

**UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE**  
**STATE QUALIFIER HANDBOOK**  
**FOR THE**  
**BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT**

Congratulations on your team's advancement to the state tournament. This handbook will serve as a guide to administrators and coaches to assist in providing greater consistency at the State Baseball Tournament. You will find this material valuable as you prepare for the tournament and arrive at the tournament.

Questions concerning UIL Baseball State Tournament should be addressed to the following staff member:

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**2015 UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
BASEBALL STATE HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**Team Picture for State Tournament:** Teams advancing to the Regional Finals must submit the items requested below by **Tuesday, June 2**. This is an important step in providing you with the best possible program. Your assistance in this effort is appreciated. Please contact Rebecca Quinlan (512.232.4969) if you have questions. Listed below are the items we need:

1. **The team information form** is located online at <https://www.uiltexas.org/forms/team-info-baseball>.
2. **The team picture, head coach's picture, and school mascot or school logo** must be emailed to [pictures@uiltexas.org](mailto:pictures@uiltexas.org) in the format below: *The subject of your email must include your school name.*
  - o Team Picture (1MB)
  - o Picture of Head Coach (head and shoulder shot; 1 MB)
  - o School mascot or school logo (camera ready art work if possible, if not a copy of the mascot from your letterhead, etc.; 1 MB)

***Failure to submit this information could result in a range of penalties as described in Section 27(b) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.***

**State Qualifiers (Regional Champions):** The UIL staff will contact you on Sunday morning prior to the state tournament. We will verify your team information and **record** (including all play-off games) and provide team pairings for the tournament.

**State Tournament Brackets:** The UIL staff draws the tournament brackets. The top two teams, according to win/loss percentage, will be placed on the top frame in opposite halves of the bracket. The flip of a coin will determine if the third place team will be bracketed with the first or second place team and the fourth place team will fill the remaining spot.

**Location of Fields:** Dell Diamond is in Round Rock, East on Highway 79 next to Old Settlers Park. UFCU Disch-Falk Field is located on the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Comal Street.

**Designation of "Home" and "Visitor":** The top team on the bracket will be the designated "Home" team and the bottom team on the bracket will be the designated "Visitor" team in the semifinal games. The home team will sit on the first base side at UFCU Disch Falk Field and on the third base side at Dell Diamond.

After the second semifinal game for each conference, both winning coaches will meet at home plate to determine the designated "Home" and "Visitor" for the championship game.

**Ticket Sales:** Each player, coach and manager must have a ticket to get into the stadium. Student, adult and children (2 years and older) tickets may be purchased at the gate. Adult tickets are \$10.00 per session, students are \$5.00 per session, All-Tournament tickets are \$30.00 and Coaches All-Tournament tickets are \$20.00.

**Team Passes:** You will receive 2A-20; 3A-20; 4A-22; 5A-25; 6A-25 passes in your packet to cover coaches, managers, players and trainers. Everyone in the dugout must have a team pass.

**Administrative Tickets:** UIL will email a letter to the Superintendent on Monday regarding the complimentary administrator tickets that needs to be returned ASAP. You will receive 2A/3A—8 passes; 4A/5A—10 passes; 6A—12 passes. Please contact Rebecca Quinlan at (512) 232-4969 if you have any questions. Administrative tickets should be picked up by the designated administrator at the ticket booth. At Dell Diamond, premium seating is available to administrators with their complementary tickets. These seats are located in Section 119. This section is on a first come, first serve basis and once it is full, the ticket reverts to a general admission ticket.

**Pre Tournament Workouts:** Teams may practice at other school locations provided the coach makes his/her own arrangements with the administrator at that school. There will be no workouts at UFCU Disch-Falk field or Dell Diamond prior to the tournament.

**Lodging Regulations:** Coaches are responsible for the proper conduct of their players at the hotels. The University Interscholastic League strongly urges school officials to act as chaperones at the hotels.

