



SOFTBALL

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2021-2022

AGENDA

- UIL Information
- Sport Specific
- Coaching Reminders
- Rules & Regulations
- Miscellaneous Information





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LEAGUE GOVERNANCE

- **Legislative Council** – Rule making body, 32 superintendents, all regions, all conferences represented.
- **State Executive Committee (SEC)** – 12 school administrators appointed by the Commissioner of Education.
- **Waiver Review Board** – 12 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.



2021-2022

UIL Changes and Amendments:

GENERAL

- **Softball/Baseball Practice dates** – Softball and baseball practice dates will be a date set forth on the UIL calendar and will be two weeks prior to the first scrimmage.
- **Practice Regulations**—(keeping from 20-21) Sessions for strength & conditioning instruction may be conducted by school coaches for students in grades 7-12 from that coaches attendance zone starting the first day of school. A strength and conditioning session shall be no more than one hour per day outside the school day, Monday through Friday, and a student shall attend no more than one session of supervised instruction per day.
 - *This is for off-season sports only.*
- **First 6-weeks Eligibility** – going back to the way it was prior to last year.



2021-2022

UIL Changes and Amendments:

GENERAL

- **Assault of an Official - 33.081 E-1 of the Texas Education Code** – As a result of the passage of HB 2721 a participant who assaults an official will be suspended from participation for a minimum of two years.
- **Section 1207 Rules, Violations and Penalties**– Changes to this section of the constitution more clearly reflects the authority of the District Executive Committee and the State Executive Committee to suspend a school or team when a member of that team commits an assault on a sports official. This amendment would also require schools to develop policies for suspending a spectator who commits an assault on a sports official from future events.
- **Spectator Policies** – Schools shall develop policies for preventing spectator who commits assault of a sports participant, of officials, from attending future events in activities sanctioned
UIL



UIL UPDATES 2021-2022

Homeschool – House Bill 547 passed to allow for homeschool athletes to participate in UIL activities.

- Responsibility of the school district to allow, must notify UIL and DEC by August 1
- Must live within attendance zone, no option for waiver
- Must participate for public school if public school allows, cannot go to Charter first
- Not eligible if they drop out from public into homeschool
- Homeschool student that has moved within previous 12 months REQUIRES DEC Hearing
- Must only compete in UIL
- Must follow regulations our kids follow during school day
- Must turn in grades during the same time frame the school district has grade checks
- Responsibility is on the school...
- Realignment process is still being evaluated



UPDATE FROM 2020-21

2021-2022 REPORT FORMS & PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICALS

- For the 2021-22 school year: Any participant in athletics or marching band, who was in their first or third year of high school during the 2020-21 school year and did not complete a Pre-Participation Physical Examination (PPE) for the 2020-21 school year, will be required to complete the Medical History Form as noted below, as well as a PPE prior to participation in any UIL practices, games, performances, or matches for the 2021-22 school year.



UPDATE FROM 2020-21

2021-2022 FALL SPORTS

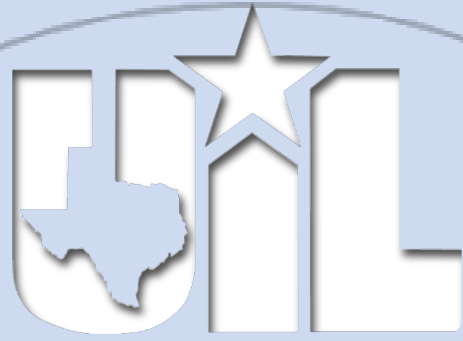
- For fall sports, there will be no limit on the number of schools who may participate in a meet or tournament. This includes team tennis, cross country, volleyball, and basketball. UIL will continue to monitor conditions and will announce any adjustments as they are available.
- **Tournaments are back!!**



June Legislative Council

2021-22 UIL STAFF STUDIES

- Ongoing study to look at separating 1A and 2A in volleyball, softball and baseball.
- Volleyball is very close and will likely happen in the 2022-24 realignment.
- Softball and baseball still not quite there.



SOFTBALL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

SEASON DATES 2022 SOFTBALL

January 14 - First day of practice.

January 29 - First day for interschool scrimmages, all conferences.

February 14 - First day for interschool games, all conferences.

April 26 - District Certification Deadline, All Conferences.

April 30 - Bi-district, All Conferences.

May 7 - Area (2A through 6A), Regional quarterfinals (1A).

May 14 - Regional quarterfinals (2A through 6A), Regional semifinals (1A)

May 21 - Regional semifinals (2A through 6A, *1A has 2 weeks for next deadline)

May 28 - Regional finals, All Conferences.

May 31-June 4 - UIL Softball State Tournament, All Conferences.

NFHS RULE UPDATES 2021- 2022

<https://nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/softball-rules-changes-2022/>



COACHES REMINDERS

1. KNOW YOUR RULES
2. YEARLY REQUIRED TRAINING
3. EDUCATE/LEAD YOUR STAFF

“I didn’t know what the outcome would be but I committed to the purpose.”

UPDATE FROM 2020-21

2021-2022 COACHES REMINDERS

- **Coaches Certification Program (CCP)** – Coaches are required to have all CCP courses done by the start of their first practice or the start of school, whichever comes first.
- **Summer Regulations** – Monday-Friday, S&C plus 90 minutes of sport specific instruction, not to exceed 60 minutes in any one sport.
- **Strength & Conditioning During School Year** – Allows for 60 minutes of S&C outside the school day for sports that are in off-season. This time may be used all year. No sport specific instruction is allowed during this time.
- **Live streaming** – Rules did not change for broadcasting in any sport, except football, in the 20-21 school year. During the regular season, live streaming is permitted by mutual agreement of the two schools. During the postseason, the NFHS owns the rights to all games so a request form must be submitted and approved in order to be able to livestream a postseason contest.
- **Checklists** - Checklists for every sport have been created. All links are live and will take you right to the information you are looking for. Checklists are on each sports manual page.



