two games are played (and split) and the third game cannot be played on Saturday because of weather conditions, the third and deciding game should be played on Monday of the next week.

FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions



- **Game Counts** - Double Headers/Number per week?
 - Double Header – Same site, same night
 - One DH or single game during school week, no limit after end of school week.

- **Continuation of Postponed games** – for Regular Season and Post Season games
 - Regular Season – If 5 innings were played, finish where it was postponed from. If 5 innings were not played, start game over.
 - Postseason – Start from where game was postponed from

Frequently Asked Questions?



➤ Games and State Testing

- *Regular season –local district decision*
- *Postseason – cannot play games until the day after testing ends. (ie. last day that primary test is administered is Thursday, that school cannot play until Friday.)*

➤ Games postponed due to weather

- *May be made up as an exception to the school week limitation provided it is made up on the **next available date**.*

➤ Warm-up Games

- *Only teams who are district champions **and** have a first round bye in the play-offs are given a game in addition to their season limit.*
- *Teams that have advanced to the playoffs may schedule a warm-up game after the District Certification Date that is set by the UIL calendar and before their first playoff game if a team has not reached their allowable season limit. School week limitations apply. **Note:** These games are scheduled like any other regular season game.*

COACHING REMINDERS

- **Know Your Rules**
- **Yearly Required Training**
- **Educate / Lead Your Staff**



Know Your Rules

- **Make sure you have a sport rule book (NFHS, NCAA, USTA, USGA).**
- **Download or print your sport manual**
 - **Manuals include C&CR sport plan language, make sure you are familiar with it.**
- **Download Side by Side Manual**
 - **Will answer questions about no-pass /no-play, eligibility and more.**





UIL Coach Education and Training Requirements

(State Law)

- CPR and First Aid Training – must have a current certification filed with the district
- AED Training – must have a current certification filed with the district
- Safety Training – training provided by UIL (CCP) program, and must be completed prior to any contact with students
- Concussion Training – training must be completed annually (2 hours every other year/1 hour annually)

