



**University Interscholastic League  
Softball Update 2015-16**

# AGENDA



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# UIL RULE CHANGES 2015-16

Unless noted otherwise, effective August 1, 2015

## GENERAL

- Increase the number of teams advancing to the playoffs from each team sport district to four (4) for conference 2A
- Change to preseason practice requirements – water and rest breaks now count.
- Addition of Pilot Spirit Program

## FOOTBALL

- Create a pilot program providing home field advantage to the higher seed in the first round of the 2015 6A football playoffs

# UIL RULE CHANGES 2015-16

## VOLLEYBALL

- Create a separate championship for Conference 1A volleyball

## BASKETBALL

- Allow three (3) games per day in a one (1) day tournament scheduled on Saturday

## SOCCER

- Allow three (3) games per day in a one (1) day tournament scheduled on Saturday

## SWIMMING & DIVING

- Addition of a fee scale for Swimming and Diving Officials to section 1204

# UIL RULE CHANGES 2015-16

## TEAM TENNIS

- Allowance for elimination of the championship and third place matches at the Area Meet, by mutual agreement
- Change scoring format in both singles and doubles (including mixed doubles) to a ten (10) point match tie breaker in lieu of a third set, when the first two sets are split

# Dates for 2016 Softball Season

<b>January 22</b>	<b>First day of practice</b>
<b>February 1</b>	<b>First day for interschool scrimmages</b>
<b>February 15</b>	<b>First day for interschool games</b>
<b>April 26</b>	<b>District Certification Deadline</b>
<b>April 30</b>	<b>Bi-district Deadline</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Area Deadline</b>
<b>May 14</b>	<b>Regional Quarterfinals Deadline</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Regional Semi-final Deadline</b>
<b>May 28</b>	<b>Regional Playoff Deadline</b>
<b>June 1-4</b>	<b>State Tournament (UT Austin)</b>

# NFHS RULE CHANGES

Please check the following websites in the coming months for 2016 NFHS Softball Rule Changes.

<http://www.uiltexas.org/softball/rules-guidelines>

<http://www.nfhs.org/activities-sports/softball/>

# MaxPreps

Coaches are required to submit playoff results immediately following their contest. The winning school should submit playoff game results and next round information (including game time and location) via MaxPreps through the assigned coach/admin account. The score reported by a coach on a team's page will automatically fill in the bracket.

The completeness of the data presented on the UIL Texas Scoreboard will be dependent upon the participation of schools and coaches. For more information, please see <http://www.uiltexas.org/athletics/uil-maxpreps>.



# 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.

# Softball Coach's Manual

## Game Definitions and Regulations

Tournaments - A tournament consists of at least three teams assembled at one site for competition.

- 3 games can be substituted for one tournament

23 games, 0 tournaments

20 games, 1 tournament

17 games, 2 tournaments

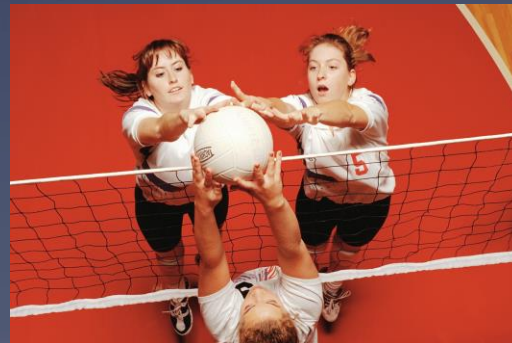
14 games, 3 tournaments

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).

# LIMITATIONS ON JUNIOR HIGH PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE

## Activities During the School Year:

- **School Week Limitation** – Junior high allowed one contest or meet per calendar week, plus tournament in team sport activities (other than football)
- **Eight Hour Rule**



# Coaching Requirements and Training (State Law)

- CPR and First Aid Training
- AED Training
- Safety Training
- Concussion Training (2 hours every other year/1 hour annually)



# **RULES COMPLIANCE PROGRAM (RCP)**

Available **ONLY** online – [www.uil-texas.net](http://www.uil-texas.net)

- **Constitution & Contest Rules (HS/JH)**
- **Ethics & sportsmanship**
- **UIL steroid education video**
- **Safety training**
- **Sport-specific module for each sport**

# UIL Coaching Requirements and Training 2015-16

Link available on the UIL website or visit [www.nfhslearn.org](http://www.nfhslearn.org)

## 1. NFHS TEACHING AND MODELING BEHAVIOR COURSE

1.5 hour course/\$20 – minimum penalty for coach ejection

## 2. NFHS FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING COURSE

6 hour course/\$35 – all first year coaches and any coach who is not a full time employee of the school district.

