



**2024-2025
SOFTBALL
CCP TRAINING**

UIL SOFTBALL TEAM



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CCP AGENDA

- What's New for 2024-2025
- Important Season Dates
- Coaching Reminders
- Non-School Reminders
- NFHS Rule Changes
- Practice Regulations
- Contest Regulations
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WHAT'S NEW FOR 2024-2025...

- Change to playoff structure that involves split divisions in the postseason for 2A-6A softball.
- This change would create two state championship brackets for teams to advance through the postseason for these conferences.
- The UIL Softball State Championship will consist of finals only, a total of 11 state championship games (1A, 2A DI, 2A DII, 3A DI, 3A DII, 4A DI, 4A DII, 5A DI, 5A DII, 6A DI, & 6A DII)



2024 SOFTBALL DATES

- Jan 10: **1st Day of Practice**
- Jan 25: **1st Day for Scrimmages**
- Feb 10: **1st Day for Games**
- April 22: **District Certification**
- April 26: **Bi-District**
- May 3: **Area**
- May 10: **Regional Semifinals**
- May 17: **Regional Finals**
- May 24: **State Semifinals**
- May 28-31: **State Championships**

2024-2025 COACHES' REMINDERS

The screenshot shows the UIL website's navigation menu with categories like ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, MUSIC, SPIRIT, UNIFIED, MEDIA, and POLICY. The main content area is titled "2023-2024 Constitution & Contest Rules" and includes a download link for the full document (7MB). A sidebar on the left lists various policy and governance links.

UIL RULES

- [UIL Constitution & Contest Rules \(C&CR\)](#)
- [UIL Side by Side Manual](#)
- **VERY IMPORTANT!!!**
- **Download/bookmark these 2 documents.**
- **They explain UIL eligibility rules and policies, no-pass/no-play, etc.**

The cover features the UIL logo with a star above the 'I' and the text "2023-2024 UILTEXAS.ORG". Below this, the title "TEA & UIL SIDE-BY-SIDE" is written in large, bold, red letters. The bottom half of the cover is a collage of various UIL medals and coins, including one with the text "UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE" and another with "STATE".

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- **Softball Calendar**
- **2023 State Champions**
- **Softball Coaches Checklist**
- **Softball Rules & Guidelines**
 - Softball Plan (Constitution & Contest Rules)
 - 2023-2024 UIL Rule Changes & Amendments
 - UIL Official Baden Balls
 - UIL Resources for Game Administrators
 - Ineligible Player and Unattached Participation
 - Ejections
 - Limits on Awards (Subchapter O)
 - Charitable Cause Guidelines
 - DP/Flex Rule Strategies
 - NAERA Helmet Recommendations
 - 2023-24 NFHS Softball Rule Changes


On the left side of the page, there is a sidebar menu for "SOFTBALL" with options: Softball Overview, Rules & Guidelines, Manual (highlighted), Alignments, Softball Forms, Playoff Brackets, Post Season Packet, State Tournament, Officials, Sanctioning, and FAQ. Below this is "SOFTBALL CONTACT INFO" for the Assistant Athletic Director, Grace McDowell, with her email (gmcdowell@uiltexas.org), department phone (512-471-5883), and department fax (512-471-6589). A "QUICK LINKS" box on the right lists: UIL Constitution & Contest Rules, UIL Eligibility Standards, TEA UIL Side-by-Side, and Booster Club Guidelines.

UIL RULES

- **UIL Sport Manuals** contain UIL information specific to each sport
- The Softball Manual can be found on the left side of the Softball page on the UIL website.
- A pdf of the manual will be available to download on the website as well.



