

# UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

## BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER HANDBOOK

**2015-2016**

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

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\* Submit to [athletics@uiltexas.org](mailto:athletics@uiltexas.org) by Monday, June 6.



## **2016 STATE BASEBALL INFORMATION**

### **PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**State Qualifiers (Regional Champions):** Please contact Darryl Beasley by text (512.238.0968) immediately following your regional final win with your name, school, and regional final results. At that time Darryl will confirm your record (including playoff games) and team information. Darryl Beasley will email you Sunday morning to provide team pairings for the tournament.

**State Tournament Pairings:** 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 at 3400 E Palm Valley Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78665. UFCU Disch-Falk Field is located on the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Comal Street at 1300 E Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Austin, TX 78722.

**Team Packets:** Teams playing at Dell Diamond will be able to pick up their packets from 8:00 am – 7:30 pm on Wednesday and Thursday at the Dell Diamond “Will Call” ticket booth. Teams playing at Disch-Falk Field will be able to pick up their packets from the UIL receptionist desk (1701 Manor Rd, Austin, TX 78722) from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm on Wednesday. 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 3:00 pm, Monday, June 6. You can scan and email the forms to [athletics@uiltexas.org](mailto:athletics@uiltexas.org).

**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 \$12.00 per session, students are \$7.00 per session, All-Tournament tickets are \$35.00 and Coaches All-Tournament tickets are \$20.00.

**Team Passes:** You will receive passes in your packet to cover players, coaches, managers, and trainers listed on the roster you submitted for the program. Everyone in the dugout must have a team pass.

**Administrative Tickets:** UIL will email a letter and form to the Superintendent on Sunday regarding the complimentary administrator tickets that needs to be submitted ASAP. Your allotment of passes is based on your conference: 2A/3A—8 passes; 4A/5A—10 passes; 6A—12 passes. The designated administrator should pick up administrative tickets at the Will Call ticket booth.



**Pre Tournament Workouts:** Teams may practice at other school locations provided the coach makes his/her own arrangements with the administrator at that school. No workouts will be allowed 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 UIL 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 11 AM on Sunday morning to provide you with hotel information for the tournament. Please contact the hotel by 5 PM 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

**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.

**Administrators’ Meeting:** There will be an administrators’ meeting with both schools and UIL personnel 30 minutes prior to your game to discuss game administrator duties and the award ceremony. At Dell Diamond, the meeting will take place behind Section 126 near the United Heritage Center. At Disch Falk, the meeting will take place in front of the Dugout Store located on the concourse behind home plate.



**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 the 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 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. 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. The UIL will provide a Baden 3B-PPRO baseball for your pitcher prior to the 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.

**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.

**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 competed 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:** A pitcher may pitch one game each day in an unlimited number of innings. If the pitcher pitches more than one game during a day, the pitcher will be limited to a total of ten innings each day. 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 [athletics@uiltexas.org](mailto:athletics@uiltexas.org) by 3:00 pm on Monday, June 6.

**Awards Presentation:** Teams that do not advance to the finals will receive a plaque for the school and bronze medals. Along with the school's administration, the UIL Staff will have a short awards ceremony 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 by their school administrators.



## UIL BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

**June 8-11, 2016**

Dell Diamond, Round Rock, Texas  
UFCU Disch Falk Field, University of Texas at Austin

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

TIME	GAME	LOCATION	HOME	VISITOR
9:00 am	2A Semifinal	Dell Diamond		
12:00 am	2A Semifinal	Dell Diamond		
1:00 pm	4A Semifinal	UFCU Disch Falk		
4:00 pm	4A Semifinal	UFCU Disch Falk		
4:00 pm	3A Semifinal	Dell Diamond		
7:00 pm	3A Semifinal	Dell Diamond		

### THURSDAY, JUNE 9

TIME	GAME	LOCATION	HOME	VISITOR
9:00 am	2A Championship	Dell Diamond		
12:00 pm	3A Championship	Dell Diamond		
4:00 pm	5A Semifinal	Dell Diamond		
6:30 pm	4A Championship	UFCU Disch Falk		
7:00 pm	5A Semifinal	Dell Diamond		

### FRIDAY, JUNE 10

TIME	GAME	LOCATION	HOME	VISITOR
12:00 pm	6A Semifinal	Dell Diamond		
3:00 pm	6A Semifinal	Dell Diamond		
7:00 pm	5A Championship	Dell Diamond		

### SATURDAY, JUNE 11

TIME	GAME	LOCATION	HOME	VISITOR
11:30 am	6A Championship	Dell Diamond		



## BROADCASTING INFORMATION

### LIVE TELEVISION, WEBCAST COVERAGE SET FOR UIL BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT

FOX Sports Southwest, Time Warner Cable SportsChannel and NFHS Network will combine to televise and webcast the UIL baseball state tournament June 8-11 from Dell Diamond and UFCU Disch Falk field.