The UIL will block up to 15 rooms per school. Caroline Walls will email you by 10AM on Sunday morning to provide you with hotel information for the tournament. Please contact the hotel by 5PM on Sunday. Please have your rooming list and final payment

information ready when you contact the hotel. The UIL cannot guarantee rooms for cheerleaders, administrators, fans, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Caroline by email ([cwalls@uiltexas.org](mailto:cwalls@uiltexas.org)); she will be available at her direct line (512-232-2796) during normal business hours.

**Signs:** Signs, flags or banners are not permitted in the stadium. No signs, flags or banners of any size may be affixed to the facility. Items that can be held by one individual, reflect good sportsmanship, and do not block the view of other ticket patrons may be permitted.

**Noisemakers:** Only handmade noisemakers will be allowed. Any noisemaker that distracts from the game will be prohibited.

**Cheerleaders:** Only cheerleaders and mascots in uniform will be allowed in free along with their sponsor. Cheerleaders and fans are to stay off the field at all times. Cheerleaders will be not permitted on top of the dugouts. Cheerleaders and fans are to stay off the field after the games. As a part of the crowd during this event, we expect cheerleaders to lead the crowd in enthusiastic and tasteful chants and cheers. Behavior before, during and after the game reflects upon your school.

### **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**Coaches and Administrators Meetings:** There will be NO coaches/administrators meeting before the state games. Team packets will be available at your hotel at check-in unless other arrangements have been organized with Darryl Beasley. You MUST complete and return your Medal Order form and Coach Photographic Consent form (located at the back of this packet) to our office by Noon on Tuesday, June 9. You can scan and email the form to Rebecca Quinlan ([rquinlan@uiltexas.org](mailto:rquinlan@uiltexas.org)).

**Team Parking:** UFCU Disch-Falk field bus parking will be available in Lot 104. Teams can be dropped off along the curb on the third base side. Dell Diamond bus parking will be available in the main lot. Teams can be dropped off at the Left Field Gate entrance.

**Team Rosters:** Players' numbers should correspond with the program roster. If there are errors, please contact the UIL staff before the pictures are taken. A player whose number is not in the program will not be permitted to begin a series until corrections have been resolved with officials and scorer.

**Dressing Room:** Dressing room facilities are limited at all fields. We suggest that teams staying in hotels dress before coming to the game.

**Team Pictures:** Pictures will be taken one hour prior to your semi-final game (or sooner if teams are ready) in the outfield.

**Programs:** Each team also will be provided two programs free of charge in their team packet. Additional programs may be purchased for \$5 each.

**Videotaping:** UIL will arrange for videotaping of all games. Schools will receive one free copy of each game and may order other additional tapes. Schools or individuals will not be permitted to film or videotape. Please inform your fans and parents before coming to the tournament that no videos or filming apparatus will be allowed. Still cameras (without flash) will be permitted. You can order Baseball DVDs through our online store at [www.uiltexas.org/store](http://www.uiltexas.org/store).

**Photographers:** Photographers with credentials must not be in the vision line of the pitchers. All media shall stay in the area marked for media.

**Bat boys/girls:** Teams are encouraged to have a bat boy or girl or another player walk to pick up the bat after each at-bat. Absolutely no throwing of bats back to the dugout from home plate. Bat boys and girls should be in uniform. They must wear a helmet.

**Rebate:** The UIL Business Office will provide schools with the financial statement and applicable reimbursement payment for the tournament.

### **GAME INFORMATION**

**Game Rules:** The National Federation Baseball Rules shall govern all games.

**Game Balls:** The official game ball will be the Baden 3B-PPRO.

**Introduction:** Players will go from home plate to respective dug out sideline (non-starters first) as they are introduced. The national anthem will be played before each game.

**Trainers:** A trainer will be available prior to your game. You must bring your own supplies if you wish to be taped.

**Batting Practice:** Designated Home teams will have use of the cages for 30 minutes beginning 2 hours before game time. Designated Visiting teams will move into the cages 90 minutes before first pitch for 30 minutes of hitting. No batting practice is authorized on the field.

**Infield Practice:** At the conclusion of batting practice – 60 minutes before game time, both teams are allowed field access for general team warm up. All pre-game warm-ups are to be done in the outfield and at least 40 feet from the foul line. Please do not throw balls or exercise against the wall pads. Ten minutes will be allowed each team for infield practice before the game. The home team will take infield practice first. Teams playing the second game of the session should be ready to take infield practice immediately following the first game. If warm-up time is cut because of scheduling problems, each team shall have the same amount of time for warm-up.

