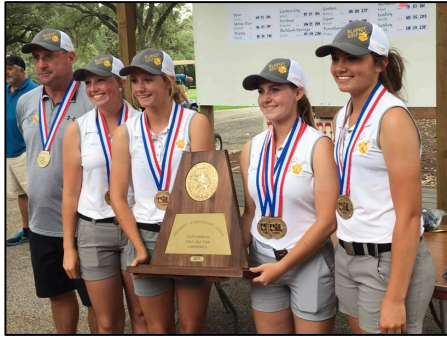


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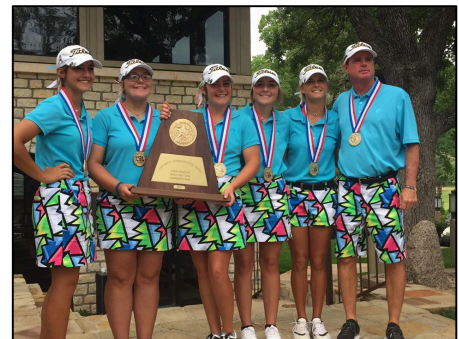
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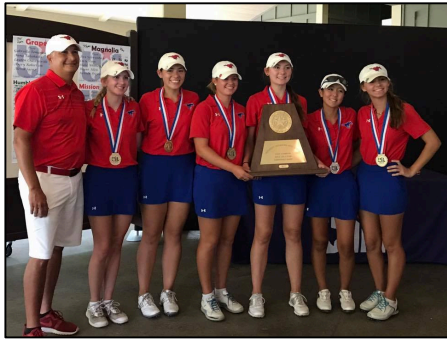
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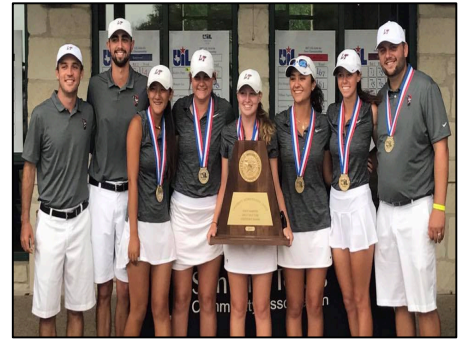
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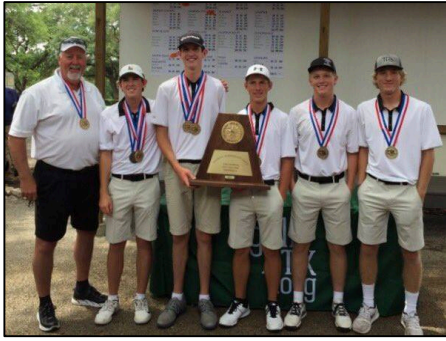


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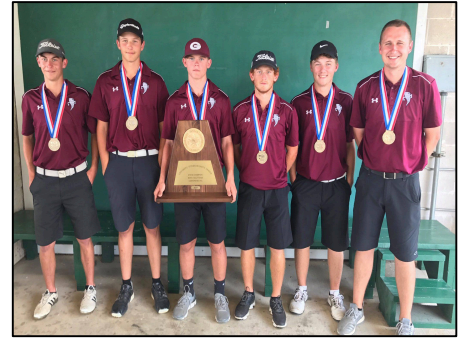


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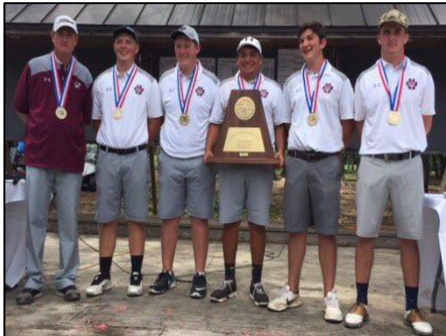
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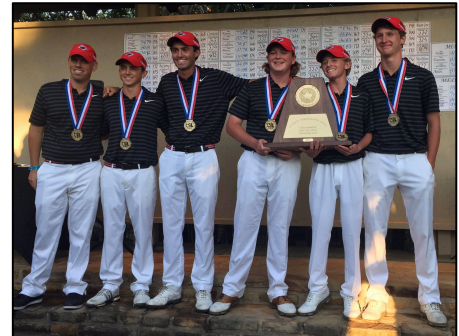
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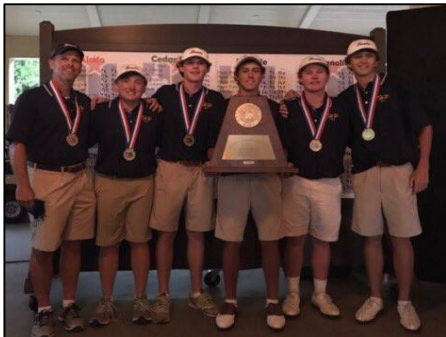
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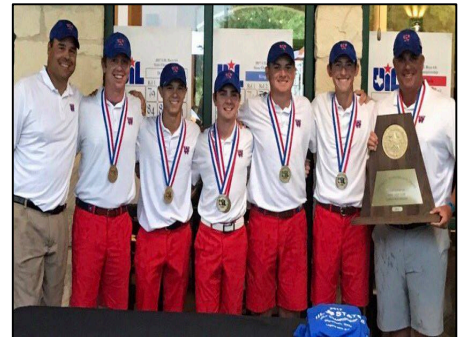
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PURPOSE | To acquaint golf coaches and administrators with the policies, rules, procedures, and forms necessary for proper enforcement of regulations for golf, and to insure a better opportunity for coaches to have first-hand information.

LIMITATIONS | This manual does not cover all rules. The Constitution and Contest Rules is the official UIL rulebook and covers information more detailed than does this manual. Coaches should confer with their principals and superintendents if there are questions concerning the rules.

NOTE | Questions concerning the UIL Golf Plan and eligibility requirements found in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules should be directed to Brian Polk at the UIL office.

~GOLF CALENDAR~

2017-2018

April 11	<u>District Certification</u> - All Conferences
April 23-26	<u>Regional Meets</u> - All Conferences
May 15-16	<u>BOYS' STATE MEET</u>
May 22-23	<u>GIRLS' STATE MEET</u>

UIL Changes and Amendments

GENERAL

- Extend the current exceptions for graduating seniors in baseball and softball to continue to participate after the end of the school year in additional activities.
- Allow schools to request an exception to the holiday restrictions on travel during the winter holiday period when safety concerns exist related to travel.
- Update the Reclassification and Realignment Policies for 2018-2020 alignments.
- Remove requirement for a parent to sign the PAPF in front of a school administrator or notary.
- Amend the PAPF Section III to only require a DEC hearing if question six is marked "Yes".
- Amend the PAPF Section III if any of questions 1-5 are marked "Yes", a full meeting of the DEC would be required only if requested by a member of the committee.
- Clarify participation opportunities for students attending non-disciplinary alternative schools. This now requires a form to complete and submit.
- Restore the allowable number of tournaments/ meets for all sports with the exception of football.
- Include the fee schedule for pay of officials at the state championship contests in team sports in Section 1204 of the Constitution and Contest Rules.
- Require Sports Officials submit background checks every three years, as required by law.
- Requires all foreign exchange students to apply for a parent residence rule waiver before district certification.
- Remove the ability to request and receive a retroactive waiver for a foreign exchange student.
- Allow the Executive Director to settle disputes regarding assignment, scratches or pay of sports in the short term, when time is determined to be of the essence, after consulting with the Chair of the Sports Officials Committee.

