



Soccer Playoff Information Packet 2015-2016

Congratulations on representing your district for the Soccer playoffs. Since your school is advancing to the playoffs, the following points should clarify questions asked by participating schools. If the League office can be of further assistance during your tournament preparation period, please call.

1. Important Deadlines:

a. Dates and Links

- i. **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.
- ii. **Certification of District Representatives:** The last dates for certifying the district champions to the League office is **March 22, 2016**. It is mandatory that the **district chairs certify the district representatives** on the UIL webpage as soon as they are finalized. <https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=50>
- iii. **Bi-District Playoffs:** The match must be played on **Thursday-Saturday, March 24-26, 2016**. The winning team is REQUIRED to report the score immediately following the game online through MaxPreps.
- iv. **Area Playoffs:** The match must be played on **Friday or Saturday, April 1-2, 2016**. The winning team is REQUIRED to report online the score and win/loss record immediately following the game through MaxPreps.
- v. **Regional Quarterfinal Game:** The match must be played on **Monday or Tuesday, April 4-5, 2016**. The winning team is REQUIRED to report the score immediately following the game online through MaxPreps.
- vi. **Regional Tournament: Friday and Saturday, April 8-9, 2016.** Sites for all conferences can be found on the UIL website at <http://www.uiltexas.org/soccer/regional-sites>.

2. Weather

- a. Every effort must be made by both teams to determine the winner before the certification deadline. This includes obtaining neutral sites and securing any available field. This could mean giving up a home field advantage if another field is playable.
- b. If weather conditions make it impossible to determine a winner before certification, UIL **MUST** be contacted for an extension. The next round opponent(s) must also be contacted to inform them that the deadline will be extended.
- c. Extreme scheduling difficulties such as those mentioned above could result in a coin flip, which would determine the representatives to the next round.

3. **Site Selection:** 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 field. A field selected as the home site, other than the actual home field, should not be an unreasonable distance from the visiting school's home field.

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

4. 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.
 - 0 tournaments and 19 games
 - 1 tournament and 17 games
 - 2 tournaments and 15 games
 - 3 tournaments and 13 games
- b. If the district champion has a bye for the first round of playoffs, that school may schedule a warm-up game in addition to the game limits. This additional game shall be played on a non-school night with no loss of school time.

5. Championship Structure (advancement structure)

- a. **Playoff Qualifiers:** The top four teams in Conferences 4A-6A will advance from district to the playoffs.

6. Sport Specific Information

- a. **Length of Game:** National Federation rules state that two forty-minute halves constitute a game. In post-season play, if a game ends in a tie after regulation time, there shall be two ten minute overtime periods. If a tie still exists there shall be a shoot-out.
- b. **Suspended Game:** In games beyond the district level, a game begun then suspended, shall continue from the point of suspension as soon as a playable field is available. Playoff certification deadlines may not be extended without the permission of the UIL athletic director or soccer director.
- c. **Yellow and Red Cards:** The player misconduct point system is in effect for the playoffs as well as for the regular season. The players start post-season competition with a clean slate. A student's cumulative card points return to 0 with the first playoff games after they sit out the number of games specified.
 - i. **A soccer play can accumulate a maximum of 5 card penalty points in any one contest.** The following examples illustrate the accumulation of card points during post-

district playoffs:

1. **Example:** A student gets his first or second yellow card(s) for the season during the last district contest or warm-up game. **Ruling:** Point count returns to 0 for the first playoff game.
2. **Example:** during the bi-district game, a student receives a red card (5 points). **Ruling:** Player sits out the area playoff game. During the regional semi-final game, the referee gives the same player another red card (5 points). Player now has 10 playoff card points and must sit out the next two games (regional final and state se-final).
3. **Example:** During the bi-district game player gets a yellow card (1 point). In area game, the same player gets a yellow card (1 point) in the first half and a soft red card (5 points) in the second half. **Ruling:** Player sits on the next playoff game and has a total of 6 points (1 point entering the game and 5 points, the maximum of any one contest, from the second game).

d. **Penalty Kick Procedures**

i. **Kicks from the Penalty Mark Procedure**

1. There shall be a three-minute intermission between the end of regular play (or second overtime period if overtime is used as a tie breaker) and the beginning of the kicks from the penalty mark.
2. The referee conducts a coin toss with the visiting team's captain calling the coin. The team that wins the toss decides whether to take the first or second kick.
3. The referee will select the goal at which the kicks shall take place.
4. The home team shall provide three game balls.
5. Any player on the roster who has not been disqualified is eligible to participate.
6. Coaches, bench personnel, and players other than the kickers and goalkeepers participating in each kick must remain in their team bench areas.
7. Each coach will select five players, which can include the goalkeeper.
8. Once a player has reported to the official at the center circle, that player may not be replaced unless he/she is injured, cautioned, or disqualified.
9. The kicking players from each team must remain in the center circle except the player taking the kick and the two goalkeepers. The official will record the player's name and number.
10. The goalkeeper who is the teammate of the kicker must remain on the field of play by the intersection of the goal line and penalty area line behind the official.
11. The defending team may change the goalkeeper with any eligible prior to each kick.
12. Kicks will be made by each team in alternating order until each team has taken a total of five kicks, unless one team has scored an insurmountable number of goals.
13. If there is no winner after each team has attempted five kicks, each coach will select five players other than the five in the preceding group. If a team has less than ten eligible players (not including the goalkeeper), a player who has previously kicked may be placed at the end of the order. Teams will continue to alternate kicks until one team attains one more goal than its opponent after each has had an equal number of kicks.
14. If the score remains tied, continue the kicks with the coach selecting any five

