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VOLLEYBALL
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 2017 UIL Volleyball playoffs.

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Certification Deadlines for Volleyball Playoffs.

Oct. 28	District Certification Deadline, All Conferences.
Oct. 30-31	Bi-district, All Conferences.
Nov. 2-4	Area, All Conferences.
Nov. 6-7	Regional quarterfinals, All Conferences.
Nov. 10-11	Regional semifinals & finals, All Conferences.
Nov. 15-18	UIL Volleyball State Tournament, All Conferences.

Brackets. (*required for each round of playoffs)

Use **MaxPreps.com** to submit results and update next round bracket information. The winning coach must submit next round information and game results on an existing MaxPreps.com account or by creating a new one. Scores submitted through MaxPreps will be automatically updated on the UIL playoff brackets. Learn more about MaxPreps Sign in or register for a MaxPreps.com account: <https://secure.maxpreps.com/utility/member/login.aspx>

POSTSEASON MATCH INFORMATION

Post-Season Warmup Matches.

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. 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 1A.
- 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.

Site Selection.

Sites for all rounds of playoffs prior to the regional tournament are to be selected by the teams involved. See Section 1208 (o)(p) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules. If schools cannot agree, they must flip a coin.

- **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 schools.
- **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.
- **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 a mid-point site for schools located more than 100 miles apart.

Officials.

- Assignment requests - 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>

- Evaluation form - <https://www.uiltexas.org/form/officials-evaluation/submit.php?sport=Volleyball>

Program Information for State Tournament.

Teams advancing to the regional tournament must submit the following materials to the UIL office by *November 8th*. Please include your school name in the subject of your email. 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** matches played) – to be completed online at <https://www.uiltexas.org/forms/team-info-volleyball>.
- Team Picture (5x7 color photo) - email to pictures@uiltexas.org
- Head Coach Picture (head and shoulder shot) - email to pictures@uiltexas.org
- School mascot or school logo – email to pictures@uiltexas.org

Broadcast Information

Below is information to assist you with questions about telecasts, webcasts or radio broadcasts of UIL postseason events.

The UIL has all rights to postseason contests, and has granted rights to its broadcast partners. The rights to contests not selected by UIL broadcast partners may be sublicensed to interested media outlets that meet certain criteria.

Live Streaming

Using live streaming sites including Facebook Live, Instagram Live, Twitter Live and YouTube Live to stream the game is strictly prohibited and in direct violation of the UIL’s agreement with its broadcast partners. Please notify media, fans and parents of this policy.

Non-Football Playoff Telecasts

Media outlets interested in telecasting a playoff contest in any sport except football, must submit the [Non-Football Sublicensee Playoff Telecast Request](#) form on the UIL website before noon the business day prior to the event. The media outlet must have permission from the schools involved in the contest and the venue in addition to receiving approval from the UIL. More information about criteria and fees can be found here: http://www.uiltexas.org/files/media/Non_football_telecasts_Final.pdf. If a media outlet is approved, Sports In Action, acting on behalf of the UIL, will send the outlet an approval email.

UIL Member School Playoff Telecasts (all sports)

A school can request to telecast a postseason event by submitting the [UIL Member School Playoff Telecast Request](#) form on the UIL website before noon the business day prior to the event. Schools approved for an NFHS Network School Broadcast Program can webcast the event live. Schools approved for an Academic Broadcast, can webcast the event delayed. The UIL defines an Academic Telecast as a broadcast with an educational purpose that is produced solely by a UIL-member school and/or school district primarily using school facilities, equipment, staff and students without any commercial relationship for the financial benefit of another party.

Radio Playoff Guidelines (all sports)

Radio stations must follow the [Radio Playoff Guidelines](#) found on the UIL website. Radio stations must play two minutes of commercials, read the state championship promotional information, and submit the [Radio Playoff Request](#). The Radio Playoff Request form is for tracking purposes only, the UIL will not approve or deny radio broadcasts. The radio station must receive permission from schools involved in the contest and the venue.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Dates. Friday and Saturday, November 10-11, 2017. Regional sites for all conferences can be found on the UIL website at <http://www.uil texas.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 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. Please contact your regional site if you plan on bringing spirit buses.

Pep Bands. Regional sites have the discretion whether to allow “pep” bands (up to 30 members) to play at their regional site. If “pep” bands are allowed, they may only play prior to the start of the match during warm-ups, during time-outs, between sets and following the competition. Musical instruments are prohibited as artificial noisemakers. The “pep” band should not be located behind or near the opposition’s bench. Each member of the pep band will be required to pay admission. Contact your regional director for further information regarding “pep bands.”

Certification of Regional Champions.

Immediately following your final regional match, **please text Brandy Belk (cell: 512-635-6634)** and report the following information -

- Score(s) of all regional tournament matches (all individual set scores).
- Final season record (please make sure all tournament matches are counted correctly).
- Please also include your name and your school name in your text.

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