Unless noted otherwise, effective August 1, 2017.

~GOLF PLAN~

Excerpt from the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules

Section 1260: GOLF PLAN

- (a) ATHLETIC PURPOSES, CODES, PLAN APPLICABLE. Rules in Sections 1200-1209 apply to the Golf Plan.
- (b) DIVISIONS. There shall be the following divisions in girls' and boys' districts: (1) singles and (2) teams consisting of five (or a minimum of four) entries from the same high school. The singles representatives may also be a member of the team. The medalist for each respective meet is singles champion, regardless of whether he/ she is a member of a team or a single entry.
- (c) REPRESENTATION.
- (1) *Team Limit.* At the district meet, each high school may enter three singles and two teams in each division.
 - (2) *Qualifiers to Regional Meet.* Each district may qualify the first and second place teams and the first and second place individuals to regional competition. If one of the first two individual finishers is on an advancing team, the next highest ranked individual who is not on an advancing team shall advance. If both of the first two individual finishers are on advancing teams, the next two highest ranked individuals who are not on advancing teams shall advance. Meet director shall authorize play-offs to break ties. (See golf manual).
 - (3) *Qualifiers to State Meet.* Each region may qualify the first, second and third place teams and the first, second and third place individual finishers, to state competition. If one of the first three individual finishers is on an advancing team, the next highest ranked individual who is not on an advancing team shall advance. If all three individual finishers are on advancing teams, the next three highest ranked individuals who are not on advancing teams shall advance.
 - (4) *Certification.* Winners will be certified to the next higher meet by the meet director.
 - (5) *Team Member Changes.* Teams qualifying to the next meet qualify as a school team, and members can be changed before the next qualifying meet begins.
 - (6) *Boys', Girls' Team Restrictions.* No girls' teams shall compete against boys' teams and vice versa.
 - (7) *Closing of Entries.* Entries shall not be allowed for district meets unless submitted to the director on or before the fifth day before the first day of the tournament. Districts may authorize a later meeting after the entries are due, to allow for substitutions.
 - (8) *Disqualifications.* A player disqualified (for other than an unsportsmanlike conduct violation) shall have the disqualification apply only to the 18-hole round in which the infraction occurred.
- (d) SUBSTITUTION.
- (1) *No Singles Substitution.* There shall be no substitution allowed in the singles.
 - (2) *Team Substitution.* Once a meet has started no substitution shall be allowed to the school team composed of five players. **Exception:** Injury or illness certified by a physician prior to any 18-hole competition.
 - (3) *District Tournament.* In districts playing more than 36 holes, District Executive Committees shall authorize substitution standards prior to the beginning of competition.
- (e) INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS.
- (1) *Number of Meets.* No student representing a member school shall participate in more than eight tournaments during the school year, excluding one 36-hole maximum district tournament, the regional tournament and the state tournament. Each tournament a school team enters counts as one tournament for each participating individual. Students are considered to be representing their school if they are wearing and/or using school equipment or being directed or transported by a school employee. Tournaments which are limited to three or fewer schools do not count as a tournament for participants, provided there is no loss of school time.
 - (2) *School Week Limitation.* No student representing a member school shall participate in more than one tournament per school week (the first instructional day of the week through the last school day of the week). **Exceptions:** The regional and state tournament, and district varsity tournaments postponed by weather or public disaster, may also be scheduled during the school week. Schools shall not enter invitational golf tournaments scheduled on more than one school day per any one tournament.
 - (3) *End of Season.* Students and teams shall not represent a member school in any golf tournament after the date of the state golf tournament.
 - (4) *Scoring.* In invitational tournaments consisting of 36 holes or less (e.g., a 27-hole tournament), team honors shall be determined by totaling the best four scores for all holes actually played.
 - (5) *Cancellation or Continuation.* A tournament is considered a tournament when all contestants have played one half of the predetermined length. It is recommended that in order to prevent additional loss of school time, the tournament be called and a champion determined on less than the scheduled number of holes. However:
 - (A) If the second half of the tournament has not begun and the tournament cannot be continued, the remaining holes may be played at a later date without counting as another tournament provided there is no additional loss of school time.
 - (B) If less than half of the tournament has been played and the tournament cannot be continued, the tournament may be canceled and does not have to count as one of the allowable 7 tournaments. If there was a loss of school time, the tournament shall be counted.

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- (6) *Time and Order of Starting.* The players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the committee or director. The penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.
- (f) TIES.
- (1) *Individual Ties.* Individual (singles) ties shall be determined by playing additional hole or holes until the tie is broken.
 - (2) *Team Ties.* Team ties shall be broken by the five players with the best scores on the final 18 holes being involved in the playoff of additional hole or holes until the tie is broken.
- (g) PLAYOFF STRUCTURE.
- (1) *Individual Medalist.* The individual with the lowest score will be the medalist. The medalist may be the representative in the singles and/or may be a member of the team. The individual, regardless if team member or singles qualifier, who has the lowest score will win the medalist honors and be the singles winner.
 - (2) *Team Honors.* Team honors shall be determined by adding the best four scores for each 18-hole round of the five players who enter as a team.
 - (3) *Team Winners.* The team with the lowest score will be the team winner.
 - (4) *Ties.* In case of a tie, the five players with the best scores on the final 18 holes will be involved in the playoff.
 - (5) *Monitors.* In district, regional and state competition, golf coaches or qualified volunteers should be assigned to foursomes for monitoring play.
 - (6) *Regional, State Meets.* All entries in the regional and state golf meets will play a total of 36 holes unless the tournament director determines it is necessary to play fewer than 36 holes (a minimum of 9 holes shall be played).
 - (7) *Practice Round.* Individuals and/or teams qualifying for regional and/or state golf may be permitted one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the regional and/or state golf tournament if permitted by the regional and/or state director. Schools shall not use more than one hour during the school day for practice rounds. There shall be no more than one day loss of school time involved in practice or travel in relation to practice preceding the tournament. Once a practice round has been completed, neither teams nor individuals are allowed to return to the site on another day to chip and/or putt. See Section 1206.
- (8) *Electronic Equipment.* Range finders are the only electronic equipment allowed at the district, regional and state tournaments. Range finders that measure distance only may be used during competitive rounds. The operative word is "only". Range finders that offer functions in addition to distance measurement are illegal, even if a player disables other functions. A player using such a device in competition rounds will be subject to the UIL penalty structure (1st offense-warning; 2nd offense-disqualification).
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~PRE-SEASON REGULATIONS~

High School Coaching Requirements

All high school coaches must be full-time employees of the school district. Coaches who knowingly and willfully violate rules may be penalized according to the Constitution and Contest Rules by the District Executive Committee (reprimand) or State Executive Committee (reprimand, public reprimand, suspension). EXCEPTION: A retired teacher/administrator who has 20 or more years of experience may serve as an assistant coach in all athletics and as a head coach for golf, tennis, team tennis, cross country, track and field, and swimming. (This rule shall not affect the status of a coach on a leave of absence attending college.) Also, student teachers, while they are assigned to a participant school to fulfill their student teaching requirements, may volunteer to serve as an assistant coach in all athletics. Schools shall not pay student teachers for assisting athletic coaches.

