2014 BASEBALL 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 BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

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According to section 33.0812 (a) and (e) of the Texas Education Code:

Sec. 33.0812. SCHEDULING EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

(a) The State Board of Education by rule shall prohibit participation in a University Interscholastic League area, regional, or state competition:

1) on Monday through Thursday of the school week in which the primary administration of assessment instruments under Section 39.023(a), (c), or (l) occurs; or

2) if the primary administration of the assessment instruments is completed before Thursday of the school week, beginning on Monday and ending on the last school day on which the assessment instruments are administered.

(e) This section does not apply to testing dates on which assessment instruments are administered only to students retaking assessment instruments.

It is the responsibility of each school to evaluate the testing calendar for students in their school to make determinations on participation in post season contests.

**Notes on STAAR testing**

- If any student in the school is taking any test at any time that day (excluding those administered only to students retaking assessment instruments as noted above), no playoff game can be scheduled Monday through Thursday, as required by state law.
- Once testing is complete for the week, teams may schedule playoff games beginning the following day, provided they remain in compliance with UIL rules for scheduling playoff games.
- On Friday, when there are timed tests that end at a time certain, with school approval teams could travel no earlier than 30 minutes after the scheduled end of tests on Friday.
- If any test for any student on a team involved in a post-season contest occurs on Friday and is an untimed test, travel for that team is not permitted until the end of the school day.
- If there are conflicts between a playoff series and the state track meet, it is recommended (but not required) that schools schedule only a one-game series.

*** All dates, times, and materials are subject to change.
2) INFORMATION LINKS

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

- **Baseball Playoff Game Results Form**-The winning coach should submit this form immediately after each play-off game: https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=39
- **Baseball Next Round Playoff Game Form**-The winning coach should submit this form to immediately notify the UIL of the next round play-off information: https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=40
  
  OR

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

Learn more about how to use MaxPreps: http://www.uiltexas.org/athletics/uil-maxpreps.

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.)
- 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@uiltexas.org) 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 27th*. 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 – [https://www.uiltexas.org/forms/team-info-baseball](https://www.uiltexas.org/forms/team-info-baseball)
- Team Picture (5x7 color photo). Email to pictures@uiltexas.org.
- Picture of Head Coach (head and shoulder shot). Email to pictures@uiltexas.org.
- 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@uiltexas.org.

Please contact Jessica Lane at (512) 471-5883 if you have any questions.
6) REGIONAL CHAMPION (STATE TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER)
   Immediately following your regional final game, call Darryl Beasley (cell: 512-238-0968)
   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