**PLEASE PRINT CERTIFICATE TO VERIFY COMPLETION.**

## 3. Safety Training for Cheerleader Coach/Sponsor

# 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
- Sudden Cardiac Awareness 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 a high school graduate
- are a full-time student
- meet regular attendance policies/15 day rule (**Varsity only**)
- meet credit requirements (**No pass, No play**)
- are enrolled in four year program
- are eligible under the age rule (**Waiver**)
- was not recruited (**PAPF**)
- have observed all provisions of the Awards Rule
- meets requirements under C&CR Section 440





# “NO PASS, NO PLAY”

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

Grades nine and below - promoted

- Parents retaining a student
- Grade Placement Committee

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

# **C&CR Section 440**

## **ELIGIBILITY - ATHLETICS**

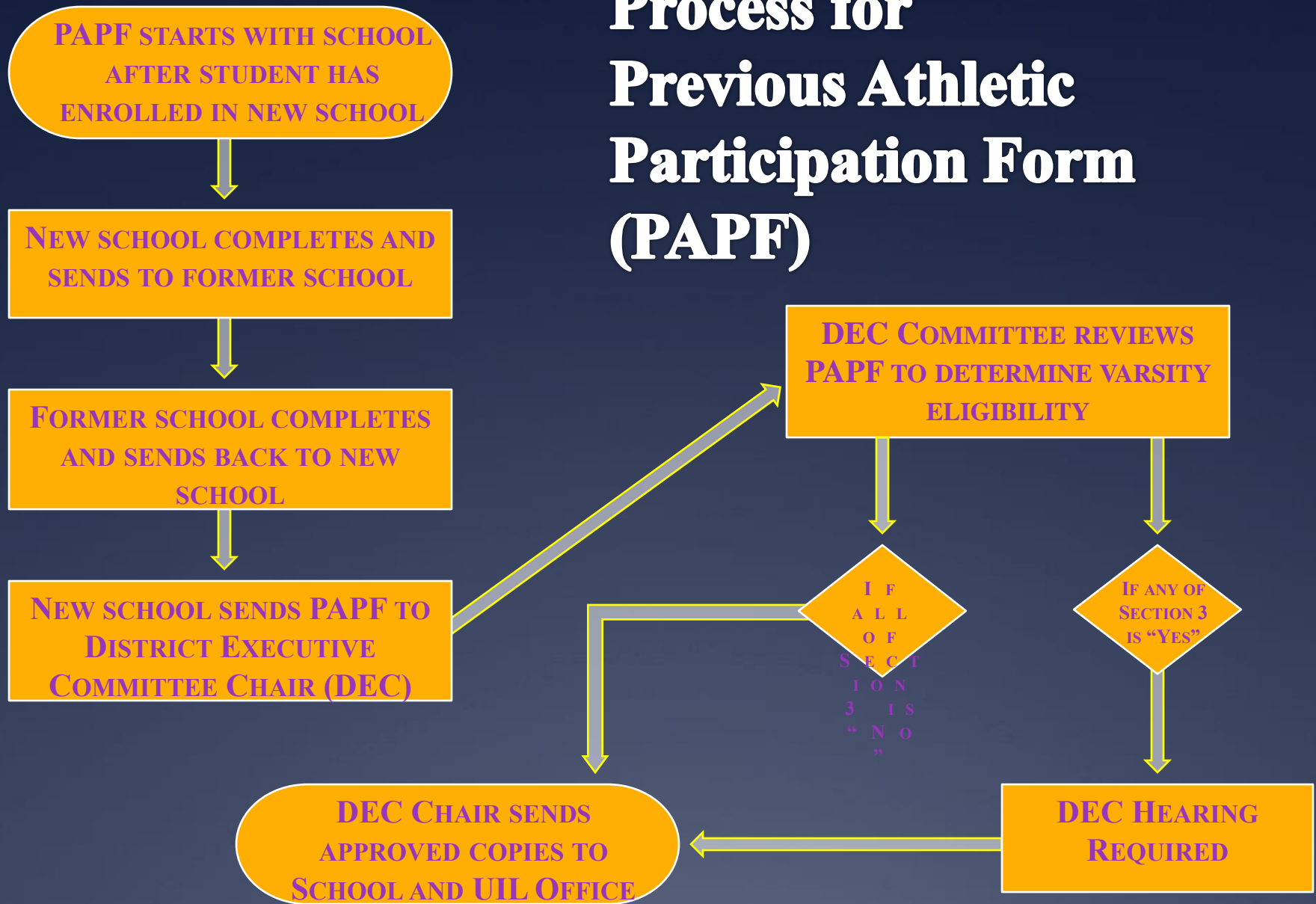
- Meets all requirements of Section 400
- Is an amateur (See Section 441)
- Meets Parent Residence Rule (See Section 442)
- Meets the Age Rule (See Section 446)
- Has not changed schools for athletic purposes
  - Previous Athletic Participation Form (See Section 443)

# C&CR Section 443(e)

## ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY –PAPF

- 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 a Previous Athletic Participation 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.

