

2023-2024



BASKETBALL
Playoff Handbook

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

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Congratulations to schools who will represent their district in post-season play! Please read the following information carefully regarding the 2023-2024 UIL Basketball playoffs.

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Certification Deadlines for Basketball Playoffs.

February 10 (Girls) February 17 (Boys)	District Certification Deadline, All Conferences.
February 12-13 (Girls) February 19-20 (Boys)	Bi-district, All Conferences.
February 15-17 (Girls) February 22-24 (Boys)	Area, All Conferences.
February 19-20 (Girls) February 26-27 (Boys)	Regional quarterfinals, All Conferences.
February 23-24 (Girls) March 1-2 (Boys)	Regional semifinals & finals, All Conferences.
Feb 29 - Mar 2 (Girls) March 7-9 (Boys)	Basketball State Tournament, All Conferences.

Bi-District Match-Ups. - Once all DEC Chairs have submitted final district standings, bi-district playoff matchups **will automatically be created** and appear on the bracket once the UIL office publishes the bracket. Please **do not create your bi-district match-up** in your MaxPreps account. Once you see the match-up on your schedule in MaxPreps, please add game details (date, time & location.)

Playoff Broadcast Information - please remember that all video broadcasts of a postseason contest require approval from the UIL. The attached infographic outlines the options schools and media outlets have in regards to broadcasting playoff games as well as the process to be approved. All approved broadcasts will be shared each playoff round to each sport specific media page on the UIL website. Any questions should be directed to pr@uiltexas.org. Full guidelines, resources and forms can be found at the UIL website: <https://www.uiltexas.org/media/broadcast-information>

UIL Playoff Reporting: Brackets.

Use MaxPreps.com to submit results and update next round bracket information. Beginning with results of the Bi-District round, coaches are required to submit playoff results immediately following their contest. The winning school should submit playoff game results and next round information 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 brackets will be dependent upon the participation of schools and coaches. Learn more about MaxPreps Sign in or register for a MaxPreps.com account: <https://secure.maxpreps.com/utility/member/login.aspx>

POSTSEASON GAME INFORMATION

Post-season Warmup Games.

- Teams can schedule a warm-up game after district certification and before their first playoff game if they have not reached their allowable season limit. This game can be scheduled like any other regular season game. Teams that have exhausted their allowable season game limit are given a UIL one game exception under the following conditions:
 - Teams that are District Champions and have a first-round bye.
 - The one-game exception can be played only at the end of your school day on Friday or last day of instruction with no loss of school time or anytime on Saturday.

Championship Structure. The top 4 teams in Conferences 1A-6A will advance from district to the playoffs.

Playoff Game Details. All game details for playoff games (Bi-district, area & regional quarterfinal rounds) must be mutually agreed upon by the two competing schools. If mutual agreement is not reached on any detail, a coinflip will determine that detail. ***Once game details are decided on by the two competing schools that information needs to be added to MaxPreps, by the home school, so game details will appear on the bracket.***

Site Selection. The teams involved should select sites for all rounds of playoffs except the regional and state sites. See Section 1208 (o and p) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules. If schools cannot agree, they must flip a coin.

- **Home Sites.** When two schools flip for two separate sites other than their home field or court, the sites are considered home sites unless both sites are near mid-point.
- **Neutral Sites.** A site mid-point or near mid-point, or a site agreed on by both schools as neutral, is a neutral site. Unless mutually agreeable, a site cannot be neutral if its distance from either school is more than two-thirds the total distance between the two schools.
- **Mid-Point Sites.** Unless mutually agreed otherwise, post district contests in the team sports of baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, team tennis and volleyball shall be at a mid-point site for schools located more than 100 miles apart.

Officials. Officials for bi-district, area, & regional quarterfinal games will be determined by the two competing schools. If officials cannot be agreed upon by both teams, the team on the top of the bracket will need to include a list of chapters that they prefer to NOT call the game (scratch list) that is representative of BOTH teams, and the UIL will make the assignment.

- Official's Assignment Request Form: [LINK HERE](#)

Gate Receipts. The UIL no longer collects sixteen percent of the gate receipts for post-district contests for basketball. The financial form previously provided to schools is no longer needed and has been removed from the basketball resources listed on our website.

Program Information for State Tournament.

Teams advancing to the regional tournament must submit following materials to the UIL office by Wednesday, February 21 (Girls) and Wednesday, February 28 (Boys). This is an important step in providing you with the best possible program. Your assistance in this effort is appreciated.

- **Team Information Form** (list of players, coaches, etc. and all games played)
 - Girls' Team Information Form: <https://www.uil texas.org/forms/team-info-basketball-girls>
 - Boys' Team Information Form: <https://www.uil texas.org/forms/team-info-basketball-boys>
- **Pictures Submission Form** ****New for 2024****
 - We will be collecting your school photo submission through an online form
 - To be completed online at <https://www.uil texas.org/machform/view.php?id=949239>
 - Team Picture
 - Head Coach Picture
 - Logo

State Tournament Lodging. In preparation for the State Tournament, the UIL has blocked 15 double rooms for qualifying teams at participating hotels. Hotel assignment will be communicated once all teams have qualified. We would advise that teams should not block rooms on their own before the tournament as these participating hotels are holding these rooms at reduced rates.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Dates. Friday and Saturday, February 23-24 (Girls) and Friday and Saturday, March 1-2 (Boys). Regional Basketball Sites: <http://www.uiltexas.org/basketball/regional-sites>

Officials. Officials for the REGIONAL SEMIFINAL games will be determined by the two competing schools. If the two teams agree, the home team will submit the officials' request form no later than 10:00am, Wednesday, February 21 (Girls) and Wednesday, February 28 (Boys), utilizing the link below. If officials cannot be agreed upon by both teams, the home team will need to include a list of chapters that they prefer not to call the game (scratch list) that is representative of both teams (home and visitor), and the UIL will make the assignment.

- **Regional Semifinal Official's Request Form:** <https://www.uiltexas.org/form/officials-request/basketball-regional-semifinal.php>
 - *Regardless if both teams agree on officials or not, the home team must submit the official's request form.*

For the regional final, the officials will be predetermined by the UIL.

Entry Fees. Fees are determined by each regional director. The League office suggests that fees be kept to a minimum.

Game Time. The regional director will determine the schedule for the regional tournament.

Draw. The brackets online indicate the regional qualifiers and illustrate exact pairings for the regional tournaments.

Housing. Each school is responsible for its own housing.

Entry Forms. Each district representative is responsible for sending team information to the regional director immediately after the district representatives are certified. UIL does not send team information to regional sites.

Security. Adequate security should be provided for all playoff games, whether the game is played at a neutral site or on the home court of one of the teams.

Spirit Buses & Pep Bands. Please contact your regional site if you plan on bringing spirit buses or pep bands to the regional tournament.

Certification of Regional Champions. The Regional Director will certify the State Qualifiers with the UIL. Joseph Garmon and/or Grace McDowell will contact the winning coach to verify scores and final season record. Please have your scorebooks available if there are questions regarding your season record.

Congratulations on a great season!! If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.