- TEC Chapter 33.086 - Certification - CPR and First Aid Training
 - Athletic coaches, athletic trainers, cheerleading sponsors and other head directors of UIL extra-curricular activities must have a current certification filed with the district.
- TEC Chapter 22.902 - Certification - AED Training
 - Athletic coaches and sponsors, school nurses, PE teachers, marching band directors, and students that serve as an athletic trainer must have a current certification filed with the district.
- TEC Chapter 33.202 - Annual Requirement – Safety Training
 - Training provided by UIL within the Rules Compliance Program (RCP).
 - Athletic coaches must complete prior to contact with students.
- TEC Chapter 38.158 - Annual Requirement - Concussion Training (2 hours every other year/1 hour annually)
 - Athletic coaches, athletic trainers and potential members of the Concussion Oversight Team must complete the training annually.

UIL Coach Education and Training Requirements

- C&CR 1202(j), UIL Professional Acknowledgment Form - completed and on file with district
- C&CR Section 1208(i), Annual Requirement - Rules Compliance Program (RCP)
 - Training available through Register My Athlete on the UIL website – uil.registermyathlete.com
 - Athletic coaches must complete prior to contact with students.
- C&CR 1209(k), One Time Requirement – National Federation of High Schools (NFHS): Fundamentals of Coaching
 - 6 hours course/\$35 - all first-year coaches and any coach (or JHI volunteer) who is not a full-time employee of the school district.
 - Available through a link on the UIL website or visit www.nfhslearn.org (Print certificate to verify completion)
- C&CR 1208(y), Cheerleading Program Coach/Sponsor– Safety/Risk Minimization for Cheerleading Course
 - Must have a current certification or annual training completed prior to contact with participants.
 - Districts shall determine the organization that will provide the certification or training. Resources are available but not limited to those on the link from UIL web site.
http://www.uiltexas.org/files/health/Cheerleading_Safety_FAQs.pdf
- C&CR 1208(j), Coach with Misconduct – Minimum Educational Requirement
 - Any coach ejected from a contest shall complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course. The course is catalogued for a 6-hour course/\$35. <http://www.nfhslearn.com>
 - Any coach ejected from a contest shall complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior Course. The course is catalogued for a 1.5-hour course/\$20. (<http://www.nfhslearn.com>).

Eligibility for Athletic Contests

Eligibility rules are found in Section 400 and 403 of the Constitution and Contest Rules. Any question regarding a student's eligibility, should be addressed to the school principal and/or superintendent. Residence requirements according to Sections 400 (d) 403, and 442 should be thoroughly investigated for any student new to school.

Students are eligible to represent their school in varsity interscholastic activities if they:

- are not 19 years of age or older on or before September 1 of the current scholastic year. (See 504 handicapped exception.)
- have not graduated from high school.
- are enrolled by the sixth class day of the current school year or have been in attendance for fifteen calendar days immediately preceding a varsity contest.
- are full-time day students in a participant high school.
- initially enrolled in the ninth grade not more than four calendar years ago.
- are meeting academic standards required by state law.
- live with their parents inside the school district attendance zone their first year of attendance. (Parent residence applies to varsity athletic eligibility only.) When the parents do not reside inside the district attendance zone the student could be eligible if: the student has been in continuous attendance for at least one calendar year and has not enrolled at another school; no inducement is given to the student to attend the school (for example: students or their parents must pay their room and board when they do not live with a relative; students driving back into the district should pay their own transportation costs); and it is not a violation of local school or TEA policies for the student to continue attending the school. Students placed by the Texas Youth Commission are covered under Custodial Residence (see Section 442 of the Constitution and Contest Rules).
- have observed all provisions of the Awards Rule.
- have not been recruited. (Does not apply to college recruiting as permitted by rule.)
- have not violated any provision of the summer camp rule, Section 1209.
- have observed all provisions of the Athletic Amateur Rule, Section 441.

Limitation on Awards. Schools may give one major award, not to exceed \$70.00 in value, to a student during high school enrollment at the same school for participation in one of the UIL interschool competitions listed in Section 480. One additional symbolic award, not to exceed \$20.00 in value, may be presented for participation in each additional UIL activity listed in Section 480. The \$20.00 award may be given to a student for an activity during the same year that the major award is given for that activity. *A school may contribute to major awards in honor of winning a UIL State Championship.*

Student-athletes shall be in compliance with the Athletic Amateur Rule from the first day of attendance in the ninth grade through their last day of UIL athletic competition in grade twelve. This includes during school and during non-school time and applies to all UIL competition and to non-school participation in the same sports sponsored by the UIL. (For instance, a race of six miles or longer is not considered to be a cross-country meet, so the Amateur Rule is not applicable to students participating in this type of race.)

Student-athletes in grades 9-12 shall not:

- Accept any valuable consideration as an award for winning or placing in an athletic contest. Valuable consideration is defined as anything wearable, usable or sellable, and includes such items as t-shirts, hamburger coupons, free or reduced rate tennis racquets, etc.
- Accept valuable consideration for teaching or coaching any UIL sport, except beginning swimming or lifesaving lessons.
- Accept valuable consideration for allowing their name to be used for advertisement of a product, plan or service.
- Accept any special service or benefit offered only to athletes or members of an athletic team.

Exception:

- Students may accept reasonable fees that do not exceed prevailing rates for teaching or coaching activities provided they confine the work to teaching or coaching skills.
- Students may accept reasonable fees that do not exceed prevailing rates for officiating athletic contests.

The penalty for violation of the Amateur Rule is forfeiture of varsity eligibility in the involved sport for at least one year from the date of the violation. *The Athletic Amateur Rule is sport specific, so that a violation in one sport would make the student ineligible only in that sport, not in all UIL athletic activities*

Student Participation Required Forms

It shall be the responsibility of each school to keep on file the following required annual forms for each student who participates in any practice, scrimmage, or game. Forms to be filed can be downloaded from the UIL website (www.uiltexas.org/athletics/forms/).

- **Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form.** As a minimum requirement, a Physical Examination Form must be completed prior to junior high athletic participation and again prior to first and third years of high school athletic participation. Local district policy may require an annual physical exam. The form must be filled in and signed by either a Physician, a Physician Assistant licensed by a State Board of Physician Assistant Examiners, a Registered Nurse recognized as an Advanced Practice Nurse by the Board of Nurse Examiners, or a Doctor of Chiropractic. Examination forms signed by any other health care practitioner, will not be accepted.
- **Medical History Form.** Each year prior to any practice or participation a UIL Medical History Form signed by both a student and a parent or guardian is required. A Medical History Form shall accompany each physical examination and shall be signed by both a student and a parent or guardian.
- **Parent or Guardian Permit.** Annual participation permit signed by the student's parent or guardian.
- **Rules Acknowledgment Form.** Annual UIL Rules Acknowledgment Form signed by the student and the student's parent or guardian.
- **Parent/Student Anabolic Steroid Use and Random Steroid Testing Form.** The parent/guardian of each high school athlete, along with each high school athlete, must annually sign the UIL Illegal Steroid Use and Random Steroid Testing Parent and Student Notification/Agreement Form.
- **Concussion Acknowledgement Form.** Annual UIL Concussion Acknowledgment Form signed by the student and the student's parent or guardian.
- **Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form.** Annual UIL Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form signed by the student and the student's parent or guardian.

Varsity Participation Required Forms

It shall be the responsibility of each school to keep on file the following required forms. Forms to be filed can be downloaded from the UIL website (www.uiltexas.org/athletics/forms/).

