

**Proposed Amendment to the  
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

**A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment**

This amendment would set the fee schedule for pay of officials that are selected to work state championship contests in team sports.

**B. Factual and Policy Justifications**

The pay for officials that work the state championship games is not currently listed in Section 1204 of the C&CR. The set fee schedule will indicate officials' pay for state contest in team sports.

**C. Proposed Amendment**

Section 1204(m) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

According to section 1204 (m) of the Constitution and Contest Rules:

(m) FEE SCHEDULE.

(1) *Baseball.*

Each Game Per Official

**Playoffs:**

Bi-District	\$80
Area	\$90
Quarter-Finals	\$100
Regional Semi-Finals	\$110
Regional Finals	\$120
STATE TOURNAMENT	\$130

(2) *Basketball.*

Each Game Per Official

**Playoffs:**

Bi-District	\$75
Area	\$85
Quarter-Finals	\$95
Regional Semi-Finals	\$105
Regional Finals	\$105
STATE TOURNAMENT	\$130

(4) *Soccer.*

Each Game Per Official

**Playoffs:**

	Referee	AR	Total
Bi-district	\$70	\$60	\$190
Area	\$80	\$65	\$210
Sectional	\$85	\$70	\$225
Quarter-Finals	\$100	\$80	\$260
Regional Semi-Finals	\$125	\$85	\$295
Regional Finals	\$125	\$85	\$295

<b>State Tournament</b>	\$125-130	\$85-90	\$295-310
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(5) <i>Softball.</i>	
Each Game Per Official	
<b>Playoffs:</b>	
Bi-District	\$80
Area	\$90
Quarter-Finals	\$100
Regional Semi-Finals	\$110
Regional Finals	\$120
STATE TOURNAMENT	\$130

(7) <i>Volleyball.</i>	
Each Game Per Official	
<b>Playoffs:</b>	
Bi-District	\$70
Bi-District- Line Judges	\$50
Area	\$80
Area - Line Judges	\$50
Quarter-Finals	\$90
Quarter Finals - Line Judges	\$50
Regional Semi-Final	\$100
Regional Semi Final - Line Judges	\$60
Regional Finals	\$100
Regional Finals - Line Judges	\$60
STATE TOURNAMENT	\$130
STATE TOURNAMENT LINE JUDGES	\$70

***D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools***

This proposal has fiscal impact to schools that participate in team sport state championships.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2017.

**Proposed Amendment to the  
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

This proposal amends Section 1204(c)(1), Registration and Eligibility of Sports Officials, UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* in regards to criminal background checks.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

The proposed amendment is in response to a new law, HB 1075, regarding criminal background checks for sports officials. The new law will require sports officials, after having an initial background check, to submit to subsequent background checks every three years, rather than annually, to maintain registration with the UIL. All currently registered sports officials would be required to undergo a subsequent background check no later than September 1, 2020.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 1204(c)(1), Registration and Eligibility of Sports Officials, UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules*.

In order to officiate a UIL varsity contest a sports official must:

- (1) be registered with the UIL in the sports being officiated, and annually provide the UIL with directory information and, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, submit to a criminal background check;

***D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools***

This amendment would have no financial impact on UIL member schools.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2017.

**Proposed Amendment to the  
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation***

This amendment alters the Reclassification and Realignment Policies for the 2018-2020 alignment.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

These changes reflect the addition of split conference alignment for 5A Football, recognizes the creation of a sixth conference in Marching Band and reinstates regulations regarding single high school ISDs that have an alternative campus without its own attendance zone.

***C. Proposed Recommendation***

The UIL Reclassification and Realignment Policies would be amended as follows effective for the 2018-2020 alignment, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

