In-Service Update

Constitution Changes and Amendments for 2016:

Section 403, Full-Time Day Student

Identifies Intra-district participation opportunities for students attending non-disciplinary 'alternative' (magnet, isd charter, etc) schools within the same school district (or open enrollment charter school) system that do not offer UIL participation opportunities.

- Within the same school district only
- No UIL activity can be offered at school (example: no athletics offered at Charter)
- Must participate at the school where parents residence is zoned for

Section 440, Eligibility

Alters the application of the one-year of consecutive enrollment exception for the parent residence rule for open enrollment charter school students who have been placed on a waiting list for entrance into a charter school that is a member school of UIL.

- Calendar year starts when they are put on a waiting list

Section 404, Regular Attendance

Provides an exception to the 15 day rule for dependents of active duty military

Section 443, Changing schools for Athletic Purposes

Allows intra-district transfer students immediate eligibility for one sport not offered at their previous school when transferring for athletic purposes. They would remain ineligible for all other sports for one calendar year.

- Must be in same district, only effect multi-school districts
- Must transfer to new school
- Only eligible in sport not offered at zoned school (example: no wrestling offered, can transfer to a school in district and be eligible immediately, not for any other sport though)

Section 441, Amateur Athletic Status

Eases restrictions on athletes being able to receive reasonable fees for coaching, teaching, or officiating in sports they participate in.

- Prices not defined, cannot exceed prevailing rates (common sense)

Removes interpretations 11 and 12 along with language preventing parents from being able to accept tickets.

- Parents can now get tickets or free admission into events their kids are involved in (local)

Allows schools the choice of how and when students can receive meals

- Local decision on all meals

Section 480, 482, Limitation of Awards

Allows schools to contribute to a second major award for students in honor of winning a UIL state Championship.

Increases the amount for a minor award form $10 to $20

Allows students to accept certificates, medals, trophies, rings or other symbolic awards from sources approved by the school

Section 1206 (b)(3), Sunday Prohibition
  Allows schools to practice on Sunday of Regional and/or State Meets if they are scheduled on Monday

Section 1330 (7)(A), Dates for practice, scrimmages, and matches
  Schools shall not practice until the first week in August as determined by the UIL Calendar.
  Shall not scrimmage or participate in a match until the first date allowed by the UIL Calendar.

Pilot, 1A baseball and softball
  Allows for a pilot program for 1A baseball and softball to create a separate state championship bracket
  for 1A baseball and softball
  Follows the format we currently use for the 1A Volleyball pilot
  Still grouped into districts with the 2A schools

Amendment, 2 playoff qualifiers in certain circumstances
  Amendment sets the number of teams advancing to the playoffs at two (2) teams per district
  For Conference 1A teams when paired in district with 2A for a particular sport

Section 1208, Athletic Regulations
  Allows in conference 3A (Soccer) to play up in the 4A Conference
  There is still 3 divisions for Soccer in conferences 4A, 5A, and 6A.

Other:

- 5A and 6A Football home field advantage pilot program, changing language to use District finish for 1st rd. to determine home field (this passed committee, but cannot go into effect this year)

- Survey
  - Give games and tournaments back
    - Talk with your Ath. Admin.
  - Adding Lacrosse and Water Polo

- Officials contest pay – Has already been increased
  - Mileage Increase is in AD HOC Committee

- Online Constitution, Side-By-Side, etc…updated and easy to navigate
  - RCP is up
  - Sport manuals posted (All of them) "They are Updated"

- Questions and Input