**Official Line-up:** Cards should be provided to a UIL representative so they can be taken to the press box thirty minutes prior to game time.

**Length of Games:** All games will be played to the completion of seven (7) innings. Additional innings may be played to resolve ties.

**Ten-Run Rule:** In the State Tournament, the ten-run rule will be in effect. After five (5) innings of play, if one team is ten (10) or more runs ahead of its opponent, the game is over. (Or if 4 ½ innings have been completed and the home team is ten or more runs ahead.)

**Coaching Boxes:** A coach or player in uniform or those in appropriate team apparel may occupy the 1st and 3rd base coaching boxes. No one else is permitted.

**Pitching:** A pitcher will be allowed ten (10) warm-up pitches in the first appearance in the game and only five (5) thereafter.

**Pitching Limitations:** It is strongly recommended that a pitcher used in a full game the previous day NOT be used the following day as a pitcher.

**Head Protectors:** All players must wear head protectors while batting and base running. Any player who does not abide by this regulation shall be disqualified.

**Conduct:** Fans, coaches and players shall observe good sportsmanship at all times. Do not “charge” an umpire after a call. Any inquiries should be made in a professional manner. All sections of the Athletic Code shall be followed and enforced.

**Rainout Procedure:** The decision to stop a game rests with the umpire-in-chief, usually the plate umpire.

A game suspended/delayed by rain will be restarted from the point of suspension as soon as possible as outlined in rule 4-2-5 of the National Federation Baseball Rules.

If the suspensions last over an indefinite period of time and the team leaves the site, coaches must leave telephone numbers to their respective hotels.

The state tournament management may shorten games or alter the tournament format in order to avoid undue expense or an extended tournament.

#### **National Federation Speed-up Rules**

**Runners:** The team at bat may use courtesy runners for the pitcher and/or the catcher as soon as they reach base. The same runner may not be used for both positions. Neither the pitchers nor the catcher will be required to leave the game under such circumstances.

Players who have participated in the game in any other capacity are ineligible to serve as courtesy runners. A player may not run as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or the catcher and then be used as a substitute for another player in that half inning.

**Medals:** 2A, 3A, 4A – 18 medals; 5A & 6A – 20 medals. Additional medals may be available on site unless we run out (others can be ordered). Complete the medal form in the coaches' packet indicating the number of medals your team will need in excess of the prescribed amount. Please email the medal form to Rebecca Quinlan ([rquinlan@uiltexas.org](mailto:rquinlan@uiltexas.org)) by noon on Tuesday, June 9.

**Awards Presentation:** Teams that do not advance to the finals will receive a plaque for the school and bronze medals. The UIL Staff will make a short presentation on the field following each semi-final game.

**Championship Game**— The champion and runner-up teams will receive awards and should be ready for the ceremony as soon as the game is over. Both teams should line up on their respective sidelines to be draped.

**UIL Baseball State Tournament Schedule**  
**June 10 – 13, 2015**  
Dell Diamond, Round Rock, Texas  
UFCU Disch Falk Field, University of Texas at Austin

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015**

2A Semifinals	9:00 am	Dell Diamond
2A Semifinals	12:00 am	Dell Diamond
3A Semifinals	4:00 pm	Dell Diamond
3A Semifinals	7:00 pm	Dell Diamond
4A Semifinals	1:00 pm	UFCU Disch Falk Field
4A Semifinals	4:00 pm	UFCU Disch Falk Field

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015**

2A Championship	9:00 am	Dell Diamond
3A Championship	12:00 pm	Dell Diamond
4A Championship	6:30 pm	UFCU Disch Falk Field
5A Semifinals	4:00 pm	Dell Diamond
5A Semifinals	7:00 pm	Dell Diamond

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015**

6A Semifinals	12:00 pm	Dell Diamond
6A Semifinals	3:00 pm	Dell Diamond
5A Championship	7:00 pm	Dell Diamond

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015**

6A Championship	11:30 am	Dell Diamond
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## 2015 STATE BASEBALL MEDAL ORDER FORM

Your school may obtain additional medals for participants by mailing or faxing this form to the address/fax number below with your **payment (check or credit card) or ISD purchase order**. Make checks payable to *The University of Texas/Austin*.