**Conference and District Assignment Policies and Procedures  
2018-19 and 2019-20 Realignment**

1. The League office shall obtain enrollment data on participant schools (grades 9-12).
2. The League office shall verify the enrollment figures submitted by the schools.
3. Conference AAAAAA should consist of a minimum of 220 schools and a maximum of 250 schools participating in football, **NOT INCLUDING SCHOOLS CHOOSING TO OPT UP TO AAAAAA**; Conferences AA through AAAAA should consist of a number of schools such that the enrollment ratio in grades 9-12 between the largest school and the smallest school is approximately 2.0. There should be at least 200 schools each in Conferences AA and AAAAA. Conference A shall consist of all schools that are not in Conferences AA-AAAAAA.
4. Schools with an enrollment of 104.9 or lower may choose to participate in Conference A football (six-man football) or may opt to play in Conference AA football (eleven-man football) but remain in Conference A for other applicable activities (see #6 below). Schools desiring to participate in Conference A football may submit enrollment figures by any one of the following combinations of grades: grades 9, 10, 11 and 12; grades 8, 9, 10 and 11; grades 7, 8, 9 and 10; or grades 9 and 10 doubled.
5. Any school may request to be elevated one conference, provided notification is submitted to the League office simultaneously with enrollment figures.
6. Conference A, AA, AAA, AAAA and AAAAA schools will be further divided by enrollment figures for football (see (d) below). Then map pins are used to represent all schools in a conference and both divisions of Conference A, AA, AAA, AAAA and AAAAA football. Schools are placed into districts keeping the following criteria in mind:
  - a. Group geographically contiguous schools in groups of no more than ten, unless approved on appeal to the District Assignment Appeals Committee. Schools in a district in urban areas may not always be contiguous.
  - b. Except in academics, wrestling and Conference A, AA, AAA, AAAA and AAAAA football, there are 32 districts to facilitate the playoff procedures (except in activities that do not have enough schools).
  - c. Multiple-high school districts with more than one school in the same conference will have those schools assigned as follows.

- (1) Multiple High School Districts with 11 or More Schools in the Same Conference: A multiple high school district with 11 or more schools in the same conference shall have its schools assigned to two or more UIL districts, unless requested otherwise by the ISD superintendent and approved by the UIL executive director. Any UIL district resulting from this division with seven or fewer schools from the same ISD in it may have additional schools assigned to the UIL district by the League office.
  - (2) Multiple High School Districts with Seven or Fewer Schools in the Same Conference: A multiple high school district with seven or fewer schools in the same conference shall have its schools assigned to the same UIL district. Other schools may also be assigned to this UIL district by the League office.
  - (3) Multiple High School Districts with Schools in Different Conferences: A multiple high school district may opt to have one or more of its schools elevated one conference if it wants its schools to be assigned to the same UIL district.
  - (4) Multiple High School Districts with schools in more than one conference, one of which is a non-disciplinary alternative school. (see examples of these schools below). A multiple high school district with schools in more than one conference, one of which is a non-disciplinary alternative school, shall have the non-disciplinary alternative school placed in the same conference as the high school in that school district with the largest enrollment. Examples of non-disciplinary alternative schools: drop-out prevention and drop-out recovery schools, credit recovery schools, schools of choice, ISD charter schools, high school equivalency (GED) programs, career and technical education campuses, early college campuses, T-STEM campuses, men's/women's leadership academies etc.
  - (5) EXCEPTION: Exceptions to the above may be made when agreed upon by all participating schools and approved by the District Assignment Appeals Committee.
- d. Conference A, AA, AAA, AAAA and ~~AAAAA~~ Football: Conference A, AA, AAA, AAAA and ~~AAAAA~~ football schools will be divided into large schools (Division 1) and small schools (Division 2), through the state championship event, with 16 districts in each division.
  - e. There will be six (6) Conferences in the following activities: Cross Country, Football, Basketball, ~~MUSIC~~ and Spring Meet (Academics [including One-Act Play], Golf, Tennis and Track and Field). There will be five (5) Conferences in the following activities: ~~MUSIC~~, Volleyball, Baseball and Softball. There will be three (3) Conferences in the following activities: Team Tennis and Soccer. There will be two (2) Conferences in the following activities: Swimming/Diving and Wrestling.
7. There shall be no attempt made to perpetuate or avoid "old rivalries." Socioeconomic and ethnicity factors are not considered.
  8. A school may be placed in different districts for different activities to alleviate extreme travel situations.
  9. If there is a clerical error in assignment or if a school has been omitted, the staff is authorized to correct the error or omission. Schools in both districts will be notified of the correction.
  10. A school may change districts with the unanimous consent of all schools in both districts. This is the first level of appeal.
  11. If the first level of appeal is denied, schools may appeal their district assignment to the District Assignment Appeals Committee. All schools will be notified of the deadline for this appeal.
  12. A school may be disqualified from district honors for up to two years in that sport for contracting games prior to finalizing the reclassification and realignment by all UIL appeal committees. Athletic schedules will not be considered official until approved by the superintendent of the member school district.
  13. Schools may play their first football game the last Thursday in August. Beginning practice dates will remain the same for all conferences. Schools will be limited to no more than ten regular season games.
  14. Schools shall be assigned to football districts only in even-numbered years.
  15. A new school may be assigned on a non-honors basis in football for one two-year assignment period based on their enrollment.