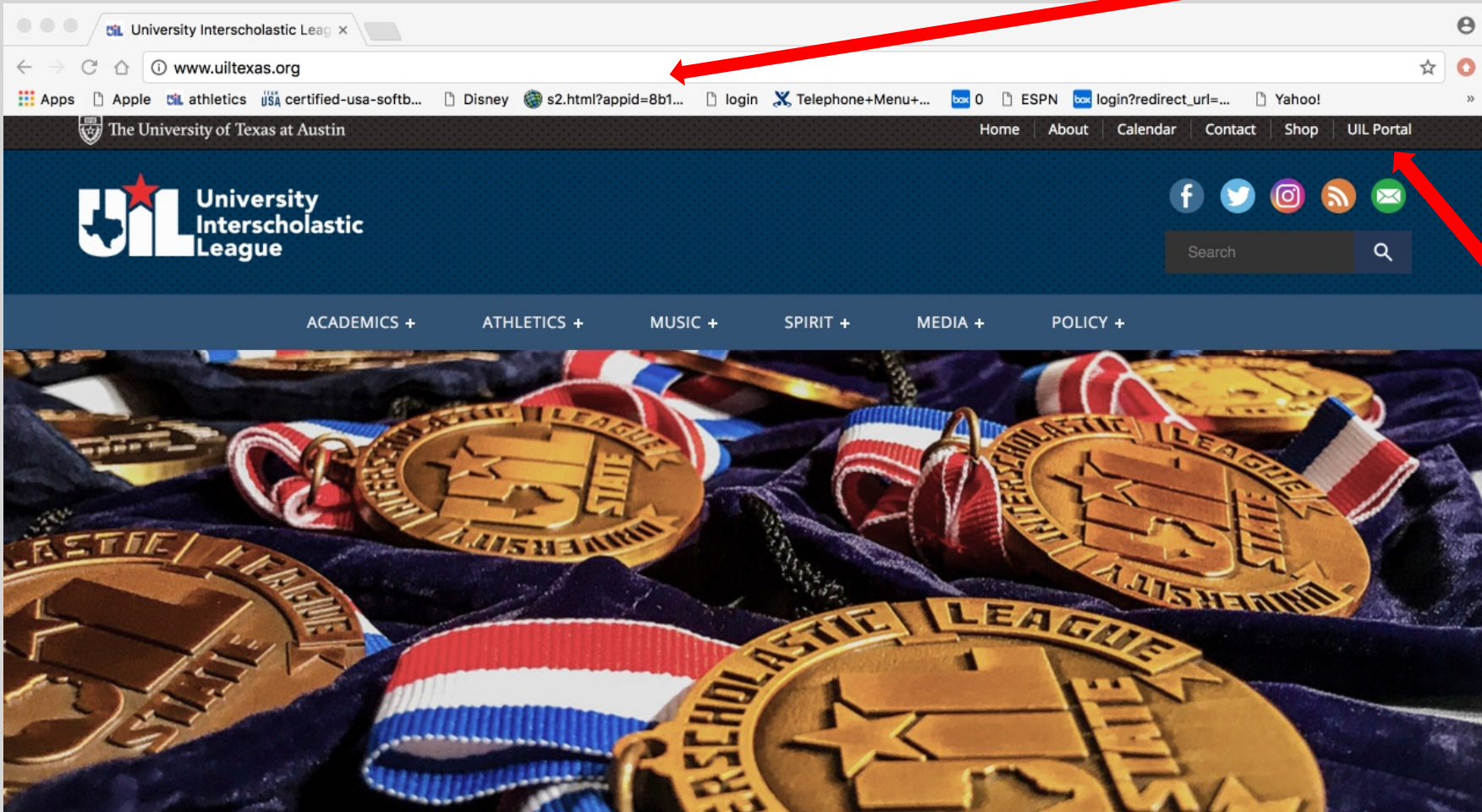


UIL Coaches Education and Training Requirements

- **UIL Professional Acknowledgement Form**– On file with the district (C&CR 1202(j))
- **Coaches Certification Program (CCP)**– online or in-person training (C&CR 1208(i))
 - 1) Constitution & Contest Rules
 - 2) Ethics
 - 3) UIL Steroid Education
 - 4) Safety Training (state law)
 - 5) Concussion Training (state law)
 - 6) Sport Specific Training – each sport has a separate module
 - 7) **Football Coaches ONLY** – **Best Practices in Tackling certification**
 - 8) **First Year Coaches ONLY** - **Fundamentals of Coaching in Texas** available on UIL Portal (C&CR 1202 (L))
 - 9) **Safety/Risk Minimization for Cheerleading** – local district determines the provider for training, and training must be completed prior to any student contact