- **Eligibility Form.** Schools must submit comprehensive eligibility blanks for football, basketball, volleyball, softball, baseball, and soccer. For all other athletic activities, general alphabetical listing of eligible athletes is required. One copy shall be sent to the district executive committee chair and one copy shall be filed in the school's office. Completed eligibility forms are to be signed by the superintendent or a designated administrator and the coach. These forms are to be postmarked before a contestant is allowed to participate in a varsity contest. Failure to furnish correct and complete information may, upon request by the proper committee, constitute grounds for suspension.
- **Previous Athletic Participation Form.** New students in grades 9-12 who represented their former school in a varsity or sub-varsity athletic contest or practice in grades 8-12 in any previous school year must have a Previous Athletic Participation Form completed prior to participation in a varsity contest at the new school.
- **Late Forms.** If an eligibility form or a Previous Athletic Participation Form was not filed prior to competition, and it was an inadvertent error and the student is actually eligible under Subchapter M of the Constitution, the district executive committee is not required to demand forfeiture or to rule the student ineligible. They may assess the minimum penalty of private reprimand to the school.
- **Foreign Exchange Students.** Subject to the other eligibility rules of the Constitution, foreign exchange students in approved CSJET foreign exchange programs are allowed to apply for exceptions to the residence rule through the UIL waiver process. A waiver could be granted in certain activities if they have not received advanced training or have not had extensive experience in the activity of their choice. Foreign exchange students are not eligible for varsity athletic participation unless they are granted a Foreign Exchange Student Waiver.
- **Varsity Athletic Eligibility for Over-Age Student.** Subject to the other eligibility rules of the UIL Constitution, an individual is eligible to participate in a League varsity athletic contest as a representative of a participant school if that individual is less than 19 years old on September 1 preceding the contest; or has been granted eligibility based on a handicapping condition which delayed his or her education by at least one year and the student is currently in special education and under the auspices of an ARD Committee or has been identified as a 504 student prior to the end of their second year in high school (effective for entering ninth graders in the current school year).

Pre-Season Practice Regulations

Pre-season practice regulations for sports that begin practice prior to the school year are as follows-

- Students-athletes shall not engage in more than three hours of practice activities on those days during which one practice is conducted.
- Student-athletes shall not engage in more than five hours of practice activities on those days during which more than one practice is conducted.
- The maximum length of any single practice session is three hours.
- On days when more than one practice is conducted, there shall be, at a minimum, TWO hours of rest/recovery time between the end of one practice and the beginning of the next practice.
- **Schools shall not schedule more than one practice on consecutive days, and student-athletes shall not participate in multiple practices on consecutive days. (Exception - Volleyball)**

When determining how to count times spent as "practice activities" please consult the following pre-season chart:

<u>What Counts</u>	<u>What Doesn't Count</u>
Actual on field/court practice	Meetings
Sport specific skill instruction	Weight training*
Mandatory conditioning	Film study
Water breaks	Injury treatment
Rest breaks	Voluntary conditioning*

*Does not count towards practice time, but cannot be done during the two-hour rest/recovery time.

In reference to the minimum TWO hour rest/recovery time between the end of one practice and the beginning of the next practice (on days when more than one practice is scheduled), there can be no practice activities at all during this time. This time is exclusively for students to rest/recover for the following practice session, whether that session is an actual on field/court practice or a mandatory conditioning period.

Regular Season Practice Regulations

- Eight Hour Rule - Practice outside the school day, from the beginning of the school week through the end of the school week (excluding holidays), is limited to a maximum of eight hours per school week, per activity.
- The in-school athletic period does not count towards the allotted 8 hours.
- Any time used in connection with a practice that is not part of the athletic period counts as part of the 8 hours. (Dress, mandatory weights/video/meetings, etc.)

Contest Schedule Rules

The following section combines State Law, State Board of Education regulations, and UIL rules. The Texas Education Agency defines participation as being involved with the activity, traveling with the team, or sitting on the bench. UIL defines participation of a student athlete as actually entering the contest as a player. Example: On a Tuesday night, the student's name is on the scorebook but she remains on the bench and does not actually enter the game. This counts as participation for TEA but not UIL. In other words, that student cannot participate again until Friday after school because of TEA regulations, however that game does not count as one of the allowable games as determined by UIL policy.

Constitution and Contest Rules: Section 5: Definitions

- **Calendar week** means 12:01 a.m. on Sunday through midnight on Saturday.
- **School week** means the week beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first instructional day of a calendar week and ends at the close of instruction on the last instructional day of the calendar week, excluding holidays.
19 TAC 97.113 (K)(1)-
- **One contest per school week:** School districts shall adopt policies limiting extracurricular activities from the beginning of the school week through the end of the school week (excluding holidays) by scheduling no more than one contest or performance per activity per student. *Exception: Tournaments and post-season competition, as well as district varsity contests postponed by weather or public disaster, may also be scheduled during the school week.
- **Eight-hour practice rule:** School districts shall adopt policies limiting extracurricular activities from the beginning of the school week through the end of the school week (excluding holidays) by limiting practice outside the school day to a maximum of eight hours per school week per activity.

Participation.

- (b) (b) SUNDAY PROHIBITION. A UIL member school shall not participate in any athletic contest or conduct any practice or teach any plays, formations or skills on Sunday.
- (1) Violation. Any showing of films to or meetings of athletes for the purpose of instruction or reviewing of plays, formations or skills in any sport will be construed as a violation.
 - (2) Coaches Sunday Meetings. This does not prevent coaches from meeting on Sunday or from seeing films or planning an instructional program, provided no athletes are involved in this meeting.
 - (3) Exceptions.
 - (A) Golf. If the regional and/or state golf tournaments are scheduled on a Monday, the one 18-hole practice round allowed at the regional and/or state tournament site may be played on the Sunday afternoon preceding the meet (no earlier than 12:00 noon) if permitted by the regional or state meet director.
 - (B) Tennis. If the regional and/or state tennis tournaments are scheduled on a Monday, and if participants arrive at the site on the preceding Sunday because of travel distance, it will not be a violation of this rule if school district personnel accompany or transport participants to a tennis court for the purpose of practicing on their own, if permitted by the regional or state meet director.
 - (C) Cross Country. If the regional and/or state cross country meets are scheduled on a Monday, and if participants arrive at the site on the preceding Sunday because of travel distance, it will not be a violation of this rule if school district personnel accompany or transport participants to the course site for the purpose of practicing on their own, if permitted by the regional or state director.
- (c) REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT COMPETITION ON SUNDAY. Regional or state tournament directors may reschedule postponed or weather delayed tournaments on Sunday afternoon or evening with prior approval of the tournament director and the participating schools and with prior permission from the UIL Athletic Director.

District Executive Committee (DEC)

Jurisdiction. The DEC shall rule on protests and reports of violations concerning eligibility and other violations of the Constitution and Contest Rules (C&CR) that occur within its district.

Composition. The DEC is composed of the superintendents of participant schools competing in the assigned UIL Playing District. The superintendent may designate administrators to represent participant schools in a multi-high school district.

Responsibilities.

- The DEC shall arrange a schedule to determine district representatives prior to the deadline specified in the official calendar.
- The DEC shall certify in writing, eligible district representatives in all athletic activities.
- Pre-Season Regulations
- The DEC shall determine in writing, prior to the season, the method to determine the district representatives in the event two or more schools are tied in win/loss percentages. (NOTE: If a tie-breaker procedure is not provided prior to the season, the UIL tie-breaker will be used.)
- The DEC shall enforce all rules contained in the C&CR.
- The DEC shall investigate the eligibility of contestants.
- The DEC shall settle within the district all disputes.