16. Charter Schools.
  - a. Charter schools may be reassigned to a higher conference if actual enrollment is larger than enrollment projections.
  - b. Charter schools shall not be assigned to a football district unless they have provided evidence to the UIL staff that they have participated previously.
  - c. Unless its enrollment qualifies it for a higher conference, a charter school shall have its classification determined by placing it in the conference of the lowest enrolled school from the ISD in which the charter school is physically located.
    1. This rule is applicable to charter schools located within an ISD consisting of three (3) or more high schools.
    2. Any charter school that is elevated in conference under this rule will receive an automatic appeal to UIL staff regarding their conference assignment. Additionally, any charter school who chooses may appeal the decision of UIL staff to the District Assignment Appeals Committee.
17. Schools gaining or losing students by consolidation, where two (2) or more schools are combined, may have their conference and district assignments changed during the two-year alignment period.
18. Schools will not be changed because of loss or gain within a district during growth or decline in membership after enrollment figures are certified.
19. Schools may be in different regions in different activities.
20. District numbering begins in the north or west and culminates in the southern part of the state.
21. Schools which are assigned to an athletic district and fail to participate may be suspended by the State Executive Committee in the germane activity, see section 27 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.

#### FORMULAS

A participant school shall be classified for assignment to a conference on the basis of enrollment on a date from the previous October. The formulas used to determine enrollment shall be:

1. Schools with four high school grades (9-12) or three high school grades (10-12) which will receive incoming tenth graders from specific, identifiable schools:

$$\text{Enrollment} = \text{Grades } 9 + 10 + 11 + 12$$

2. Schools with only grades 10-12 when it cannot easily be determined which schools the ninth graders will attend as tenth graders:

$$\text{Enrollment} = \text{Grades } (10 + 11 + 12) \times 1.33$$

3. Schools with only grades 11-12 when it cannot easily be determined which schools the tenth graders will attend as eleventh graders:

$$\text{Enrollment} = \text{Grades } (11 + 12) \times 2$$

4. New schools:

Schools opening or entering competition in the first year of an alignment period will have their conference placement determined by the following procedure:

- a. Opening or entering with 1 grade: Enrollment (projected or actual) multiplied by 2
- b. Opening or entering with 2 grades: Enrollment (projected or actual) multiplied by 1.33
- c. Opening or entering with 3 grades: Enrollment (projected or actual) multiplied by 1.33
- d. Opening or entering with 4 grades: Enrollment (projected or actual)

Schools opening or entering competition in the second year of an alignment period will have their conference placement determined (for varsity activities in which they participate) by the enrollment (projected or actual, with no multiplier applied) with which they open.

Existing schools affected by the opening of a new school (which will open or did open in the first or second year of an alignment) will have their conference placement determined based on their projected enrollment for the coming school year.

- 5. Counting students in ‘alternative schools’.** Alternative schools include (but may not be limited to): discipline alternative education programs, juvenile justice alternative education programs, juvenile detention centers, county jails, drop-out prevention and drop-out recovery schools, credit recovery schools, schools of choice, ISD charters, high school equivalency (GED) programs, career and technical education campuses, early college campuses, T-STEM campuses, men’s/women’s leadership academies, or other ISD schools that do not have defined attendance zones from which they draw their students.

**IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH ONLY ONE HIGH SCHOOL OPENS A SECOND HIGH SCHOOL WITH THE SAME ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES AS ITS PRIMARY HIGH SCHOOL, THE ENROLLMENT OF BOTH SCHOOLS WILL BE COMBINED TO DETERMINE CONFERENCE PLACEMENT FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

Alternative schools where the students remain enrolled in their original school and are counted in the enrollment of that school should not be counted more than once.

Alternative schools that are participating member schools in UIL will have all of their students counted toward the enrollment at the alternative school.