Accessing the UIL Portal From your desktop

www.uiltexas.org



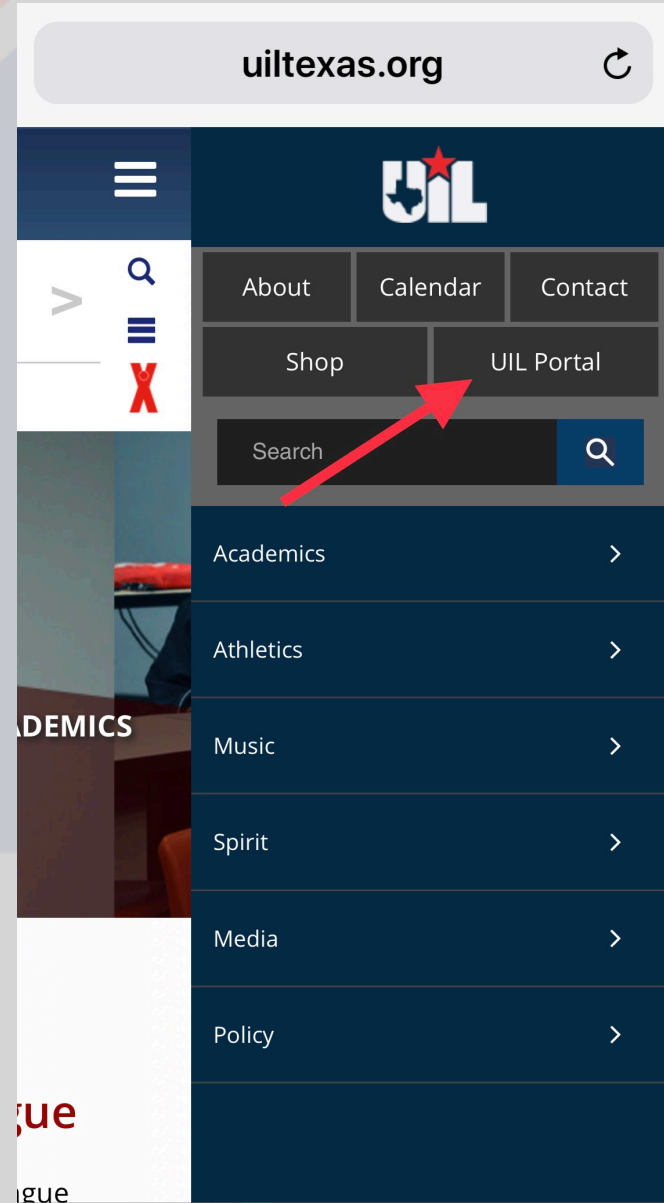
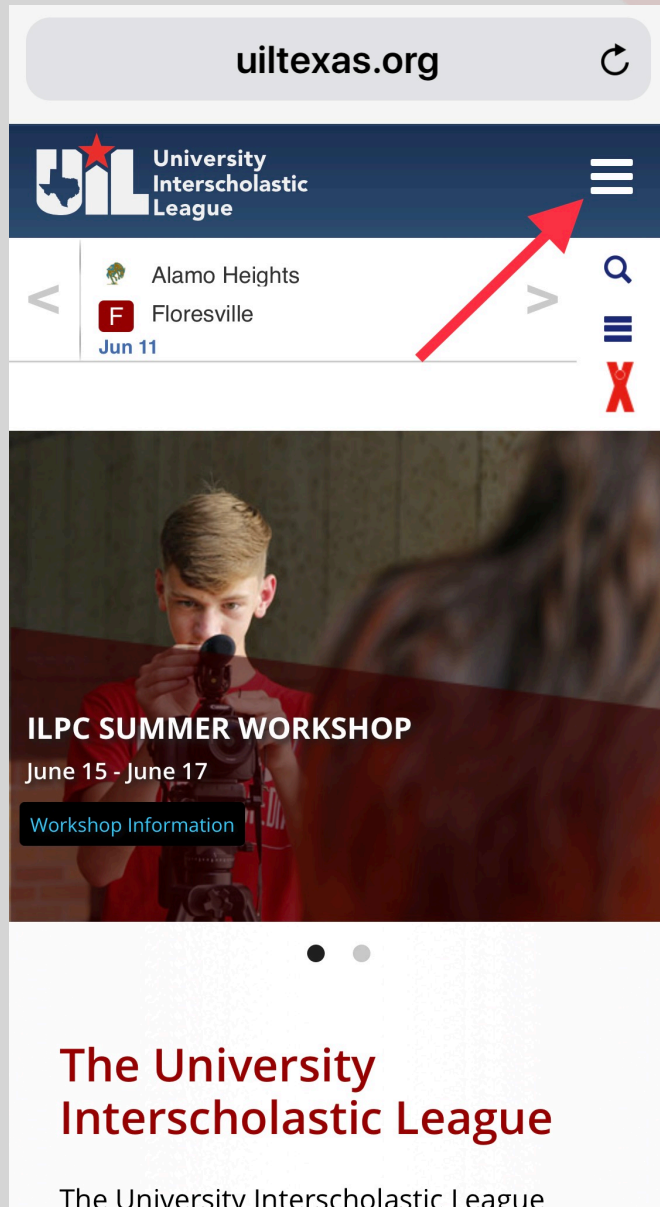
**UIL
Portal**

The University Interscholastic League

The University Interscholastic League exists to provide educational extracurricular academic, athletic, and music contests.