2024-2025 COACHES' REMINDERS

 UIL Coaches Checklist Softball 2023-24			
	CHECKLIST	REFERENCE	COMPLETION DATE
✓	PRE-SEASON		
	Register/update profile in the UIL Portal	UIL Portal	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Review Softball Manual	Softball Manual	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Update Coach name in MaxPreps	MaxPreps	Beginning of school year
	UIL yearly coaching requirements (CCP & TEC)	Coaching Requirements	Prior to 1 st Day of School
	Review TEA-UIL Side-by-Side	Side-by-Side	Prior to 1 st Contest
	Student participation required forms. Keep on file.	Athletic Forms	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Varsity participation required forms. Keep on file.	Athletic Forms	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Review rules regarding eligibility for athletic contests	C&CR Sec. 400 & 403	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Review Softball Plan	Softball Plan	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Review UIL rule changes	UIL Rule Changes	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Review NFHS rule change	NFHS	Prior to 1 st Practice
	Complete PAPPs and file with UIL Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 12
	First day for interschool scrimmages		January 27
	First day for playing interschool games		February 12
	Update schedule and record on MaxPreps	MaxPreps	Ongoing
✓	POST-SEASON		
	Review Post Season Handbook	Post Season Handbook	

UIL RULES

- **UIL Checklists**
 - Sport specific documents that can be found on each sports manual page. The Softball Checklist is the 3rd bullet listed in the Softball Manual.
 - A helpful tool for coaches to use in preparation for their season and to help stay in compliance.
- **ALL REQUIRED TRAINING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE!**



NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION *COACHES' REMINDERS*

It is important for coaches to have a clear understanding of Section 1201, 1206 and 1209 of the C&CR regarding non-school competition (leagues, camps, clinics, clubs, tournaments). Coaches are prohibited from:

1. **Coaching students from their attendance zone in grades 7-12.**

Coaches may not provide private pitching or hitting lessons to any athlete in their attendance zone in grades 7-12 or coach them in a summer or fall league.

2. **Using school or booster funds to pay for team camps or fall leagues.**
3. **Pressuring athletes to play in non-school leagues.**



NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

COACHES' REMINDERS

Section 1209 of the C&CR regarding non-school competition (leagues, camps, clinics, clubs, tournaments) allows the following for coaches or a group of coaches :

1. Supervise the facility where a club team is practicing or a league is taking place.
2. Assist with organization of a league or club team. (assign officials, secure facilities, develop schedules, assist with registration and help secure equipment)
3. Assist with the selection of coaches and players for a club team or league.
4. Distribute information about leagues and club teams.



2024-2025 COACHES' REMINDERS

SOFTBALL RULE BOOK

The Softball playing rules are not UIL rules. UIL softball will follow NFHS rules. Be sure to review the NFHS Softball Rules prior to the season.



NFHS RULE REMINDERS FOR 2025

Rule changes and other great resources may be found on the Softball page of the NFHS website.

nfhs.org/activities-sports/softball/

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Softball

Softball Articles [View All](#)

- NATIONAL RECORD POWER SURGE
NEW YORK'S SAVES LEADER
NFHS Overtime: Spotlight on High School Activities
- 2024 NFHS Softball Committee Welcomes New Members
- Changes in Pitching Delivery Requirements Approved in High School S...
- Jewelry Permitted in 2023 High School Softball Rules Changes

Rules Changes

Softball Rules Changes - 2024

Publications

The NFHS offers digital rules publications through NFHS AllAccess. You can access/purchase digital publication from AllAccess.org and download the AllAccess mobile app on the Apple and Google Play stores, while print publications can be purchased on [NFHS.com](#).