FOX Sports Southwest will televise the 6A championship, while Time Warner Cable Sports Channel 323 will show 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A finals and NFHS Network will stream semifinal games with a subscription at [www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/uil](http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/uil).

Games shown on FOX Sports Southwest also will be streamed on the FOX Sports GO mobile app.

Time Warner Cable's SportsChannel is available to Time Warner Cable digital customers in Texas.

#### UIL BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT TV/WEBCAST SCHEDULE

*(All times listed are Central)*

##### **Wednesday, June 8**

9:00 a.m.	2A Semifinal-Dell Diamond	NFHSNetwork.com
12:00 p.m.	2A Semifinal-Dell Diamond	NFHSNetwork.com
1:00 p.m.	4A Semifinal-UFCU Disch Falk Field	NFHSNetwork.com
4:00 p.m.	3A Semifinal-Dell Diamond	NFHSNetwork.com
4:00 p.m.	4A Semifinal- UFCU Disch Falk Field	NFHSNetwork.com
7:00 p.m.	3A Semifinal-Dell Diamond	NFHSNetwork.com

##### **Thursday, June 9**

9:00 a.m.	2A Final-Dell Diamond	TWC SportsChannel 323
12:00 p.m.	3A Final-Dell Diamond	TWC SportsChannel 323
4:00 p.m.	5A Semifinal-Dell Diamond	NFHSNetwork.com
6:30 p.m.	4A Final-UFCU Disch Falk Field	TWC SportsChannel 323
7:00 p.m.	5A Semifinal-Dell Diamond	NFHSNetwork.com

##### **Friday, June 10**

12:00 p.m.	6A Semifinal-Dell Diamond	NFHSNetwork.com
3:00 p.m.	6A Semifinal-Dell Diamond	NFHSNetwork.com
7:00 p.m.	5A Final-Dell Diamond	TWC SportsChannel 323

##### **Saturday, June 11**

11:30 a.m.	6A Final-Dell Diamond	FOX Sports Southwest
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## **AWARD PRESENTATIONS:** **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR DUTIES**

### **Semifinal Awards**

Administrators for the team that does not advance will need to report to their dugout at the conclusion of the game. We will have medals ready, and someone will escort the draper and holder onto the field.

Once UIL gives the cue, start draping from the opposite side of the coach. Once all players and coaches have been draped, you will be given the semi-final plaque to present to the team. After the plaque is given, the presentation is complete and everyone should promptly leave the field.

### **Championship Awards (Finals)**

Administrators for the runner-up and champion team will need to report to their dugout at the conclusion of the game. We will have medals ready, and someone will escort the draper and holder onto the field. The order of events will be as follows:

- 1. Drape medals:** Once UIL gives the cue, administrators will start draping medals starting with players and working towards the coaches. *Both teams will be draped simultaneously.* After all players and coaches have been draped, return to the UIL Staff member to retrieve the trophy to be presented to the team. You will then wait in front of your team with the trophy.
- 2. MVP Award:** After teams have been draped, the MVP will be announced and UIL will present the plaque to the MVP on Home base.
- 3. Runner Up Trophy:** The announcer will announce information about your school, then you will step forward and the coach, seniors, or team will take the trophy. After the awards are given, a photo will be taken of the runner up team. You can either take a picture with the team or step to the side.
- 4. Champions Trophy:** The announcer will announce information about your school, then you will step forward and the coach, seniors, or team will take the trophy. After the awards are given, a photo will be taken of the champion team. You can either take a picture with the team or step to the side.

\* Teams will line up on their respective base lines facing their dugout/crowd.

\* At the conclusion of the presentation everyone should exit the field in a timely manner.

\* The UIL will be on the field to assist administrators with the timing of the awards presentation.



## 2016 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  
Email: athletics@uiltexas.org  
PRICE: \$11/ea

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

TO INSURE PROMPT AND ACCURATE SERVICE, PLEASE RESPOND TO ALL ITEMS BELOW.

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### BASEBALL ORDER FORM

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

### ADDITIONAL MEDALS SHOULD BE BILLED TO:

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### TO BE USED BY UIL STAFF ONLY.

_____ Extra medals(s) received at State Meet (not including the medals given by UIL).
_____ Extra medals(s) to be ordered.
Type of medal (circle one):                      Gold                      Silver                      Bronze



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

**COACH PHOTOGRAPHIC CONSENT AND RELEASE CERTIFICATION FORM**

School _____	<b>Check Sport:</b>	Football
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 (University), 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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach's Cell (include area code) 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 **3:00 pm on Monday, June 6.**  
**E-MAIL:** athletics@uiltexas.org