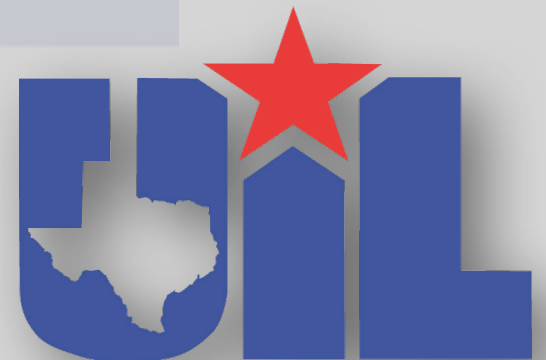
Accessing the UIL Portal

From your phone



Educate / Lead Your Staff

- **Make sure they are familiar with the rules and where to find them (sport rule book, manual, etc.)**
- **Make sure they are aware of their training requirements.**
- **Help equip them to go and lead programs of their own one day, want that for them.**
- **Help them understand the great responsibility they have in coaching, teaching and leading the kids they work with.**
- ***Good values attract good people. Be a leader of value and you'll attract the same.* John Wooden**



Practice & Contest Regulations

- **Practice Regulations**
 - Outside of the school year
 - What counts as practice time
- **Practice Regulations**
 - School in Session
 - What counts as practice time.
- **Contest Regulations**
- **Junior High Regulations**



PRACTICE REGULATIONS (C&CR 1206)

Outside of the School Year

- 1 Practice – Not to exceed 3 hours
- 2 Practices – Not to exceed 5 hours combined
 - 3 hours is maximum length of a single practice
 - More than 1 practice scheduled, must have minimum of 2 hour rest break
- Cannot schedule more than one practice on Consecutive days. *Exception*: Volleyball



PRACTICE REGULATIONS

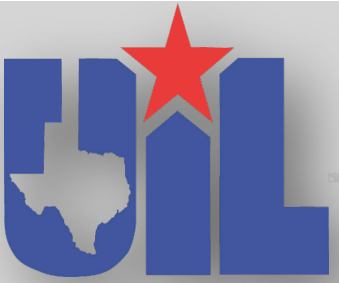
(C&CR 1206)

Outside of the School Year

What is considered Practice time?

<u>What Counts</u>	<u>What Doesn't Count</u>
Actual on field/court practice	Meetings
Sport specific skill instruction	Weight training*
Mandatory conditioning	Film study
Water breaks	Injury treatment
Rest breaks	Voluntary conditioning*

* Does not count towards practice time, but cannot be done during the 2 hour rest/recovery time.



PRACTICE REGULATIONS

(C&CR 1206)

School is In-Session

- **Eight Hour Rule** - Practice outside the school day, from the beginning of the school week through the end of the school week (excluding holidays), is limiting to a maximum of eight hours per school week per activity.
 - The In-School athletic period does not count towards the allotted 8 hours
 - Any time used in connection with a practice that is not part of the athletic period counts as part of the 8 hours. (Dress, mandatory weights/video/meetings, etc.)



CONTEST REGULATIONS

➤ High School - One Contest per School Week :

Per activity-Per Student

Exceptions: Tournaments, Post-Season, Postponed District Varsity Games

➤ Junior High – 1 Contest Per Calendar week.

Difference between Calendar and School week:

➤ Calendar Week :

- 12:01 am Sunday to midnight Saturday

➤ School Week:

- 12:01 on 1st instructional day of the week to close of instruction on the last instructional day of the week.