- The DEC does not have the authority to require a school to purchase equipment which is not required by rules stated in the C&CR.
- The DEC shall take such other action that is reasonable, necessary or desirable, and consistent with the UIL C&CR, the rules of the State Board of Education and the law.
- The DEC shall determine the place of games in the case there is a disagreement between two teams.
- The State Executive Committee shall have jurisdiction in all disputes arising between district winners that have been duly certified.

School Authority Responsible. The superintendent shall be responsible for the proper conduct of athletic contests in a school system.

Observe Rules. Each school shall abide by all rules contained in the Constitution. In case an ineligible contestant is used in any League game, knowingly or unknowingly, the minimum penalty shall be forfeiture of the game.

~REGULAR SEASON~

Golf Tournament Regulations

Number of Contests allowed (2017-18)

- 8 Tournaments excluding one district, regional and state tournament

Conferences. Participating schools shall be divided into conferences according to UIL spring meet alignments.

Divisions. There shall be the following divisions in girls' and boys' districts: (a) singles and (b) teams consisting of five (or a minimum of four) entries from the same high school. Singles entries may also be a member of the team. This must be designated. The medalist for each respective meet is singles champion, regardless of whether he/she is a member of a team or a single entry.

Official Rules. All matches shall be played under the United States Golf Association rules. Contestants may not use caddies or electric carts during district, regional or state tournaments. A pull cart may be used. **Students with disabilities as defined by ADA may apply for a waiver. Contact the UIL office for details.**

By district executive committee approval in district play, and in regional and state competition, the player shall pick up the ball and record a score of 9 after the 8th stroke on a hole.

For example: If a player picks up his/her ball after the 8th stroke, a score of 9 is recorded. If a player picks up his/her ball after the 9th stroke, a score of 10 is recorded.

Coaching Rule. A coach may engage (coach) with the player(s) from tee to green. Once a player steps onto the green, no coaching is allowed until all participants have finished the hole.

- At district, regional and state competition, only one coach is allowed to coach that team/individual once play has begun that day for that team or player(s).
- The intent of the one coach rule per team or individual is not to limit a coach from coaching but rather limit the amount of coaches per school.

Penalty Structure:

First Offense - Warning

Second Offense - Stroke penalty for player and loss of coaching privileges for the coach

Third Offense - Disqualification of the player for the entire tournament.

Representation. No student or team representing a member school shall participate in more than eight tournaments during the school year, excluding district, regional and state tournaments. Each high school may enter three singles and two golf teams in each division.

Dress Regulations. Individuals and teams representing member schools in golf shall wear school-approved clothing. It is recommended that clothing be in school colors, similar in design, and/or have the school identifying logo or name. All clothing does not have to be identical, but the school officials must approve whatever is worn.

Double Entry. A school may, if permitted by the tournament director, play more than one team at the same varsity tournament. This would constitute one tournament for the team and for each golfer of the eight school tournaments allowed.

School Week Limitation. No student or team representing a participant school shall participate in more than one tournament per school week (the first instructional day of the week through the last school day of the week). See Contest Schedule Rules (p. 12-13) for definition of calendar week.

*Exceptions: The regional and state tournament, and district varsity tournaments postponed by weather or public disaster, may also be scheduled during the school week. Schools shall not enter invitational golf tournaments scheduled on more than one school day per any one tournament.

School Tournament Defined. A meeting of more than three schools or a match in which there results in a loss of school time is defined as a school tournament. It could also be considered a school tournament if, in a non-school tournament, a student is wearing school uniforms or equipment, using school transportation, or is being directed in the tournament by a coach paid by the school.

Invitational Tournaments. In invitational tournaments, consisting of less than 36 holes (e.g., a 27-hole tournament), team honors shall be determined by totaling the best four scores for all holes included in the tournament to avoid dividing team play into increments of less than 18 holes. Hosts may still schedule a 9-hole competition if desired.

Non-School Tournament. If a student participates in a non-school tournament, it will not count as one of his/her school tournaments providing he/she is not representing the school.

Junior Varsity. A bona fide junior varsity team may represent a school and attend junior varsity tournaments. This team would also be limited to eight junior varsity tournaments. A golfer could move from the junior varsity level to the varsity level, but a combined total of eight tournaments (at any level) would still be in effect for the player.

Tournament Cancellation or Continuation. A tournament is considered a tournament when all contestants have played one half of the predetermined length. (It is preferred that in order to prevent additional loss of school time, the tournament shall be called and a champion determined on less than the scheduled number of holes.)

- If the second half of the tournament has not begun and the tournament cannot be continued, the remaining holes may be played at a later date without counting as another tournament provided there is no additional loss of school time.
- If less than half of the tournament has been played, and the tournament cannot be continued, the tournament may be canceled and does not have to count as one of the allowable eight tournaments. **(If there was a loss of school time, the tournament must be counted.)**

Awards. High school participants may receive trophies or medals. They cannot accept anything of valuable consideration. Using the students' names for advertising purposes, if paid, is prohibited.

~POST SEASON~

Representation.

- **Qualifiers to Regional Meet.** Each district may qualify the first and second place teams and the first and second place individuals to regional competition. If one of the first two individual finishers is on an advancing team, the next highest ranked individual who is not on an advancing team shall advance. If both individual finishers are on advancing teams, the next two highest ranked individuals who are not on advancing teams shall advance. If a medalist is placed on one of the advancing teams, the next highest finisher will replace the medalist now on the team at the regional tournament. Meet director shall authorize play-offs to break ties. Winners will be certified to the next higher meet by the tournament director.
- **Qualifiers to State Meet.** Each region may qualify the first, second and third place teams and the first, second and third place individual finishers, to state competition. If one of the first three individual finishers is on an advancing team, the next highest ranked individual who is not on an advancing team shall advance. If all three individual finishers are on advancing teams, the next three highest ranked individuals who are not on advancing teams shall advance. If a medalist is placed on one of the advancing teams, the next highest finisher will replace the medalist now on the team at the state tournament. Meet director shall authorize playoffs to break ties. Winners will be certified to the next higher meet by the tournament director.

Dates. District certification deadline is April 11, 2018. Regional tournaments may be held on April 23-26, 2018.

District Sites. The sites of the tournament shall be determined by the spring meet district executive committee.

Regional Sites and Directors. Regional sites and directors may be found on the UIL website at <http://www.uilTEXAS.org/golf/regional-sites>.

Entries. Entries are due to the district golf director **five** days before the district meet. District meet director will certify district results to the regional director. Regional meet directors will certify to state meet director.

Starting Times. The players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the district or regional director. The penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.

Rules Committee. A rules committee appointed by the district spring meet executive committee should be established to act on all violations. A PGA pro should be a member of this committee.

Course Rules. All course rules shall be discussed by the golf course professionals at the coaches' meeting.

Coaching Rule. A coach may engage (coach) with the player(s) from tee to green. Once a player steps onto the green, no coaching is allowed until all participants have finished the hole.

- At district, regional and state competition, only one coach is allowed to coach that team/individual once play has begun that day for that team or player(s).
- The intent of the one coach rule per team or individual is not to limit a coach from coaching but rather limit the amount of coaches per school.