Member schools that allow students attending non-disciplinary alternative schools to participate in UIL activities at their school must count any such student toward their enrollment figures.

Alternative schools that are not participating member schools in UIL are required to report students toward the enrollment figures of the ‘traditional’ school each student would have attended based on the residence of the parents of said student or to the school the student would attend by ISD policy if they were not enrolled in the alternative school.

***D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools***

This recommendation would not have a fiscal impact on member schools.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective for the 2018-2020 alignment, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Proposed Amendment to the  
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

This proposed Amendment to Section 22 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules clarifies the Executive Director's authority to appoint hearing officers and other positions as needed.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

This amendment makes clear the Executive Director's authority to make certain appointments and includes this appointment authority in the list of the Executive Director's other duties.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 22 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 22:      UIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- (a) APPOINTMENT. The President of The University of Texas at Austin appoints a person to serve at his or her pleasure as the Executive Director of the UIL. The Executive Director is an employee of The University of Texas at Austin.
- (b) SUPERVISION. The Executive Director of the UIL is supervised by the Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement of The University of Texas at Austin.
- (c) RESPONSIBILITIES. The Executive Director of the UIL has the responsibility:
  - (1) to serve as the chief administrative officer of the UIL;
  - (2) to employ, in accordance with all applicable employment policies of The University of Texas at Austin, all UIL staff and consultants;
  - (3) to issue annual plans for playoffs;
  - (4) to reschedule contests (See Section 382);
  - (5) to seek support for the UIL by obtaining, subject to The University of Texas at Austin policy, beneficial sponsorships and other forms of support;
  - (6) to negotiate media and other contracts concerning rights and assets owned and/or controlled by UIL that are in accord with The University of Texas at Austin policy and give the best value to the UIL;
  - (7) to prepare the annual budget for the UIL and submit for approval within the regular process of The University of Texas at Austin;
  - (8) TO APPOINT HEARING OFFICERS AND MAKE VARIOUS AD-HOC COMMITTEE AND OTHER UIL APPOINTMENTS AS NECESSARY AND CONSISTENT WITH THE UIL CONSTITUTION AND CONTEST RULES; AND
  - (9) to take such other, further, and reasonable actions that are necessary or desirable under and consistent with:
    - (A) the binding actions taken by the Legislative Council or the State Executive Committee or other UIL bodies authorized to take binding actions on behalf of the UIL;
    - (B) the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules*;
    - (C) the rules of the State Board of Education;
    - (D) the policies of The University of Texas at Austin; and
    - (E) the law.

***D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools***

This proposed amendment should have no significant fiscal impact on member schools.



***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Proposed Amendment to the  
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

This amendment clarifies the appeal structure for Reclassification and Realignment.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

This proposal would recognize that not all alignments are released at the same time and clarifies the provisions under which a school can choose to opt up or appeal to a higher conference and the potential impact of that decision.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 354 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 354: FIRST APPEAL: DISTRICT REASSIGNMENT BY AGREEMENT

SUBJECT TO SECTION 355 (B) BELOW FOR RELEASE OF THE FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL ALIGNMENTS, if within one month after the district assignments have been released FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES, a school that is not satisfied with its assignment obtains the unanimous written approval by the superintendents of the schools in the district to which it was assigned and of the schools in the district to which it wants to be assigned, and the contiguous relationship of all of the schools involved is not disturbed by the proposed reassignment, the school is entitled to be reassigned as it proposed. A school may appeal to be assigned to a district within a higher conference than that to which its membership qualifies it ~~only under extreme travel conditions~~, and if the appeal is granted, it will be assigned to the higher conference for all UIL activities; EXCEPTION: MUSIC. A school shall not appeal to be assigned to a district within a lower conference than that to which it is assigned. The school shall promptly inform the Executive Director of the proposed reassignment, furnishing the supporting statements. If the Executive Director finds that the school is entitled to be reassigned, the Executive Director shall reassign the school as it proposed and shall notify all the other schools and school districts concerned of the district reassignment.