[NFHS AllAccess](#) [View Print Books](#)

Softball Resources

General

[Bat Certification Marks and USA Softball Non-Approved Bats with Certification Marks](#)

[DP/FLEX Strategies for Coaches](#) PDF

[Rule 3 PowerPoint - DP FLEX](#) PDF

[Rule 3 PowerPoint - Substitutes and Lineup Card](#) PDF

[Rule 4 PowerPoint - Pre-Game and Post-Game](#) PDF

[Rule 5 PowerPoint - Dead Ball and Suspension of Play](#) PDF

[Rule 7 PowerPoint - Batter](#) PDF

[Rule 7 PowerPoint - Batting Out of Order](#) PDF

[Rule 8 PowerPoint - Lookback Rule](#) PDF

[Softball Pitching Videos](#) PDF

Rules

[Major Rule Differences – NFHS, NCAA, and USA Softball](#) PDF

[Softball Comments on the Rules - 2024](#)

[Softball Field Diagram](#) PDF

[Softball Illegal Player Penalty Chart](#) PDF

[Softball Points of Emphasis - 2024](#)

[Softball Rules Interpretations - 2024](#)

[Softball Signal Chart](#) PDF

[Softball Uniform Rules](#) PDF

[Softball Virtual Casebook](#) PDF

NFHS RULE CHANGES FOR 2024-2025

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OFFICIAL SOFTBALL 2024-25

Baden Perfection
Used at the State
Tournament



PERFECTION GAME SOFTBALL

2BSFPY

TEAM SPORTS

PRACTICE REGULATIONS

OFF-SEASON: School is In-Session



Strength & Conditioning Instruction – teams in the off-season are allowed one hour of strength & conditioning instruction outside of the school day.

- Athletes may only attend one, 1-hour session each day, Monday-Friday.
- No skill instruction or equipment is allowed during this hour of S&C instruction.

Skill Instruction is **only allowed** during the athletic period for off-season team sports.

SOFTBALL REMINDERS

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



SOFTBALL REMINDERS

PRACTICE REGULATIONS

IN-SEASON: When School is NOT in Session
(Spring Break)



1 Practice – Cannot exceed 3 hours

2 Practices – Cannot exceed 5 hours

- 3 hours is maximum length of a single practice
- ~~More than 1 practice scheduled, must have a minimum of 2-hour rest break~~

Cannot schedule and students may not participate in more than one practice on consecutive days.

SCRIMMAGES

- Saturday, January 25th – first day allowed for scrimmages.
- A scrimmage is a meeting of **not more than four teams** for practice purposes, which does not count as a game for any of the teams.
- Softball teams are limited to two scrimmages per calendar week, with only one scrimmage being played during the school week.
- No scrimmages may be played after a team's first interschool game.
- If more than four teams are invited to a scrimmage, each team may only scrimmage three different teams.



ALLOWABLE CONTESTS

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

3 games may be substituted for a tournament



SOFTBALL CONTEST REGULATIONS

VERY IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CALENDAR AND SCHOOL WEEK!

Games Allowed per School Week:

- A team or individual player may only play one game during the school week.



SOFTBALL CONTEST REGULATIONS

Games Allowed per School Week:

- Exceptions: Tournaments, Post-Season, & Varsity District Games postponed by weather.
- **IMPORTANT: Varsity district games postponed by weather which are not played on the next available date may not be made up as an exception to the school week limitation.**



SOFTBALL CONTEST REGULATIONS

VERY IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CALENDAR AND SCHOOL WEEK!

Games Allowed per Calendar Week:

- **Unlimited**



DOUBLE HEADER

- **Double Header** – A player plays in two varsity games back-to-back or in a varsity and junior varsity game at the same site on the same night.
- Each game counts as one of the student's total games for the season.
- A double header can be played once during the school week and once after the end of the school week, as games are unlimited.



TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Softball Tournament Regulations

- May be scheduled on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
- 3 games per day
- Max of 6 games in a tournament

SOFTBALL

- Softball Overview
- Rules & Guidelines
- Manual**
- Alignments
- Softball Forms
- Playoff Brackets
- Post Season Packet
- State Tournament
- Officials
- Sanctioning
- FAQ

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STATE CHAMPIONS

Softball Regular Season

[BACK TO FULL MANUAL](#)

Regular Season

- Practice Regulations
- Contest Scheduling Rules
- Allowable Contests
- Softball Scrimmage & Game Regulations
- Softball Tournament Regulations**