Penalty Structure:

First Offense - Warning

Second Offense - Stroke penalty for player and loss of coaching privileges for the coach

Third Offense - Disqualification of the player for the entire tournament.

Dress Regulations. Individuals and teams representing member schools in golf shall wear school-approved clothing. It is recommended that clothing be in school colors, similar in design, and/or have the school identifying logo or name. All clothing does not have to be identical, but the school officials must approve whatever is worn.

Substitutions. The final decision on substitutions is left up to the district committee. It is recommended there be no substitution in the individual or medalist competition and no substitution of team members after the start of the last 36 holes of a district tournament. Exception: Injury or illness certified by a physician or academic eligibility or ineligibility prior to any 18-hole competition. The tournament director should be notified of a substitution as soon as possible.

Length of District Tournament. A district tournament schedule may be comprised of as many holes as the district executive committee authorizes to determine a district champion. However, no more than the last 36 holes of play to determine district

representatives will count as the one allowable district tournament. All other district rounds count against the seven-tournament limitation.

Length of Regional Tournament. All entries in the regional golf meet will play a total of 36 holes unless the tournament director determines it is necessary to play fewer than 36 holes (minimum of nine holes).

Inclement Weather. If weather conditions prevent playing the predetermined number of holes, fewer holes (played by all golfers) may be used to determine winners.

Disqualifications. According to UIL rules, a player disqualified for an unsportsmanlike conduct violation COULD have all scores posted by the player not count toward the team score.

- For example, a player disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct during the first round will not be allowed to continue. First round scores of a player disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct during the second round may or may not be cancelled. Thus, the first day or second day score may not be used for the team score.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as profane, vulgar and/or abusive language audible to others; carelessly and/or deliberately throwing clubs; verbalizing with intent of intimidation; or exhibiting behavior not in accordance with the spirit of fair play. First consideration of penalty should be per USGA rules. If the golfer's action warrant, penalty may be disqualification for the round, and/or in the opinion of the tournament director the violation is flagrant, disqualification could be for the tournament.

Please note that in accordance with USGA Rules of Golf, a player that cannot complete the round because of illness or injury is not subject to disqualification for the remainder of the tournament if the tournament director or the rules committee is notified and the reason satisfactory.

Electronic Equipment. Range finders (all types such as GPS, watches, etc.) are the **ONLY** electronic equipment allowed at the district, regional and state tournaments. Range finders that measure **DISTANCE ONLY** may be used during competitive rounds. The operative word is "only". Range finders that offer functions in addition to distance measurement are illegal, even if a player disables other functions. A player using such a device in competition rounds will be subject to the UIL penalty structure (1st offense - warning; 2nd offense - disqualification).

Scoring. In district, regional, and state tournaments, team honors shall be determined by adding the best four scores for each 18-hole round (when more than 18 holes are played, the best four scores for each round are added together). The team with the lowest score will be the team winner. In case of a tie, all five players will be involved in the playoff. All entries in the regional and state golf meets will play a total of 36 holes unless the tournament director determines it is necessary to play fewer than 36 holes.

Spectators. The following rules should be discussed with all participants and coaches. Parents, and interested spectators should be reminded that they are spectators and it is not their responsibility to report possible rule violations. Rule violations should be reported by the players or the marshals of the meet. Parents, friends, and other spectators should stay a substantial distance from competitors during play. After play has started, only coaches may coach "or advise" players. On course encouragement, support, applause, etc. is not considered coaching or advice; therefore, it is permissible.

Protests. Any protest lodged must be initiated by a contestant or school official - either a player, coach or administrator from the school for whom a student is playing - before the scores are designated as final by the tournament director.

Regional Practice Rounds. *Individuals and/or teams qualifying for regional golf may be permitted one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the regional tournament if permitted by the director of the tournament. There shall be no more than a one-day loss of school time involved in practice or travel in relation to practice preceding the tournament. State law allows only one hour per school day for practice.*

Under certain restrictions listed below, teams and individuals who qualify for regional and state tournament may use the Sunday afternoon preceding the tournament for the one 18-hole practice round allowed by Sections 1206 (b)(3)(A) and 1260 (g)(7) providing: a) The first round of competition at the tournament is scheduled on Monday, and b) Practice rounds are permitted by the regional spring meet director (or state golf tournament director at the state tournament).

State Tournament

Coaches Meeting. The coaches' meetings will be conducted at each of the respective courses at a time designated by the UIL and Golf Pro. Times will be posted on the UIL website. Discussion of rules, distribution of packets and posting of the official starting times for players will be part of this meeting. The course Pro and one UIL official will be at each meeting to answer questions.

Registration. All coaches will be asked to sign in, pick up packets, and register lodging sites of teams.

Substitutions. If at all possible, **call team substitutions to the League office one week prior to the state tournament.** Other substitutions may be permitted upon registration or tee-off, but not after a team begins the tournament.

Tournament Director. Brian Polk shall serve as the tournament director.

Dates and Sites.

BOYS – May 14-15, 2018

Sites TBD

GIRLS – May 21-22, 2018

Sites TBD

Rules Committee. The site director and rules committee members shall rule on all state tournament golf rule situations.

Caddies and Carts. Caddies and electric carts are prohibited at the state tournament. Pull carts may be used, but participants are required to begin the round with a pull cart if one is desired. **Students with disabilities as defined by ADA may apply for a waiver. Contact the UIL office for details.**

Course Rules. All course rules shall be discussed by the golf site professionals at the coaches meeting.

Practice Rounds. Individuals and/or teams qualifying for state golf may be permitted one practice round of 18 holes at the site of the state tournament if permitted by the director of the tournament. There shall be no more than a one-day loss of school time involved in practice or travel in relation to practice preceding the tournament. State law allows only one hour per school day for practice. *Each course pro shop will schedule practice times for the state tournament.*

Pairings. Pairings shall be made by the UIL and will be posted on the UIL website by Friday, May 4, 2018 at 12:00pm.

Start Times. The team or individuals shall start at the time and in the order announced by site director. The penalty for violating this rule is disqualification.

State Green Fees. Fees for state championships are for all courses and dates. Payment of green fees for state tournament shall be paid at the respective course. Please check the UIL website for more information. Prices below include all green fees (including practice rounds), practice balls, and coaches cart during tournament rounds only.

Team Total: \$600

Medalist Total: \$150

Teams may play their one practice round anytime between the regional tournament and the state tournament and utilize this fee. Checks may be paid during the week of the state tournament. **All Sunday practice rounds must be played after 12:00 pm.**

Coaching Rule. A coach may engage (coach) with the player(s) from tee to green. Once a player steps onto the green, no coaching is allowed until all participants have finished the hole.

- At district, regional and state competition, only one coach is allowed to coach that team/individual once play has begun that day for that team or player(s).
- The intent of the one coach rule per team or individual is not to limit a coach from coaching but rather limit the amount of coaches per school.

Penalty Structure:

First Offense - Warning

Second Offense - Stroke penalty for player and loss of coaching privileges for the coach

Third Offense - Disqualification of the player for the entire tournament.

Electronic Equipment. Range finders (all types such as GPS, watches, etc.) are the **ONLY** electronic equipment allowed at the district, regional and state tournaments. Range finders that measure **DISTANCE ONLY** may be used during competitive rounds. The operative word is "only". Range finders that offer functions in addition to distance measurement are illegal, even if a player disables other functions. A player using such a device in competition rounds will be subject to the UIL penalty structure (1st offense - warning; 2nd offense - disqualification).

