TO: District Volleyball Representatives
FROM: Peter Contreras, Assistant Athletic Director
SUBJECT: Playoff Information

Congratulations to your playoff team! Your assistance in submitting all requested information is appreciated.

1. **Playoff Qualifiers:** The top four teams in Conferences 6A, 5A, 4A and 3A and the top three teams in Conference 2A will advance from district to the playoffs.

2. **Certification of District Representatives:** The last dates for certifying the district champions to the League office is November 1, 2014. It is mandatory that the district chairs certify the district representatives on the UIL volleyball webpage [http://www.uiltexas.org/volleyball/forms](http://www.uiltexas.org/volleyball/forms) at as soon as they are finalized.

3. **UIL Playoff Reporting Form:** 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 Texas Scoreboard will be dependent upon the participation of schools and coaches. For more information, please see [www.uiltexas.org/athletics/UIL-maxpreps](http://www.uiltexas.org/athletics/UIL-maxpreps).

4. **Team Information Form for State Tournament:** Teams qualifying for the Regional Tournament must fill out the team information form online at [www.uiltexas.org/volleyball/forms](http://www.uiltexas.org/volleyball/forms). Failure to submit this form may result your school not appearing in the State Volleyball Tournament program. This form must be submitted on the Web site no later than: Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

5. **Team Pictures for State Tournament:** Teams advancing to the regional tournament must email (pictures@uiltexas.org) the three items requested below. The subject of your email must include your school name. Failure to submit this information will result in your school not having pictures in the State Volleyball Tournament program. **The following materials must be received in our office no later than November 12, 2014.**

   - Team Picture (5x7 color photo, at least 300 dpi or 1MB), email to pictures@uiltexas.org.
   - Picture of Head Coach (head and shoulder shot), email to pictures@uiltexas.org.
   - School mascot or school logo (camera ready art work if possible, if not a copy of the mascot from your letterhead, etc.), email to pictures@uiltexas.org.

6. **Sites:** Sites for all rounds of playoffs are to be selected by the teams involved. See Section 1208 (q) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules. If schools cannot agree, they must flip a coin.

   Mid-Point Sites: Unless mutually agreed otherwise, post-district contests in the team sports of baseball, basketball, soccer,
softball and volleyball shall be at a mid-point site for schools located more than 100 miles apart.

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.

Home and Home Basis: Are those sites near home schools selected by the two schools involved OR the actual home playing court. A court selected as the home site, other than the actual home court, should not be an unreasonable distance from the visiting school’s home court.

7. **Post-Season Warm-up Games:**
   a. Teams can schedule a warm-up game after district certification and before their first playoff game if they have not reached their allowable season match limit. This game can be scheduled like any other regular season match.
   
b. Teams that have exhausted their allowable season match limit are given a UIL one game exception under the following conditions:
      - The one-game exception can be used only by the first place teams in conference 2A.
      - 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.

8. **Bi-District Playoffs:** There will be a one-match playoff. The match must be played on **Monday or Tuesday, November 3rd or 4th, 2014**. The winning team is REQUIRED to report the score immediately following the game online through MaxPreps.

9. **Area Playoffs:** The one-match playoff must be played on **Thursday-Saturday, November 6-8, 2014**. The winning team is REQUIRED to report online the score and win/loss record immediately following the game through MaxPreps.

10. **Regional Quarterfinal Game:** There will be a one-match play-off. The match must be played on **Monday or Tuesday, November 10-11, 2014**. The winning team is REQUIRED to report the score immediately following the game online through MaxPreps.

11. **Regional Tournament:** **Friday and Saturday, November 14-15, 2014**. Sites for all conferences can be found on the UIL website at [www.uiltexas.org/volleyball/regional-sites](http://www.uiltexas.org/volleyball/regional-sites).
   - **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 illustrates 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.

12. **Certification of Regional Champions:** The last dates for certifying the regional champions to the UIL office is **November 15, 2014**. A representative from each winning team should contact Peter Contreras, UIL State Volleyball Tournament Director **(cell: 512-393-1958)** on Saturday night after the regional tournament.
13. **Police protection**: Adequate police protection 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.

14. **Officials**: In all conferences at all playoff levels, except regional tournaments and state tournaments, officials are to be obtained by the two schools involved. If neutral officials are requested through UIL, the **home team** must make the request. Schools must go to the UIL website to request officials online at [https://www.uiltexas.org/form/officials-request/volleyball.php](https://www.uiltexas.org/form/officials-request/volleyball.php).

15. **Contracts**: All playoff arrangements between two schools should be made in writing and signed to protect both parties.

*Congratulations on a fine season. If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to give us a call.*

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