Tournaments

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

- Schools shall not schedule tournaments on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, *unless school is not in session*. Schools may schedule tournaments on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
- Tournaments may be scheduled on non-consecutive days. A two-day tournament shall not be scheduled on Thursday and Friday (can be scheduled on Thursday/Saturday or Friday/Saturday). A one-day tournament **must** be held on a Saturday.
- Three games per calendar day are allowed in a tournament.
- Max of six games in a tournament.
- A tournament may be played during the week in which there are two matched contests being played (ie. matches on Tuesday/Friday and a tournament on Thursday/Saturday).
- A double round robin elimination tournament shall not be used in any League contest except by unanimous consent of participating schools.
- A tournament must be held at the ISD of the host school, or at an adjoining ISD. Host schools may authorize additional sites other than same or adjoining ISD for preliminary round games.

PLAYER EJECTIONS

- Ejected softball players miss the rest of the game in which they were ejected plus all the following game.
- Player ejections **cannot** be overturned by a game official and/or chapter.
- If a coach has a question following a contest with a player ejection, the coach should contact UIL.



SPORTSMANSHIP IN UIL SOFTBALL

2022-23

Coach Ejections: 8

Player Ejections: 19

Fan Ejections: 27

2023-24

Coach Ejections: 17

Player Ejections: 23

Fan Ejections: 25



AREAS OF FOCUS (COACHES)

1. Focus on preseason & in-season eligibility processes

- 2 coaches verify all eligibility processes
- PAPF's first year of attendance (Page 1 completed ASAP)
- Verify residence & contact previous school (Section 442)
- Factually complete the PAPF when sending school
- Appropriate DEC processes (oversight and accountability)



ELIGIBILITY: PAPP (PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM)

1. Is the student NEW to your school?
2. Did they participate in 8th grade or beyond at a different feeder school or high school in the US or Mexico?

***If the answer to both questions is YES, then a PAPP is required.**

****If the student is NEW but did not previously participate, only page 1 of the PAPP is required.**

Previous Athletic Participation Form
University Interscholastic League

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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

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 9-12? 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.

2. Has the student ever enrolled or participated in a Home School program, Magnet program, Charter school, Open/Choice Enrollment (within the ISD) or International Baccalaureate (IB) program in grades 9-12? If yes, please provide the name of the school _____ and school year _____.

PARENT RESIDENCE RULE: *QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION ARE REFERRING TO BIOLOGICAL PARENTS. REFERENCE C&CR SECTION 440(i) & 442.

3. Does the student live with one parent both parents guardian 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.

4. Are the parents of the student married never married married living apart divorced 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.

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.

6. Is there a change in schools but no change in address? If yes, please attach an explanation.

7. Is there more than one residence owned, rented or maintained by the parents? If yes, please attach an explanation.

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.

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? If Yes, please attach an explanation.
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?

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

19. Homeschool students participating in accordance with Section 33.0832 of the Texas Education Code: Has the student moved into the attendance zone within the past 12 months? If yes, a FULL hearing of the DEC is required for varsity participation.

20. Has the student enrolled in/attended any other high school(s) in grades 9-12, other than the school(s) already listed on the form? If yes, list the schools and attach an explanation.

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, Concussions 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 _____

ELIGIBILITY: PAPP (PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM)

District Executive Committee must determine that student did not move for athletic purposes and approve the PAPP before a student is eligible to participate at the varsity level at the new school.

Once approved by the DEC, the PAPP must be submitted to the UIL office by the DEC Chair.

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

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ELIGIBILITY: PAPF (PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM)

- New school must verify that student athletes meet the parent residence rule.
 - **Contact previous school**
 - **Appropriate documentation**
 - **Could conduct a home visit**
- In reference to PAPF Section III., the appropriate use of the automatic bypass feature is important.