Awards. Awards shall be distributed at the conclusion of the tournament at their site by the site director or UIL staff.

Programs. Each team will receive one free program for the state tournament. Others may be purchased at each site during the tournament.

State Tournament Certificates. Certificates shall be given to each participant.

State Tournament Tickets. Admission is free to the UIL Golf State Tournament.

Dress Regulations. Individuals and teams representing member schools in golf shall wear school-approved clothing. It is recommended that clothing be in school colors, similar in design, and/or have the school identifying logo or name. All clothing does not have to be identical, but the school officials must approve whatever is worn.

~OFF-SEASON REGULATIONS~

Off-Season Regulations

Team Sports Practice. School teams shall be prohibited from practicing team skills before or after school except during the specified practice dates and during the one allowable period during the school day.

Off-Season Participation. Varsity or non-varsity athletes shall not be required to participate in an off-season program on the day of an in-season competition.

Participation Requirement. Students shall not be required to participate in one school sport as a prerequisite for participation in another school sport.

Policies. Written school policies for use of facilities during the off-season, outside the school day, and during the summer months should be approved by the school administration and dispersed to all staff and students.

Off-Season Period Limits. Off-season activities are limited to one regular classroom period (max. 60 minutes) per day within which all suiting out, related activity, and redressing must occur. (See Side-by-Side Manual for block schedules, etc.)

Power and/or Weight Lifting. Off-season athletes whose schools have an athletic period during the school day may not participate on power lifting teams unless weight training is provided for off-season athletes during the in-school-day athletic period. It would also make it a violation for power lifting teams to be limited to athletes or to be required as part of an athlete's off-season program.

- A number of member schools have power lifting or weight lifting clubs. These clubs are involved in weight lifting tournaments or contests throughout the academic year. These guidelines are intended to control a problem that now exists as opposed to encouraging or requiring year-round workouts. It is the intent to insure that the use of summer weight rooms is a strictly voluntary activity on the part of any athlete.
 - Schools may open weight-training facilities for general student body use. Schools may NOT open weight training facilities for members of athletic teams only.
 - Supervision of the facility by faculty members is permitted for safety and security purposes. Supervisors may NOT provide specific sport team skills instruction for members of school athletic teams.
 - A schedule of when the weight training facility will be open should be publicized. Schools may NOT set a schedule for members of athletic teams to appear at the facility at a particular time or have a sign-in sheet or check-in list for athletes.
 - It is permissible to have a supervisor of the facility provide instruction for proper lifting, spotting, care of and placement of weight apparatuses. The supervisor of a facility may NOT require athletes to lift specified amounts of weight or require that they complete prescribed sets.
 - Schools may hire a coach or another faculty member to supervise the facility as outlined in #2. This hiring or appointment must be approved by the superintendent or his/her designee. Schools may have more than one school employee in a supervisory capacity at any one time.
 - Schools may provide a general weight schedule for students, but may NOT provide athletes individual workout schedules which require activities to be at specified hours, specify a number of workouts, or designate specified groups of students to be involved at a certain time.
 - Weight training schedules provided to students may be sequential. Schedules may NOT be provided that include calendar designations requiring specific days for certain sequential activities such as July 1 upper body, July 2 lower body, etc.
 - Students may keep progress charts but shall NOT be required to turn them in to coaches.
 - If there is a report of a violation, the burden of proof to the contrary rests with the school or school employee.
 - If a large majority of a team is working out together, it could be considered strong evidence that it is a team workout and a possible violation.
 - All weight training facility use and policies must be approved by the superintendent or his/her designee.

Off-Season Open Facilities

Schools may make available to the general student body any and all recreational facilities according to local school board policies. Coaches shall not require or coerce members of athletic teams to workout at these facilities at times other than specifically listed in their respective sport plans in the Constitution and Contest Rules. Below are clarifications of permissible activities. If a particular situation is not covered, please contact the UIL office.

- Facilities if open, must be open to members of the general student body. Facilities may not be reserved at specific times for members of athletic teams outside the school day.
- Equipment (excluding uniforms or wearing apparel) may be used by the general student body. This equipment may not be available exclusively to athletes or members of athletic teams.
- Supervision of facilities for safety and security may be provided by a faculty member or non-faculty member approved by school administrator or school board. Supervisors shall not provide skill instruction to members of school athletic teams.
- If the majority of a school team is using the facility at the same time, participating in any team skill activity, it indicates a violation has taken place even though a coach is not present. Students may train on their own, but a member of a team shall not be required to perform a prescribed set of skills on a weekly or daily basis. It is not necessary for a coach to be present in order for a workout to be judged as "organized."
- The presence of a coach or coaches at a facility where members of their team(s) are participating in activities usually is an indication that an activity is an organized workout.
- If there is a report of a possible violation, the burden of proof rests with the school or school employee.
- The dates and times of operation shall be announced, posted, or publicized so that every student attending that school is aware of the opportunity.
- Each activity is based on a first come, first served basis.
- School coaches are responsible for notifying student athletes in their sport that their off season and summer participation is on their own, not required or checked, and is in no way a prerequisite for making the team or getting more playing time.
- Coaches should not participate with their athletes in the athletes' sport. Such actions place the responsibility on the coach and school to prove they are not violating Sunday and off-season regulations.
- Varsity or non-varsity athletes may not be required to participate in an off-season program on the day of an in-season competition.
- Students may not be required to participate in one school sport as a prerequisite for participation in another sport.
- Required attendance in an off-season program is prohibited. Attendance sheets could be a strong indication that a violation has occurred.
- School teams shall be prohibited from practicing team skills before or after school except during the specified practice dates and during the one allowable period during the school day. During this period, all suiting out, related activity and re-dressing must occur.

Summer Strength and Conditioning Programs

School coaches may conduct strength and conditioning programs for students in grades 7-12 from their attendance zone for a total of six weeks under the following conditions:

Limitations. Sessions may be conducted from the first day of summer vacation until the second Monday in August. A session shall be no more than two consecutive hours per day, Monday through Thursday only, and a student shall attend no more than one session of supervised instruction per day for a total of six weeks.

Activities Allowed. The sessions shall include only strength and conditioning instruction and exercises. No specific sports skills shall be taught and no specific sports equipment, such as balls, dummies, sleds, contact equipment, etc., shall be used. School shorts, shirts and shoes may be provided by the school (local school option).

Attendance. Attendance in a maximum of one session per day shall be voluntary and not required in order to try out for or participate in any UIL activity. Attendance records shall be kept, however, students shall not be required or allowed to make up missed days or workouts.

Fees. Fees, if any, shall be established by the superintendent and collected by the school. Any payment to coaches shall be from the school and from no other source.