**Know Your
Sport
Yearly Game
Limitations!!
(See Manual)**

Eligibility





ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility - 1st Six-Weeks of School Year

- **Grades nine and below** - promoted
- **Second Year of High School** – five accumulated credits
- **Third Year of High School** - ten accumulated credits or five credits within the last twelve months
- **Fourth Year of High School** - fifteen accumulated credits or five credits within the last twelve months

ELIGIBILITY

Sub-Varsity and Junior High

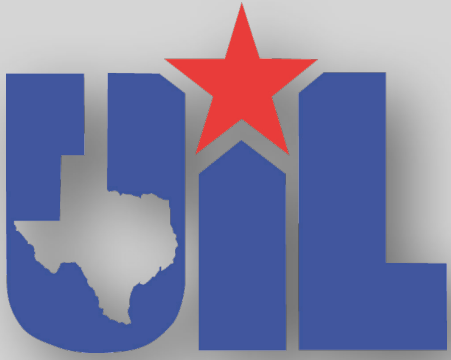
An Individual is Eligible to participate if...

Sub Varsity Eligibility

- Full Time Student
- Academically Eligible

Junior High Eligibility

- Full Time Student
- Academically Eligible
- Age Appropriate for JH athletic competition



ELIGIBILITY

Varsity Athletics



- Meets all requirements of Section 400 & 403
- Is an amateur
- Meets Parent Residence Rule
- Meets the Age Rule
- Has not changed schools for athletic purposes
- Previous Athletic Participation Form

PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM (PAPF)

Required for All NEW students in grades 9-12 who have:

- **Required** if a student practiced or participated with a former school in grades 8-12 in any UIL athletic activity.
- New school must verify that the student meets the **parent residence rule**.
- **District Executive Committee** must determine that student did not move for athletic purposes and approve PAPF before a student is eligible to participate at the varsity level at the new school
- Submitted to the UIL office.

Non-school Participation

(Team Sports)

Team Sports

Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, Softball In accordance to Section 1201, 1206 and 1209 regarding non-school competition (leagues, camps, clinics, clubs, tournaments, 7 on 7, lineman challenges) coaches:

The C&CR **prohibits** the following:

- 1) Coaching students from your attendance zone in grades 7-12.
- 2) Scheduling games between your team and one other team.
- 3) Transporting kids to non-school activities.
- 4) Using school equipment, uniforms or first aid equipment.
- 5) Using school or booster funds.
- 6) Pressuring athletes to play non-school leagues.
- 7) Participating with athletes in their sport.

*****Coaches cannot gain financially from a student's participation in a non-school activity.*****





Non-school Participation

(Team Sports)

In accordance to Section 1209 regarding non-school competition (leagues, camps, clinics, clubs, tournaments, 7 on 7) coaches or a group of coaches:

The C&CR **allows** the following:

- 1) You can supervise the facility.
- 2) You can assist with organization. You are allowed to assign officials, secure facilities, develop schedules, assist with registration and help secure equipment.
- 3) You can assist with the selection of coaches.
- 4) You can assist with the selection of players.
- 5) You can distribute information about non-school activity.
- 6) You can collect registration fees that are made payable to an outside entity (not the school).



NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

SUMMER CAMPS (Team Sports)

- Allowed in BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL.
- After last day of the school year in May, June, July and before the second Monday in August.
- All students with the exception of students entering their **second, third or fourth** year of high school may attend.
- Instruction can be given by 7th-12th grade coach from their school district.

