



2011 SOFTBALL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to schools who will represent their district in post season play. The following information will help to make sure teams are properly certified to advance in the play-offs from one round to the next.

1) CERTIFICATION DATES FOR SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

April 26	Last date to determine district representatives, All Conferences.
May 3	Last date to determine bi-district champions, All Conferences.
May 7	Last date to determine area champions, All Conferences.
May 14	Last date to determine regional quarterfinal champions, All Conferences.
May 21	Last date to determine regional semifinal champions, All Conferences.
May 28	Last date to determine regional final champions, All Conferences.
June 2-4	State Softball Tournament, All Conferences.

2) INFORMATION LINKS

Required to be filled out for each round of play-offs.

- **Softball Playoff Game Results Form**-The winning coach should submit this form immediately after each play-off game:
<http://www.uilTEXAS.org/machform/view.php?id=54>
- **Softball Next Round Playoff Game Form**-The winning coach should submit this form to immediately notify the UIL of the next round play-off information:
<http://www.uilTEXAS.org/machform/view.php?id=55>

3) PLAY-OFF GAMES

PRE-PLANNING

- Details of all play-off games from bi-district to state shall be arranged by the two teams involved. This includes site selection. In case there is a dispute regarding a neutral or home site or time of a game, it shall be settled by the flip of a coin (Note: Unless mutually agreed, all games shall be played at a midpoint site for schools located more than 100 miles apart and neutral sites cannot be more than two-thirds the total distance between the two schools.)
- Bi-district games may not be played until after the final date for district certification in that respective conference, unless permission is granted by all possible next round opponents. All other playoff games may not be played until after the final date for completion of the prior round championships.

- Play-off games may not be played until after the final date for completion of the prior round championships, exception bi-district.

SINGLE ELIMINATION OR TWO-OUT-OF-THREE SERIES

- Play-off games may be single elimination or two-out-of-three from bi-district to state. If neither method is mutually agreeable, a coin flip shall determine play-off format.

Two-out-of-three

- If a schools play a two-out-of-three elimination series, the first (and only the first) game may be played prior to Friday, provided there is ***no loss of school time traveling to or participating in the game.*** Please refer to the C&CR, Section 1220 (h) for rules regarding two-out-of-three game series.
- Schools playing a two-out-of-three series should set parameters for the series prior to the first game. The parameters should include, but not limited to the following areas: how the schools will handle weather problems and delays, how far schools will travel to find an available field, giving up home field advantage and securing officials must be discussed before one team gains a position of advantage after the first game is completed and the weather is a factor.
- A two-out-of-three series that does not get a complete game in by the end of the day Friday automatically reverts to a one game series.
- If one game is played and a second game cannot be played on Saturday because of weather, then the winner of the game advances to the next round.
- If two games are played (and split) and the third game cannot be played on Saturday because of weather conditions, then the third and deciding game should be played on Monday of the next week.

PLAY-OFF GAME RULES

- National Federation Rules will be followed for all play-off games.
- All games or a game will be played to completion of seven innings.
- In all play-off games, suspended games shall be continued at the point of suspension.
- The 10 run rule is enforced in all play-off games.

OTHER NOTABLE AREAS

- If both schools have concluded their school year, they may play on any day.
- A team cannot be forced to flip for a TIME that would prevent a school from attending GRADUATION.
- A team cannot be required to play on the night prior to FINAL EXAMINATIONS.
- The UIL staff draws all state tournament brackets.

4) RAIN (BAD WEATHER POLICY)

- 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.
- 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.

- Extreme scheduling difficulties such as those mentioned above could result in a coin flip which would determine the representatives to the next round.

5) TEAM PICTURE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT

Teams advancing to the Regional semi-final game must email (pictures@mail.uil.utexas.edu) the items requested below. *The subject of your email must include your school name.* The following materials **must be received in our office by May 24th**. 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 list of all games played. Fill out online on the UIL web site – http://www2.uilutexas.org/db/softball_teaminfo.lasso)
- Team Picture (5x7 color photo). Email to pictures@mail.uil.utexas.edu.
- Picture of Head Coach (head and shoulder shot). Email to pictures@mail.uil.utexas.edu.
- School mascot or school logo (camera ready art work if possible, if not a copy of the mascot from your letterhead, etc.). Email to pictures@mail.uil.utexas.edu

6) REGIONAL CHAMPION (STATE TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER)

Immediately following your regional final game, call Sheila Henderson (cell: 512-626-3398) and report the following information:

- Score of the regional final game (or games in 2 out of 3 series)
- Final season record (Please make sure that tournament games are counted correctly.)
- Have scorebook available if there are questions regarding your season record