UPDATE FROM 2020-21

2021-2022 CHECKLISTS



UIL Coaches Checklist
Softball
2021-22

	CHECKLIST	REFERENCE	COMPLETION DATE
✓	PRE-SEASON		
	Register/update profile in the UIL Portal	UIL Portal	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Print and review Softball Manual	Softball Manual	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Update Coach name in Max Preps	MaxPreps	Beginning of school year
	UIL yearly coaching requirements (CCP & TEC) (manual, p. 11)	Coaching Requirements	Prior to 1 st Day of School
	Student participation required forms. Keep on file. (manual, p. 13)	Athletic Forms	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Varsity participation required forms. Keep on file. (manual, p. 13)	Athletic Forms	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Review rules regarding eligibility for athletic contests (manual, p. 12)	C&CR Sec. 400 & 403	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Review Softball Plan (manual, p. 9)	Softball Plan	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Review UIL rule changes (manual, p. 6)	UIL Rule Changes	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Review NFHS rule change (manual, p. 8)	NFHS	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Complete PAPFs and file with UIL Office • Apply/Complete any necessary Waivers and file with UIL	PAPF Process Waiver Information	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Submit Varsity Team Eligibility Form to district chair (UIL Portal)	UIL Portal	Prior to 1 st Contest
✓	REGULAR SEASON		
	First day of practice		January 14
	First day for interschool scrimmages		January 29
	First day for playing interschool games		February 14
	Update schedule and record on MaxPreps	MaxPreps	Ongoing
✓	POST-SEASON		
	Print and review Post Season Handbook	Post Season Handbook	
	District Certification by District Chair	Certification Instructions	April 26

- Checklists for every sport have been created. All links are live and will take you right to the information you are looking for.
- Will be on manual page.
- Let us know if there is more you would like to see on these checklists.



PRACTICE REGULATIONS IN-SEASON

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 limited 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, video/meetings, etc.)

PRACTICE REGULATIONS IN-SEASON

School is NOT In-Session

- Maximum length of a single practice is 3 hours
- When two practices will happen in a day, a minimum of a 2 hour break must happen between the two practices
- If two practices happen, the total of both practices must not exceed 5 hours

SOFTBALL: SCRIMMAGES

- Teams can scrimmage against a max of 3 other teams at each scrimmage.
- Two scrimmages in a calendar week.
- Scrimmage Tuesday and can scrimmage again on Friday or Saturday but not both (if you scrimmaged during school week).
- No limit to number of weeks you scrimmage, just can't scrimmage after first interschool game.



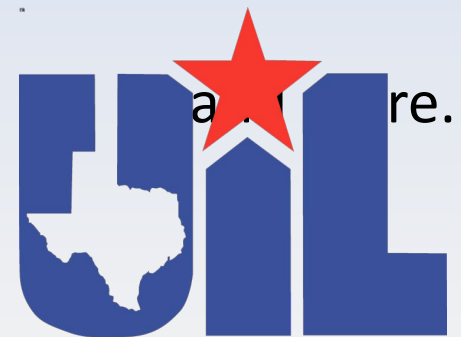
SOFTBALL: Games & Tournaments



- One game or doubleheader during school week.
- No calendar week limits, after end of school week, games are unlimited.
- Doubleheader counts as two of allowable games.
- Tournaments – played on Thursday, Friday and Saturday when school is in session.

KNOW YOUR RULES

- Make sure you have a sport rule book (NFHS, NCAA, USTA, USGA).
 - Playing rules are not UIL rules, know the difference between playing rules and UIL eligibility and policy rules.
 - Make sure you have the appropriate rule book for your sport and know new rules each year.
- Download and / or print your SPORT MANUAL
 - Manuals include C&CR sport plan language, sport playing rule changes, UIL rule changes and they are updated annually.
- Download or bookmark the Side by Side Manual
 - Will answer questions about no-pass / no-play, eligibility



COACHES 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)



COACHES EDUCATION AND TRAINING: UIL REQUIREMENTS

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

STUDENT PARTICIPATION: Required Forms

- Pre Participation Physical Examination Form
- Medical History Form
- Rules Acknowledgment Form
- Parent or Guardian Permit
- Parent/Student Anabolic Steroid Use and Random Steroid Testing Form
- Concussion Acknowledgement Form
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form





UI 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

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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



ELIGIBILITY: PAPF (Previous Athletic Participation Form)

- *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.

**** A PAPF does not have to be 'filed' in the
UIL office before a student can participate, it only
needs approval from the DEC. ****

**UIL office
needs approval from**



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. In softball, are students allowed to play two back to back varsity games or in a varsity and sub-varsity game, at the same site, same night? **Yes, they are able to play in a doubleheader on any one school night. This would count as two of their allowable season limit.**
2. Are ineligible students able to scrimmage? **Yes, students do not have to comply with No Pass No Play requirements in order to participate in a scrimmage or practice session.**
3. May a student participate in two unrelated activities during the school week such as a softball game on Monday night and soccer game on Tuesday night? **Yes, each activity/sport is treated separately.**
4. Are Junior High students permitted to participate with high school students? **Only when a student is overage for seventh or eighth grade. No other exceptions would allow JH and HS students to participate together.**





CONTACTS & LINKS

HELPFUL LINKS UIL WEBSITE

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





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