# Process for Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF)



# PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM (PAPF)

- Submit both page 1 and 2 (Questionnaire and PAPF)
- Complete the most updated version
- Send a legible copy
- UIL does not retain a copy of the PAPF when sent to school for revisions or clarifications, so please return both pages.

# PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM (PAPF)

## Some common indicators for changing schools for athletic purposes-

- Checking to see if a student was recruited
- Ascertaining whether a student was in good standing in the previous school, either academically or in a sports program
- Determining if a student was unhappy with a coach in the previous school
- Determining if a student played on a non-school team and is transferring to the school where members of the non-school team attend
- Determining if a student played on a non-school team and is transferring to the school where the non-school team coach, or a relative of the school coach, is the school coach.
- Determining if a student received individual or team instruction from a school coach and is transferring to the school of that coach.

Previous Athletic Participation Form  
University Interscholastic League

Eligibility Questionnaire for New Student Athletes in Grades 9-12

This Form Must be on File with School Before Participation at any Level in Grade 9-12  
(To be filled out by the student and/or parent and filed with the school.)

For UIL Use Only

Name of Student (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
New School: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  Public  Charter  Private School  
Last School of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  Public  Charter  Private School  
Date of enrollment in new school: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of withdrawal from previous school: \_\_\_\_\_  
Has the student been continuously enrolled in the new school for one calendar year?  Yes  No

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Has the student ever practiced or participated in extracurricular athletic activities (before school, after school or during an athletic period) at another school in the United States or Mexico in grades 8-12? If yes, the student must complete page 2 in addition to page 1 and both pages must be sent to the District Executive Committee Chairperson. If no, the student must complete page 1 and file with the school and/or athletic department ONLY.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Has the student ever enrolled or participated in a Magnet program, Charter school, Open/Choice Enrollment (within the ISD) or International Baccaluarte (IB) program in grades 9-12? If yes, please provide the name of the school _____ and school year _____.
<b>PARENT RESIDENCE RULE:</b> *QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION ARE REFERRING TO BIOLOGICAL PARENTS. REFERENCE C&CR SECTION 440(B) & 442.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Does the student live with <input type="checkbox"/> one parent <input type="checkbox"/> both parents <input type="checkbox"/> guardian <input type="checkbox"/> foster parent(s)? If the student lives with a GUARDIAN or FOSTER PARENT(S), a UIL Parent Residence waiver may be required. You MUST contact the district Athletic Director/Coordinator then contact the UIL Athletics Department at (512) 471-5883.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Are the parents of the student <input type="checkbox"/> married <input type="checkbox"/> never married <input type="checkbox"/> married- living apart <input type="checkbox"/> divorced <input type="checkbox"/> deceased? If the parents are MARRIED-LIVING APART or MARRIED and the student is LIVING WITH ONE PARENT, a UIL Parent Residence waiver may be required. You MUST contact the district Athletic Director/Coordinator then contact the UIL Athletics Department at (512) 471-5883.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Does the parent(s) of the student reside outside the attendance zone of the school the student wishes to represent? If yes, a UIL Parent Residence waiver may be required. You MUST contact the district Athletic Director/Coordinator then contact the UIL Athletics Department at (512) 471-5883.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Is there a change in schools but no change in address? If yes, please attach an explanation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Is more than one residence owned, rented or maintained by the parents? If yes, please attach an explanation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Are any members of the family still residing at the previous residence? If yes, it should be investigated prior to participation on the varsity level.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Are there other family members in grades K-12 attending a different school district other than the school district the student is now attending?

FULL TIME STUDENT RULE: REFERENCE C&CR SECTION 403.

10. Is the student enrolled in less than an average of four hours per day of instruction for either state or local high school credit?

FOUR YEAR RULE AND AGE RULE: REFERENCE C&CR SECTION 400 & 405(FOUR YEAR) & 440(C), 446 (AGE).

11. Did the student first enroll in the 9th grade more than 4 years ago? The first date of enrollment in 9th grade. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Has the student ever repeated a grade since first entering the 7th grade? **If yes, please attach an explanation.**

13. Will (or was) the student 19 years of age on or before September 1 of the current school year?

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RULE: REFERENCE C&CR SECTION 468(3).

14. Is the student a foreign exchange student? **If yes, a Foreign Exchange Waiver is required for Varsity athletic participation.**

AMATEUR ATHLETIC RULE: REFERENCE C&CR SECTION 441.

15. Has the student done anything to jeopardize their amateur athletic status?

ASSIST IN DETERMINING IF STUDENT CHANGED SCHOOLS FOR ATHLETIC PURPOSES: REFERENCE C&CR SECTION 443.