Section 355: DISTRICT ASSIGNMENT APPEALS COMMITTEE

- (a) APPEAL COMMITTEE. The chair of the Legislative Council shall appoint from the Legislative Council the members of the District Assignment Appeal Committee and designate a chair.
- (b) REQUEST. Within 10 days after the conference and district assignments have been released, a school whose first appeal was denied by the sending and/or receiving district may request a review of the district assignment by filing its request and a supporting statement with the District Assignment Appeal Committee and informing in writing the superintendent and principals of the schools in the district to which it was assigned and in the district to which it wishes to be assigned.
- (c) RULES. The Committee shall adopt and publish rules of procedure to be followed in the reviews.
- (d) REVIEW. Upon receipt of a timely request for review, the Committee shall set the date for the review and inform the applicant school and the schools in the affected districts of the time and place of the review. Parties may provide oral testimony.
- (e) MEMBER INVOLVED. If a member of the Committee is involved in the appeal, that member shall abstain from deliberations and voting, and the chair of the Legislative Council shall appoint a member of the Council to sit in that member's place.

- (f) **GROUND FOR CONFERENCE REVIEW.** The only ground for review of conference assignment is an error in the enrollment basis. It is not considered an error in enrollment when a school wants to revoke its decision to be elevated one conference after the deadline for making this decision has passed. Schools shall not appeal to be assigned to a smaller conference based on evidence that they submitted figures that were too high, unless original documents verifying the error(s) are presented to the UIL staff prior to the release of the cutoff figures. A charter school that is physically located within the boundaries of an independent school district with three or more high schools, and is placed in a conference higher than the one for which its enrollment qualifies it, may appeal its conference assignment according to the UIL reclassification and realignment policies.
- (g) **DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE.** The Committee shall make a decision in writing within two days after the review. The Executive Director shall promptly inform the applicant school and the schools in the affected districts of the decision.

***D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools***

There would be no fiscal impact to member schools with this amendment

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Proposed Amendment to the  
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***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

This amendment clarifies participation opportunities for students attending non-disciplinary alternative schools.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

Existing rules and interpretations already allow for this participation. This amendment would add a paperwork process to document that participation with the school, District Executive Committee and the UIL office.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 406 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 406: FULL-TIME DAY STUDENT

A person is considered a full-time day student if that person:

- (a) is enrolled and attends classes in a member school for which the current year's membership fee has been paid, or is enrolled in the ninth grade or tenth grade on a campus separate from the high school, and who will, by school district policy and not by choice, attend a specific high school (See Official Interpretation 05-09-01, Appendix I);
- (b) is enrolled in the number of courses required by state law and by rules of the State Board of Education; and
- (c) is in compliance with written transfer and admission policies of the local school district.
- (d) Subject to local school district discretion, students attending non disciplinary 'alternative' schools such as magnet or ISD charter schools within the same independent school district that do not offer UIL participation opportunities, may be in compliance with this section and eligible to participate in the division (Academics, Athletics, Music) of UIL activities not offered at the non disciplinary 'alternative' school. A student's eligibility under these circumstances would be at the school the student would attend based on the residence of the parent's of the student and/or the school the student would attend by school district policy if they were not enrolled in the non disciplinary 'alternative' school.
- (e) A STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN UIL ACTIVITIES AT A MEMBER SCHOOL UNDER (D) ABOVE OR OFFICIAL STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INTERPRETATION 10-03-12 OR 00-09-13 COULD DO SO BY COMPLETING AND FILING THE NON-DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION FORM WITH THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL, DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE UIL OFFICE PRIOR TO SAID PARTICIPATION.

***D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools***

There would be no fiscal impact to member schools with this amendment

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Proposed Amendment to the  
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***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

This proposal would amend Section 443(e), Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF), *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* by removing the requirement for a parent to sign the PAPF in front of a school administrator or notary public, and would amend the PAPF by only requiring a District Executive Committee (DEC) hearing if the previous school coach or administrator marked “yes” on number six in Section III of the PAPF.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

UIL is currently creating an electronic version of the PAPF that parents will be able to complete online. This new digitized process of completing a PAPF would make getting a school administrator or notary public to sign the PAPF difficult. Also, a DEC hearing is currently required if the previous school coach or administrator marks any of the six questions in Section III “yes.” A DEC hearing could still be held if any of the six questions are marked “yes,” but this amendment would only require a DEC hearing if number six in Section III of the PAPF was marked “yes.”