UIL – Order Department  
 PO Box 8028  
 Austin, TX 78713  
 FAX: (512) 232-6471

Credit card (check one) VISA _____ MC _____
Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____
Name of Cardholder _____
Billing Address Zip Code _____
Signature _____

**PRICE: State:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$11/ea (price includes shipping/handling charges)  
 (Add 8.25% sales tax for total order or enclose a tax exempt certificate if paying with a personal check or personal credit card).

Duplicate this form if you are ordering more than one type of medal.

TO INSURE PROMPT AND ACCURATE SERVICE, PLEASE RESPOND TO ALL ITEMS BELOW  
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### BASEBALL ORDER FORM

	<del>2A, 3A, 4A</del>	<del>5A, 6A</del>
Number of medals furnished by the UIL	18	20
Additional medals needed	+	
Total Number of Medals		

Year Contest was Held: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDAL(S) SHOULD BE SHIPPED AND BILLED TO:**

SHIPPING ADDRESS	BILLING ADDRESS
School: _____	School: _____
Attention: _____	Attention: _____
Street Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>TO BE USED BY UIL STAFF ONLY.</b>			
_____	extra medal(s) received at State Meet (not including the medals given by UIL).		
_____	extra medal(s) to be ordered.		
Type of medal (circle one):	Gold	Silver	Bronze

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

**PHOTOGRAPHIC CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM**

I hereby authorize the University of Texas at Austin and the University Interscholastic League (University), and those acting in pursuant to its authority to:

- (a) Record my likeness and voice on a video, audio, photographic, digital, electronic or any other medium.
- (b) Use my name in connection with these recordings.
- (c) Use, reproduce, exhibit or distribute in any medium (e.g. print publications, video tapes, CD-ROM, Internet/WWW) these recordings for any purpose that the University, and those acting pursuant to its authority, deem appropriate, including promotional or advertising efforts.

I release the University and those acting pursuant to its authority from liability for any violation of any personal or proprietary right I may have in connection with such use. I understand that all such recordings, in whatever medium, shall remain the property of the University. I have read and fully understand the terms of this release.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City State ZIP

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please have each participant complete this form and keep a copy at the school. The UIL only needs the Coach Photographic Consent and Release Form certifying the participant forms were collected.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
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**COACH PHOTOGRAPHIC CONSENT AND RELEASE CERTIFICATION FORM**

School _____	<b>Check Sport:</b>
Address _____	___ Team Tennis     ___ Boys Soccer
City/Zip _____	___ Volleyball     ___ Girls Soccer
Superintendent _____	___ Girls Basketball     ___ Softball
Principal _____	___ Boys Basketball     ___ Baseball

I hereby certify to the University of Texas at Austin and the University Interscholastic League (UIL), and those acting in pursuant to its authority the following:

- (a) Upon qualifying for the UIL state championship event of the above checked sport, I have distributed to and received back from the students representing my school team, completed copies of the UIL Photographic Consent and Release Form.
- (b) The students representing my school team have given (or their parent/guardian has given) consent for the UIL to use, reproduce, exhibit or distribute in any medium their image in conjunction with the UIL state championship event.
- (c) The team photo provided to the UIL for use in the state championship event program contains only those students whose image is not protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- (d) If a student representing my school team wishes to not have their image used in the UIL state tournament program or in conjunction with the UIL state championship event, I have included their name(s) and jersey number (if applicable) below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach's signature

\_\_\_\_\_ School Phone

The following student(s) have not consented to have their image used by the UIL in any medium in conjunction with the UIL state championship event checked above. (List name and jersey number if applicable.) I understand that their image will not be included in the UIL state championship event program.

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**FILING:** This form must be received in the UIL office no later than *noon on Tuesday, June 9.*  
**E-MAIL:** [quinlan@uiltexas.org](mailto:quinlan@uiltexas.org)