



## **2016-17 UIL Rule Changes**

### **GENERAL**

- Alter the one-year consecutive enrollment exception to member charter school students who have been placed on a waiting list.
- Allow an exception to the 15-day rule for dependents of active duty military personnel.
- Set the number of teams advancing to the playoffs at two (2) teams per district for the smaller conference when two complete conferences are combined for play during the regular season and then advance to separate conference brackets for the playoffs. (1A Baseball and 1A Softball)
- Change to the athlete amateur rule to ease restrictions on athletes being able to receive reasonable fees for coaching, teaching, or officiating.
- Allow intra-district transfer participation opportunities when the school attended does not offer UIL participation opportunities.
- Allow a one time only intra-district transfer students' immediate eligibility for one sport not offered at the previous school when transferring for athletic purposes.
- Provide Sports Officials an increase in the fee schedule.
- Allow schools to contribute to a second major award.
- Allow schools to provide transportation for college visits.
- Continue the pilot program for Spirit.
- Continue the pilot for 5A and 6A three-day tryout period in May for sixth graders.

### **FOOTBALL**

- Extend the pilot program providing home field advantage to the higher seed in the first round of the 2016 6A football playoffs.

### **VOLLEYBALL**

- Amend the volleyball dates for practice, scrimmages, and matches.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

- Allow participants to practice on Sunday, on their own, if regional cross-country are scheduled on a Monday.

## **TEAM TENNIS**

- Change the team composition for beginning a match to a minimum of six boys and six girls instead of 7.

## **SWIMMING AND DIVING**

- Increase the number of qualifiers from 16 to 24 participants from each event from the regional meet to the state meet.

## **BASEBALL and SOFTBALL**

- Create a pilot program for 1A baseball and 1A softball. This pilot program would create a separate state championship bracket for Conference 1A baseball & 1A softball. 1A baseball and 1A softball will be in districted together for the regular season, but advance to separate brackets for the playoffs.
- Allow loss of school time in the post season for first game of two out three elimination series.

## **SOCCER**

- Allow schools in conference 3A to play up in the 4A conference.

## **TRACK AND FIELD**

- Allows the contestant to choose from any three running events without restriction to the distance of the races.

## **JUNIOR HIGH**

- Alter language in number of days allowed for practice, scrimmages, and games.

Unless noted otherwise, effective August 1, 2016.