See Off-Season & Non-School Participation – Section 1209

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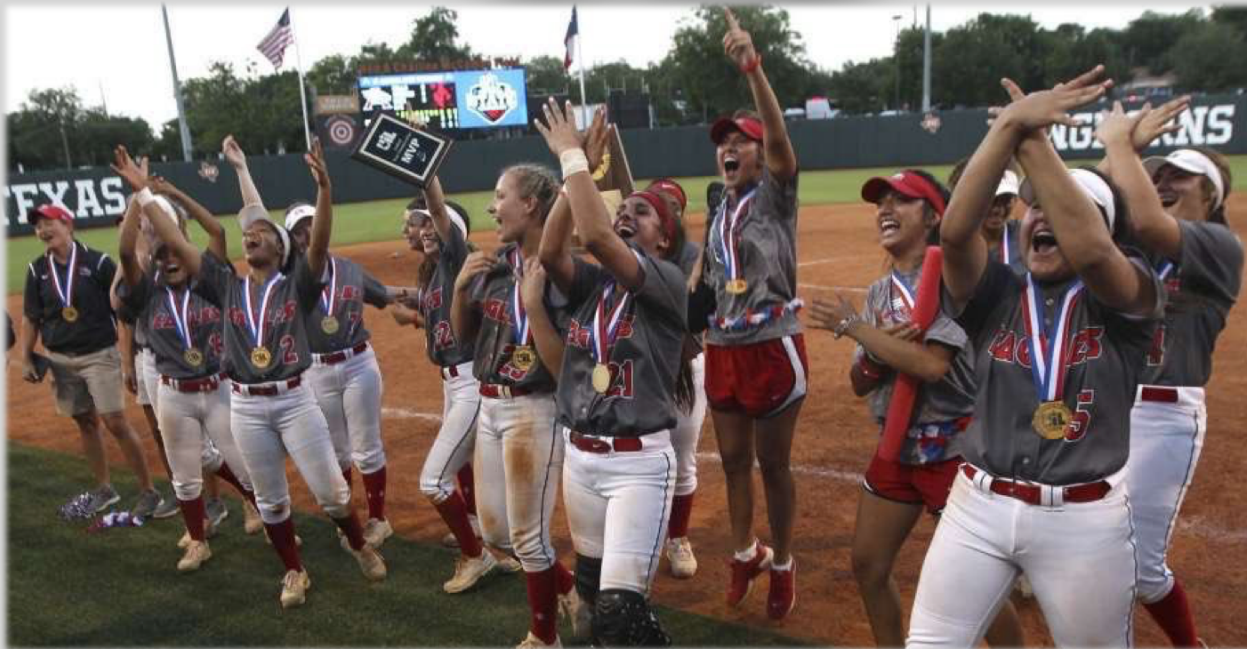
NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

Summer Camps (Team Sports)

- Attendance is limited to no more than six consecutive days.
- School Equipment. Schools may furnish school-owned equipment with the following exceptions:
 - For baseball and softball camps, schools may furnish balls, bats, bases, pitching and batting machines, batting helmets and catcher protective equipment. No other baseball or softball equipment may be used.

See Off-Season & Non-School Participation – Section 1209

Miscellaneous Information





SOFTBALL PLAYING RULES

Playing Rules. The current National Federation Basketball Rules shall govern League softball. Rule books may be ordered from the NFHS customer service office (800-776-3462) or online at www.nfhs.org.

NFHS rulebooks may also be available for purchase on iTunes, Amazon and other online sites.





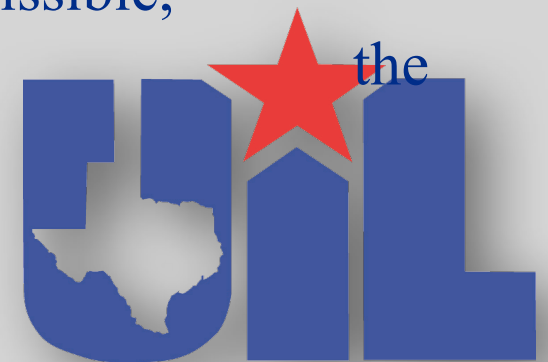
RULE CHANGES 2018 - 2019

1-1-7, 2-22-4, Table 5-1, 5-1-1o: The media shall be prohibited from being in live-ball area. The home team or game management may designate an area for the media in dead ball territory.