16. Did anyone from the new school contact the student prior to their enrollment in the new school?

17. Was the student ever prohibited from participation at the previous school? **If yes, please attach an explanation.**

18. Did the student play on a non-school team and is transferring to the school where members of the non-school team attend?

### **TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT, PARENT AND ADMINISTRATOR OF NEW SCHOOL**

It shall be the responsibility of each school to have on file the following required annual forms for each student who participates in any practice (before school, after school or during an athletic period), scrimmage or game: Preparticipation Physical Examination (for students in their first and third year of high school participation), Medical History Form, Illegal Steroid Use and Random Steroid Testing, Parent and Student Notification/Agreement Form, Acknowledgement of Rules Form, Concussion Acknowledgement Form and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form. Incorrect or untrue information provided by the parent or student could cause ineligibility and could result in the forfeiture of contests in which the student has participated in addition to other penalties. The following signatures certify that to the best of your knowledge, all information presented on this form is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of New School Coach

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of New School Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
New School Coach Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach's Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sport



# Previous Athletic Participation Form

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All new students in grades 9-12 who have ever practiced or participated in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, team tennis, tennis, track and field, volleyball or wrestling in grades 8-12 at another school in the United States or Mexico **MUST** have this form completed by the 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. **A student being continuously enrolled for one calendar year still requires a Previous Athletic Participation form before they are eligible to participate at the VARSITY LEVEL in athletics.**

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ New School: \_\_\_\_\_ Last School of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's current address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

**I. ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION:** This section should be completed by the individual(s) with whom the student is currently residing at the new school. We, the undersigned, certify that the student is in compliance with the transfer and admission policies of the local school district. This student is not changing schools for athletic purposes and was not recruited. We understand that any false or incorrect information could cause the student to be declared ineligible and could result in the forfeiture of contests in which the student has participated at the new school, in addition to other penalties.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Previous address

Status of previous residence?  sold  leased  vacant  still own

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS FOR PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
New school administrator or notary public (NOTARY SEAL)

**If witness is the new school administrator, notarization is not required.**

**II. NEW SCHOOL CERTIFICATION:** We certify that to our knowledge no one from our community has offered any inducement, directly or indirectly to the student or parents to move into our district. To the best of our knowledge this student is not changing schools for athletic purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of New School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of new school superintendent or designated administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### III.

**LAST SCHOOL OF PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE:** Section III must be completed for any new student in grades 9-12 who has ever participated in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, team tennis, tennis, track and field, volleyball or wrestling in grades 8-12 at another school in the United States or Mexico before they are eligible to participate at the varsity level at the new school. Please check the appropriate responses below. **If any of the questions in this section are marked 'Yes' a full hearing of the District Executive Committee (DEC) is required in the new district.**

Yes No

1. Was there any conflict or dissatisfaction between the student, his/her parents, and the athletic/academic supervisors at the school?
2. Was this student recruited to attend another school or was any undue influence exerted upon this student or family to change schools?
3. Did this student quit an athletic activity or program while enrolled in your school? **If yes, attach explanation to DEC.**
4. Was this student ever suspended or removed from your school athletic program? **If yes, attach explanation to DEC.**
5. Would the student be prohibited from participation in athletics had they not changed schools? **If yes, attach explanation to DEC.**
6. Based on your knowledge of the student and their circumstances, is this student changing schools for athletic purposes?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Former superintendent or designated administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Former principal or coach

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature of Former superintendent or designated administrator  
(\* two signatures required)

AND

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature of Former principal or coach

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

Last School of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

### IV.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVAL:** We certify the above named student is approved.

Check the appropriate box:  Varsity  Sub-varsity only (  applying for a Waiver)

**Any 'Yes' answer in Section III to questions 1-6 above requires a full hearing of the District Executive Committee (DEC) to determine the eligibility status of the student and required before applying for a Parent Residence Rule waiver. The student would be ineligible for varsity athletic participation until the DEC hears testimony from the previous school, the student/parent and the new school and makes an eligibility determination. DATE OF HEARING \_\_\_\_\_**

School \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_ District No. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(School of District Executive Committee Chairman)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of District Executive Committee Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Email Address

The District Chairman makes two copies of the completed form. Send one copy to the student's current school and the other copy to the University Interscholastic League, Box 8028, University Station, Austin, Texas, 78713. Retain the original in your file.

# **Sub Varsity/Junior High Eligibility**

## **Sub Varsity**

- Full Time Student
- Academically Eligible

## **Junior High Eligibility**

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

# 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 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 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)



# 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 ribbons, beads, socks, etc. are recommended.





# RESOURCES

Softball Coach's Manual

NFHS Rule/Case Book

UIL Constitution and Contest Rules

TEA-UIL Side by Side Manual

Booster Club Guidelines

Parent Information Manual

Junior High Manual





# Questions?

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