



**University Interscholastic League**

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# AGENDA



- **UIL Rule Changes**
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- **NFHS Rules Changes**
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- **Forms/Student Eligibility for All UIL Contests**
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# UIL RULE CHANGES 2012-13

Unless noted otherwise, effective August 1, 2012

## GENERAL

- Alter the current UIL Preseason Practice Regulations, activities outside the school year.

## CROSS COUNTRY

- Increase the distance of girls' cross-country distance from 2 miles to 3.1 for conferences 4A and 5A.

## GOLF

- Increase the golf qualifiers from regionals to state from two teams and two individuals to three teams and three individuals.

## SOCCER

- Change the end of game tie-breaking procedure from the 35-yard shootout to penalty kicks in soccer.

# UIL RULE CHANGES 2012-13

## SWIMMING AND DIVING

- Remove the requirement for schools to submit the official entry forms to the regional and state meets 10 days prior in swimming and diving.

## TENNIS

- Allow the school coach to coach players between points in tennis and team tennis.

## TRACK AND FIELD

- Add area meets to post-district competition in track and field.
- Remove the restriction for coaches being allowed on the field for the regional and state meets track and field. An area will be designated by meet administration.

# Dates for 2012-13 Softball Season

<b>January 18</b>	<b>First day of practice</b>
<b>January 28</b>	<b>First day for interschool scrimmages</b>
<b>February 11</b>	<b>First day for interschool games</b>
<b>April 23</b>	<b>District Certification Deadline</b>
<b>April 30</b>	<b>Bi-district Deadline</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Area Deadline</b>
<b>May 9-11</b>	<b>Regional Quarterfinals Deadline</b>
<b>May 16-18</b>	<b>Regional Semi-final Deadline</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Regional Playoff Deadline</b>
<b>May 29-June 1</b>	<b>State Tournament</b>

# NFHS RULE CHANGES 2012-13

Please check the following websites in the coming weeks for 2013 NFHS Softball Rule Changes.

<http://www.nfhs.org/Softball>

<http://www.uiltexas.org/softball>

# UIL Required Training 2012-13

Available **ONLY** via the UIL website.

CONSTITUTION AND CONTEST RULES (HS AND JH)

ETHICS AND SPORTSMANSHIP

UIL STEROID EDUCATION VIDEO, “The Making of a  
Champion”, Senate Bill 8

SAFETY TRAINING, Senate Bill 82

# UIL Required Training 2012-13

## Safety Training: SB 82

- \*\*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.**



# UIL Required Training 2012-13

Link available on the UIL website.

- \* “NFHS TEACHING AND MODELING BEHAVIOR” COURSE
  - \* Minimum penalty for misconduct
- \* “NFHS FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING” COURSE
  - \* All First year coaches and any coach who is not a full employee of the school district (exception: coaches who qualify for the exception under Section 1202(a)(3).

# REQUIRED FORMS FOR ALL STUDENT PARTICIPATION

- 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



# C&CR Section 400

## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

### FOR ALL UIL CONTESTS

Students are eligible to represent their school in varsity interscholastic activities if they-

- are not 19 years of age or older on or before September 1 of the current scholastic year

(See 504/SPED exception).

- have not graduated from high school.
- are enrolled by the sixth class day of the current school year or have been in attendance for fifteen calendar days immediately preceding a varsity contest.
- are full-time day students in a participant high school.
- initially enrolled in the ninth grade not more than four calendar years ago.
- are meeting academic standards required by state law.
- live with their parents inside the school district attendance zone their first year of attendance.
- have observed all provisions of the Awards Rule.
- have not been recruited. (Does not apply to college recruiting as permitted by rule.)
- have not violated any provision of the summer camp rule, Section 1209.
- have observed all provisions of the Athletic Amateur Rule, Section 441.

# C&CR Section 403

## FULL-TIME DAY STUDENT

1. Enrolled in participant high school

- A student must be enrolled for at least four hours per day.

- These four hours may be for either state approved or local credit.

2. In compliance with local written transfer and admission policies

# C&CR Section 404

## REGULAR ATTENDANCE

- A student is in regular attendance even though he or she is absent for 10 class days or less after enrolling in school because of illness or other unavoidable cause, if the parent or guardian submits a written statement certifying this as the reason for the absence and the principal approves the absence.
- 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.

# C&CR Section 480

## LIMITATIONS ON AWARDS

### LIMIT:

*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.



# **C&CR Section 440**

## **ELIGIBILITY - ATHLETICS**

- Meets all requirements of Section 400
- Meets Parent Residence Rule (See Section 442)
- Meets the Age Rule (See Section 446)
- Has not changed schools for athletic purposes
  - Previous Athletic Participation Form (See Section 443)
- Is an amateur (See Section 441)

# C&CR Section 442

## RESIDENCE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ATTENDANCE ZONE

### 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



# C&CR Section 446

## 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



# C&CR Section 443

## 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.

# C&CR Section 441

## AMATEUR ATHLETIC STATUS

Amateur Athletic Status is violated upon the following-

1. Accepting 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 t-shirts, hamburger coupons, free or reduced rate tennis racquets, tickets to athletic contests, etc.
2. Accept valuable consideration for teaching or coaching any UIL sport, except beginning swimming or lifesaving lessons.
3. Accept valuable consideration for allowing their name to be used for advertisement of a product, plan or service.

# C&CR Section 441

## AMATEUR ATHLETIC STATUS

### Amateur Rule

Valuable consideration that school teams and athletes CAN 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

SEE ALSO EXCEPTIONS - C&CR Section 441 (b)



# C&CR Section 1280

## SOFTBALL PLAN

### 20 games, 2 tournaments

- 3 games can be substituted for one tournament

### 17 games, 3 tournaments

If the district executive committee has not provided a tie-breaking procedure prior to the season, the DEC will default to the UIL tie breaker procedures (C&CR Section 1203).

# Softball Coach's Manual

## Game Definitions and Regulations

Baseball / Softball:

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 same night). Each game counts as one of the student's total games for the season.

- Students may play additional games at the conclusion of that school week, because UIL does not limit the number of games per calendar week in these two team sports.
- For UIL, participation is defined as a student actually entering a contest.

Example: On Tuesday night, the student's name is on the score book, but the student remains on the bench and does not actually enter the game.

\* This does not count as participation in a UIL contest according to UIL (but does count according to state law. The student cannot participate again until Friday after school). The Tuesday game does not as one of the games UIL permits the student to participate in for that calendar week or for the season because the student did not enter the game.

# Charitable Cause Guidelines

1. Competition may be held during any one week.
2. No exceptions to the NFHS uniform rules.
3. Jerseys of a different color than the school colors are not allowed.
4. Commemorative colored ribbon, bead, socks, etc. is recommended.



# RESOURCES

UIL Constitution and Contest Rules

Softball Coach's Manual

NFHS Rule/Case Book

TEA-UIL Side by Side Manual

Booster Club Guidelines

Junior High Manual





# Questions?

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