- players to take the next set of alternating kicks. If a tie remains, repeat (m).
15. If a player is unable to continue whether because of injury, caution or disqualification, the next player shall kick and the coach will select a player who is not in the current set of five kickers to kick last of that group of five kicks. The original kicker whose kick was taken (or retaken) by a different player is not counted as having taken a kick.
 16. During the kicks from the penalty mark, kicks will continue as long as both teams have at least one eligible player.
- ii. **Misconduct:** All the rules of the game apply except-
1. Violation by the goalkeeper
 - a. If a goal is not scored the same player must take the re-kick. If the kicker is unable to take the re-kick because of injury, caution or disqualification, the next player will take the kick.
 2. Cautioned players
 - a. If a player is cautioned, the player is not eligible to kick until one complete set of five kicks has been completed beyond the set of kicks in which the caution was issued.
 - b. If a goalkeeper is cautioned, the goalkeeper must be replaced and cannot re-enter as goalkeeper until the next opponent completes a kick. The goalkeeper is not eligible to kick until one complete set of five kicks has not completed beyond the set of kicks in which the caution was issued.
 3. Disqualified players
 - a. Disqualified players including the goalkeeper may not participate
- iii. **Fouls:** All the rules of the game shall apply with the exceptions noted.
1. A foul by the goalkeeper.
 - a. During an unsuccessful attempt - penalty kick awarded to shooter who must take the attempt. If he is unable to attempt the penalty kick because of injury, any squad member may make the attempt.
 - b. During a successful attempt, the goal shall count.
 2. A foul by the shooter.
 - a. During an unsuccessful attempt - attempt concluded.
 - b. During a successful attempt - nullify goal and attempt is concluded.

7. Playoff Game Recommendations

- a. **Trainers:** Trainers should be available at the field and a physician should be on call.
- b. **Officials**
 - i. Officials Request Form: <https://www.uiltexas.org/form/officials-request/soccer.php>
 - ii. Officials evaluation form: <https://www.uiltexas.org/form/officials-evaluation/submit.php?sport=Soccer>
 - iii. 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/soccer.php>.
- c. **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 field of one of the teams.

- d. **Balls** – The official ball of the UIL, used at the Regional and State Tournament, Baden SX751-CPL.
- e. **Housing** – Each school is responsible for providing housing.
- f. **Awards** – It is the responsibility of the participating schools to determine if awards will be provided.

8. Regional Qualifiers – team information and photos are needed

- i. **Team Info for State Tournament:** Teams qualifying for the Regional Tournament must fill out the team information form online at (Boys: <https://www.uil texas.org/forms/team-info-soccer-boys> ; Girls: <https://www.uil texas.org/forms/team-info-soccer-girls>). Failure to submit this form may result your school not appearing in the State Tournament program. This form must be submitted on the website no later than: **Wednesday, April 6, 2016.**
- ii. **Team Pictures for State Tournament:** Teams advancing to the regional tournament must email (pictures@uil texas.org) the three items requested below. The subject of your email should include your **school name**. **Please submit the following items to our office no later than Wednesday, April 6, 2016.** Failure to submit this information will result in your school not having pictures in the State Tournament program.
 - Team Picture (5x7 color photo, at least 300 dpi or 1MB),
 - Picture of Head Coach (head and shoulder shot; NO SMARTPHONES)
 - School mascot or school logo (camera ready art work if possible, if not a copy of the mascot from your letterhead, etc.)

9. Regional Tournament Information: Friday and Saturday, April 8-9, 2016 Sites for all conferences can be found on the UIL website at <http://www.uil texas.org/soccer/regional-sites>.

- a. **Game Time** - The regional director will determine the schedule for the regional tournament.
- b. **Draw** - The brackets online indicate the regional qualifiers and illustrates exact pairings for the regional tournaments.
- c. **Housing** - Each school is responsible for its own housing.
- d. **Entry forms** - Teams qualifying for the regional tournament will be certified to the regional director by the school after the area game.
- e. **Certification of Regional Champions:** The last dates for certifying the regional champions to the UIL office is **Saturday, April 9, 2016.** A representative from each winning team should contact Brian Polk, UIL State Soccer Tournament Director on Saturday night after the regional tournament.

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

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