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 443 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

I. Section 443(e) PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM (PAPF):

(e) PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM (PAPF). An individual is presumed to have changed schools for athletic purposes if he or she participated with his or her former school in any UIL athletic contest or practice in grades eight through twelve during any previous school year until:

- (1) the student’s parents change their residence to the new school or attendance zone; (See Section 442(g) for a student who changes residence with a separated parent);
- (2) the superintendent (or designated administrator) and principal and/or coach of the previous school sign a PAPF stating that the student was not recruited to the new school and did not change schools or attendance zones for athletic purposes;
- (3) the superintendent (or designated administrator) of the new school signs a PAPF stating that the student was not recruited and is not changing schools for athletic purposes;
- ~~(4) the parents sign a PAPF either in front of the new school’s administrator or a notary public that they reside in the new school district or attendance zone and the change was not made for their child’s athletic purposes; and~~

~~(5) 4) the District Executive Committee approves the completed PAPF.~~

NOTE: The District Executive Committee is not bound to determining only the status of students who participated at another school the previous or current year, as it relates to changing schools for athletic purposes.

II. PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM: PAGE 2, SECTION III.

III. LAST SCHOOL OF PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE: Section III must be completed for any new student in grades 9-12 who has ever participated in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, team tennis, tennis, track and field, volleyball or wrestling in grades 8-12 at another school in the United States or Mexico before they are eligible to participate at the varsity level at the new school. Please check the appropriate responses below. ~~If any of the questions in this section~~ QUESTION SIX ~~are~~ is marked 'Yes' a full hearing of the District Executive Committee (DEC) is required in the new district.

1. Was there any conflict or dissatisfaction between the student, his/her parents, and the athletic/academic supervisors at the school?
2. Was this student recruited to attend another school or was any undue influence exerted upon this student or family to change schools?
3. Did this student quit an athletic activity or program while enrolled in your school? If yes, attach explanation to DEC.
4. Was this student ever suspended or removed from your school athletic program? If yes, attach explanation to DEC.
5. Would the student be prohibited from participation in athletics had they not changed schools? If yes, attach explanation to DEC.
6. Based on your knowledge of the student and their circumstances, is this student changing schools for athletic purposes?

***D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools***

This proposal has no fiscal impact to schools.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

# Previous Athletic Participation Form University Interscholastic League

All new students in grades 9-12 who have ever practiced or participated in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, team tennis, tennis, track and field, volleyball or wrestling in grades 8-12 at another school in the United States or Mexico **MUST** have this form completed by the last school of participation and be approved by the District Executive Committee before they are eligible to participate at the **VARSITY LEVEL** at the new school. **A student being continuously enrolled for one calendar year still requires a Previous Athletic Participation form before they are eligible to participate at the VARSITY LEVEL in athletics.**

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ New School: \_\_\_\_\_ Last School of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's current address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

**I. ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION:** This section should be completed by the individual(s) with whom the student is currently residing at the new school. We, the undersigned, certify that the student is in compliance with the transfer and admission policies of the local school district. This student is not changing schools for athletic purposes and was not recruited. We understand that any false or incorrect information could cause the student to be declared ineligible and could result in the forfeiture of contests in which the student has participated at the new school, in addition to other penalties.

Previous address \_\_\_\_\_ Status of previous residence?    sold    leased    vacant    still own

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS FOR PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ -DATE- \_\_\_\_\_  
 New school administrator or notary public (NOTARY SEAL)

**If witness is the new school administrator, notarization is not required.**

**II. NEW SCHOOL CERTIFICATION:** We certify that to our knowledge no one from our community has offered any inducement, directly or indirectly to the student or parents to move into our district. To the best of our knowledge this student is not changing schools for athletic purposes.

Name of New School \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of new school superintendent or designated administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**III. LAST SCHOOL OF PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE:** Section III must be completed for any new student in grades 9-12 who has ever participated in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, team tennis, tennis, track and field, volleyball or wrestling in grades 8-12 at another school in the United States or Mexico before they are eligible to participate at the varsity level at the new school. Please check the appropriate responses below. **If any of the questions in this section are QUESTION SIX IS marked 'Yes' a full hearing of the District Executive Committee (DEC) is required in the new district.**

Yes    No

1. Was there any conflict or dissatisfaction between the student, his/her parents, and the athletic/academic supervisors at the school?
2. Was this student recruited to attend another school or was any undue influence exerted upon this student or family to change schools?
3. Did this student quit an athletic activity or program while enrolled in your school? **If yes, attach explanation to DEC.**
4. Was this student ever suspended or removed from your school athletic program? **If yes, attach explanation to DEC.**
5. Would the student be prohibited from participation in athletics had they not changed schools? **If yes, attach explanation to DEC.**
6. Based on your knowledge of the student and their circumstances, is this student changing schools for athletic purposes?