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 questions 1-5 are marked 'Yes', a full meeting of the District Executive Committee (DEC) would be required only if requested by a member of the committee in the new district. If question 6 is marked 'Yes', a full hearing of the DEC is required in the new district.**

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Was there any conflict or dissatisfaction between the student, his/her parents, and the athletic/academic supervisors at the school?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Was this student recruited to attend another school or was any undue influence exerted upon this student or family to change schools?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Did this student quit an athletic activity or program while enrolled in your school? If yes, attach explanation to DEC.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Was this student ever suspended or removed from your school athletic program? If yes, attach explanation to DEC.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Would the student be prohibited from participation in athletics had they not changed schools? If yes, attach explanation to DEC.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Based on your knowledge of the student and their circumstances, is this student changing schools for athletic purposes? If yes, attach explanation to DEC.

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 _____

AREAS OF FOCUS (COACHES)

2. Focus on Ethics and Accountability

- Removal of situational ethics
- Willingness to act and be responsible when necessary (Do your part)
- Power of a positive example (Be what you expect others to be)



AREAS OF FOCUS (COACHES)



3. Sportsmanship Improvement

- Starts with coach!
- Focus on athlete conduct-Supervision
- Parents/Spectators-What are your expectations?
- Effective Game Administration
- What is your system for teaching sportsmanship?
- Texas Way



SPORTSMANSHIP *THE TEXAS WAY!!*



A collaborative campaign initiated by THSCA, THSADA, and 2Words, and endorsed by coaches and officials' organizations across the state, including TGCA, TABC, TASCOS, THSBCA, TSMCA, TASO, & THSBOA, along with the UIL, joining together with coaches and schools to:

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1. IMPROVE SPORTSMANSHIP
2. DECREASE EJECTIONS
3. STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES & RELATIONSHIPS

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1. RESPECT FOR OTHERS

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UIL SOFTBALL DUGOUT PROTOCOL GUIDANCE

The head coach is responsible for the personal conduct and behavior of all team members and team personnel. It is important for coaches to be proactive by clearly communicating behavioral expectations to athletes, including dugout behavior. "Bench jockeying" or negative personal comments directed at opponents are unacceptable and should not be tolerated. This type of unsportsmanlike behavior can lead to bigger issues.

Coaches should communicate to athletes that it is how we respond or deal with success, failure, and adversity that will define us as a person or student-athlete. During times of crisis, we all sink to the level of our training, so how are we training our student-athletes to act daily and in times of crisis? We need to have a plan, and it's important to practice that plan. Without practice, the plan will not be implemented, similar to an offense, defense, etc.

- It is a great idea to include responding to crisis situations in practice plans randomly on a regular basis.
- It must be clearly understood that failure to respond appropriately and immediately to a crisis such as a fight could result in consequences.
- Consequences should be clearly outlined for athletes, so they fully understand the expectations.

IN THE EVENT THAT A FIGHT BREAKS OUT

Instructions For Players

1. IF YOU ARE ON THE FIELD WHEN A FIGHT BREAKS OUT:

- If the fight is nowhere near you, stay in your position and do not move toward the fight.

- 1. RESPECT FOR OTHERS**
- 2. CONTROL OF SELF**

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1. RESPECT FOR OTHERS
2. CONTROL OF SELF
3. SPIRIT OF COMPETITION

AREAS OF FOCUS (COACHES)

4. Promoting and Modeling Education and Community Based Athletics

- Promote the value of representing your community.
- Focus on providing life lessons for athletes.
- What makes us different? What makes us special?



AREAS OF FOCUS (UIL STAFF)

Collaboration, Communication & Consistency

- Communicate and collaborate regularly with coaching associations & coaches
- Consistency within our communication (Coaches will get the same answer regardless of which UIL staff member they call)
- Clearly communicate processes, rules, and areas of needed attention

If we are not meeting your needs, call us on it.

We want to hear from you and support you in the best way that we can.

Celebrating & Acknowledging the Positive

Refining of Accountability Processes



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