Rationale: Clarifies that game management may designate a media area in dead ball territory.

1-5-2a: The knob may be molded, lathed, welded or adjustable, but must be permanently fastened.

Rationale: Clarifies that an adjustable knob is permissible, provided the knob is permanently fastened by manufacturer.





RULE CHANGES 2018 - 2019

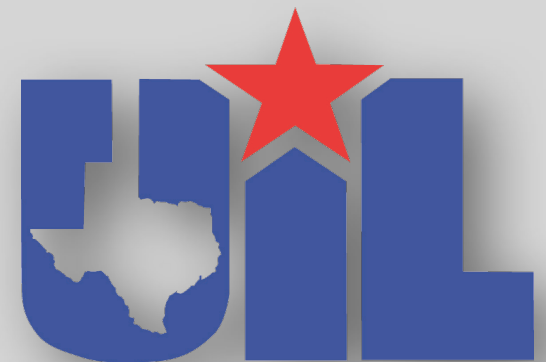
1-8-4: Defensive players are permitted to wear a shield on their face/head protection in the field but it must be constructed of a molded, rigid material that is clear and permits 100 percent (no tint) allowable light transmission.

Rationale: In an effort to promote risk minimization, tinted eye shields are prohibited for defensive face/head protection.

6-1-1 PENALTY, 6-1-2 Thru 4 PENALTY, 6-2-1 PENALTY, 6-2-7

PENALTY: in the case of an illegal pitch, the batter is awarded a ball. The penalty that permitted base runners to be awarded one base without liability to be put out is removed.

Rationale: The new language creates more balance between offense and defense. The batter should receive the award rather than runners already on base.





RULE CHANGES 2018 - 2019

2019 SOFTBALL MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES

2-65-2: Clarifies there can be no appeal of the play that occurred prior to the umpire awarding an intentional walk.

6-1-2a, b: Clarifies what motion constitutes the start of the pitch and when the step back of the non-pivot foot may be taken.

APPENDIX H: An Appendix regarding DP/FLEX rules was added for quick reference.

2019 SOFTBALL EDITORIAL CHANGES

2-65-2, 3-5-1 NOTE, 5-1 Table, 5-1-1k, 6-2-5, 7-1-2 PENALTY 3, 8-2-4 PENALTY, 8-4-3, 10-1-1

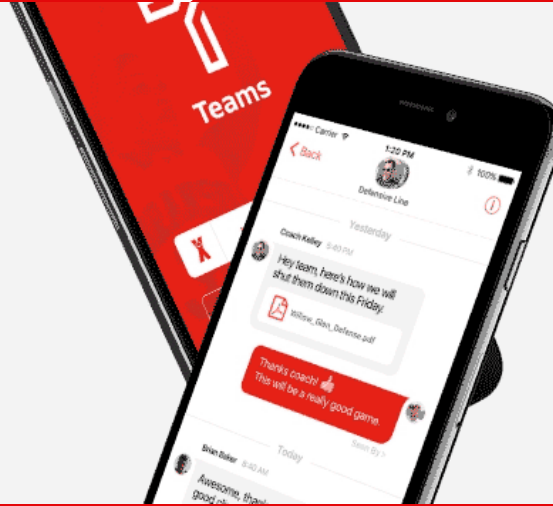




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Links found on UIL Website

- [Constitution & Contest Rules \(C&CR\)](#)
- [TEA-UIL Side-by-Side](#)
- [Athletic Rules \(Sections 1200 through 1210 C&CR\)](#)
- [Rules Violations and Penalties \(Section 1207 C&CR\)](#)
- [Booster Club Guidelines](#)
- [Summer Strength & Conditioning Regulations](#)
- [Non-School Participation Regulations](#)



Still Have Questions?

- Speak to your Head Coach / Coordinator / AD
- Reference Sport Manuals
- Contact us at the UIL
- Use Our Website
 - www.uiltexas.org





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