Important points to remember for coaches, athletes and parents are as follows:

- Strength and conditioning sessions may be held after the last official day of school until the second Monday in August.
- School coaches may conduct sessions only on Monday through Thursday of each week.
- Sessions conducted by coaches shall be no more than two consecutive hours per day.
- A student shall not attend more than one two-hour session (conducted by a school coach) per day.
- Sessions conducted by school coaches shall only include students who are incoming seventh graders or above from their attendance zone.
- Sessions shall include only strength and conditioning instruction and exercises.
- Sport specific skill instruction is prohibited.
- Sports specific equipment (balls, dummies, sleds, contact equipment) is prohibited.
- The school (local school option) may provide school shirts, shorts and shoes.
- Attendance shall be voluntary. Coaches shall not require athletes to attend in order to try out for or participate in any UIL sport.
- Attendance records shall be kept, however students shall not be required or allowed to make up missed days. Students may work out on their own, without direction of the school coach.
- Fees, if any, shall be established and approved by the superintendent and collected by the school.
- Any payment for conducting strength and conditioning sessions to school coaches who instruct students from their attendance zone in grades 7-12 shall be from the school and no other source.
- Schools must take administrative care to prohibit an athlete from working with one school coach for two hours and a separate school coach for another two hours.

Non-School Activities

I. The Constitution and Contest Rules state:

Section 1209

- (a) **REQUIRED PARTICIPATION PROHIBITED.** Students shall not be required to play on a non-school team in any sport as a prerequisite to playing on a school team.
- (b) **OFF-SEASON SCHOOL FACILITY USE.** See Section 1206.
- (c) **BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL CAMPS WHERE SCHOOL PERSONNEL WORK WITH THEIR OWN STUDENTS.** After the last day of the school year in May, June, July and prior to the second Monday in August, on non-school days, all students other than students who will be in their second, third or fourth year of high school may attend one camp in each team sport, held within the boundaries of their school district, in which instruction is given in that team sport, and in which a 7th-12th grade coach from their school district attendance zone works with them, under the following conditions:
- (1) Number of Days. Attendance at each type of sports camp is limited to no more than six consecutive days.
 - (2) Prohibited Activities. Students shall not attend football camps where contact activities are permitted.
 - (3) Fees. The superintendent or a designee shall approve the schedule of fees prior to the announcement or release of any information about the camp. The Texas Education Code requires school districts to adopt procedures for waiving fees charged for participation if a student is unable to pay the fee, and the procedures must be made known to the public. Fees for all other students shall be paid by the students and/or their parents.
 - (4) School Equipment. Schools may furnish, in accordance with local school district policies, school-owned equipment, with the following restrictions:
 - (A) Schools may not furnish any individual baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball or volleyball player equipment, including uniforms, shoes, caps, gloves, etc., but may furnish balls and court equipment including nets, standards, goals, etc., for volleyball, basketball and soccer camps.
 - (B) For football camps, schools may furnish hand dummies, stand-up dummies, passing and kicking machines and footballs. Use of any other football equipment, including contact equipment, is prohibited.
 - (C) For baseball and softball camps, schools may furnish balls, bats, bases, pitching and batting machines, batting helmets and catcher protective equipment. Use of any other baseball and/or softball equipment is prohibited.
- (d) **BONA FIDE SUMMER CAMPS.** The provisions of the summer camp rules do not apply to bona fide summer camps giving an overall activity program to the participants.
- (e) **CHANGE OF RESIDENCE FROM OUT OF STATE.** The provisions of the summer camp rules do not apply in the case of a person who attends an athletic training camp which is allowed under the rules of the state in which the student then

lives, and then makes a bona fide change of residence to Texas, provided that there has been no deliberate attempt to circumvent the rule.

(f) OFF-SEASON PARTICIPATION IN NON-SCHOOL TEAM SPORTS.

- (1) School coaches shall not coach 7-12 grade students from their own attendance zone on a non-school team or in a non school camp or clinic, with the exception of their own adopted or birth children.
- (2) School equipment shall not be used for non-school teams/leagues.

(g) COACHING RESTRICTIONS. For non-school competition, school coaches shall not schedule matched games for students in grades 7-12 from their attendance zone. School coaches may assist in organizing, selecting players and coaches, and may supervise school facilities for non-school league play. School coaches shall not coach or instruct 7-12 grade students from their school district attendance zone in the team sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball or volleyball. School coaches shall not supervise facilities for non-school activities on school time. See Section 1201.

Individual Sports

Cross Country, Golf, Tennis, Track and Field, and Wrestling (Guidelines are also applicable to team sports)

During the school year.

- Coaches of individual sports are allowed to work with student athletes from their attendance zone in non-school practice during the school year with limitations. Coaches should be aware that any time spent working with a student-athlete from their attendance zone in grades 7-12, whether in school or non-school practice, will count as part of the eight hours of practice allowed outside of the school day during the school week under state law.
- Coaches should abstain from any practice which would bring financial gain to the coach by using a student's participation in a camp, clinic, league, or other non-school athletic event, such as a rebate for each player sent to a particular camp or from each player using a particular product (Section 1201 [b, 9]).
- Coaches shall not charge a fee for private instruction to student-athletes during the school year. The restriction on charging fees for private instruction applies only to those students who are in grades 9-12, from the coach's attendance zone and participating in the sport for which the coach is responsible (Section 1201 [b, 9]).
- Coaches should abstain from any practice that makes a student feel pressured to participate in non-school activities (Section 1201 [b, 10]).

Outside of the school year.

- Outside of the school year, the restrictions are somewhat reduced. Coaches are allowed to coach student-athletes from their own attendance zone.
- The use of school funds, school equipment, school uniforms or school transportation is prohibited. Exception: School administrators may authorize the use of facilities, including scoreboards, implements, cross bars, poles, discus, shot puts, nets, etc. for school programs which are open to all students.
- School coaches can work with students from his/her own attendance zone in summer recreational programs (i.e. They coach in meets and tournaments with permission from superintendent or superintendent's designee).
- Coaches should abstain from any practice which would bring financial gain to the coach by using a student's participation in a camp, clinic, league, or other non-school athletic event, such as a rebate for each player sent to a particular camp or from each player using a particular product (Section 1201 [b, 9]).
- Coaches should abstain from any practice that makes a student feel pressured to participate in non-

~QUICK LINKS~

Below are links to help you find information pertaining to UIL Rules and Regulations.

Constitution and Contest Rules (C&CR) . The UIL Constitution and Contest Rules are the official rules that govern all UIL-sponsored activities and also define the direction, function and purpose of the League.

- [Constitution & Contest Rules](#)

TEA-UIL Side-by-Side. The UIL publishes this document to provide member schools notice of the Texas Education Agency, which relate to UIL and all other extracurricular activities sponsored or sanctioned by the school district.

- [Download the 2017-2018 TEA-UIL Side-by-Side](#)

Booster Club Guidelines. This document provides guidelines, which govern all booster club activities related to UIL-sponsored competition. Since the UIL regulates and governs what participants, sponsors, and coaches may and may not accept, it is very important booster club members and parents are aware of these guidelines.

- [Download the UIL Booster Club Guidelines](#)

Golf Plan – Section 1260 of the C&CR

- [Golf Plan](#)

Employment of Coaches – Section 1202 of the C&CR

- [Sections 1200 - 1203](#)
- [Required Training](#)

Athletic Eligibility – Section 1205 the C&CR

- [Sections 1205 - 1206](#)
- [Eligibility Standards for UIL Contests](#)

School Practice and Game Restrictions – Section 1206 of the C&CR

- [Sections 1205 - 1206](#)
- [Summer Strength and Conditioning Program Regulations](#)
- [Off Season and Non-School Participation Regulations](#)
- [Preseason Practice Regulations Activities Outside the School Year \(updated\)](#)

Rules Violations and Penalties – Section 1207 of the C&CR

- [Sections 1207 - 1210](#)

Athletic Regulations – Section 1208 of the C&CR

- [Sections 1207 - 1210](#)



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