Print Name of Former superintendent or designated administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name of Former principal or coach \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature of Former superintendent or designated administrator \_\_\_\_\_ AND \*Signature of Former principal or coach \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\* two signatures required)

Last School of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVAL:** We certify the above named student is approved. Check the appropriate box:    **Varsity**    **Sub-varsity only** (    applying for a Waiver)

**Any 'Yes' answer in Section III to questions 1-6 above requires a full hearing of the District Executive Committee (DEC) to determine the eligibility status of the student and required before applying for a Parent Residence Rule waiver. The student would be ineligible for varsity athletic participation until the DEC hears testimony from the previous school, the student/parent and the new school and makes an eligibility determination. DATE OF HEARING \_\_\_\_\_**

School \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_ District No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (School of District Executive Committee Chairman)

Signature of District Executive Committee Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

The District Chairman makes two copies of the completed form. Send one copy to the student's current school and the other copy to the University Interscholastic League, Box 8028, University Station, Austin, Texas, 78713. Retain the original in your file.

**Proposed Amendment to the  
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

***C. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

This proposed Amendment to Section 465 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules requires all foreign exchange students to apply for a parent residency waiver by no later than the district certification deadline for the sport(s) in which the student wishes to participate.

***D. Factual and Policy Justifications***

All foreign exchange students need a parent residency waiver; this amendment would just impact the timing of when they may apply. The amendment would establish a date certain by which all foreign exchange students must seek a waiver. Waiting until after the district certification to seek a waiver makes the timelines more difficult to manage as the playoffs have already started and creates questions within the district regarding eligibility. This deadline would also avoid the problems that can arise from playing an ineligible player should the waiver be denied and an appeal be necessary.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 465 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 465: DECISION BY WAIVER OFFICER

- (a) DECISION. Within 14 days after the Waiver Officer determines that the application is complete, the Waiver Officer shall upon the basis of the application and written statements decide whether the waiver should be granted and the applicant declared eligible.
- (b) BASIS FOR DECISION.
  - (1) *Residence Rule, Sections 403 (f) and 442.*
    - (A) *International Baccalaureate Program.* The waiver of the residence requirements of a student who changes schools to enroll in the International Baccalaureate Program may be granted unless the District Executive Committee has determined the student changed schools for athletic purposes.
    - (B) *Other Waivers of Parent Residence Rule.* If the Waiver Officer finds that the circumstances that caused the student to be ineligible were caused by involuntary and/or unavoidable action such that the Waiver Officer could not reasonably expect the student to comply with the rules, the Waiver Officer shall grant the waiver.
  - (2) *Four Year Rule, Sections 400 (g) and 408.* If the Waiver Officer finds that the circumstances that caused the student to be ineligible were caused by involuntary and/or unavoidable action such that the Waiver Officer could not reasonably expect the student or the parents to comply with the rule, and if those same circumstances caused the student to miss an entire season's participation in an activity, the Waiver Officer shall grant the waiver.
  - (3) *Foreign Exchange Students.* The waiver of the residence requirement of a foreign exchange student may be granted under the following conditions:
    - (A) a copy of the student's J-1 visa and certification papers from the approved CSIET (Council on Standards for International Educational Travel) United States Foreign Exchange Program accompanies the waiver form;
    - (B) the exchange student has not completed four years of high school attendance and/or graduated from high school;
    - (C) the exchange student has not received advanced training (defined as training which is above and beyond that which is normally provided in Texas public schools) in the germane activity prior to arriving in Texas, such as pre-Olympic training, being nationally ranked or having similar status in a sport, or participation on a national team;



- (D) the exchange student has not been placed with a host or a school based on athletic interests or abilities, whether initiated or caused by a student, a natural or host parent, a school, a program or any other interested party; and
  - (E) the exchange student meets all other University Interscholastic League eligibility rules.
  - (F) A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT MUST APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE AN APPROVED WAIVER BEFORE THE DISTRICT CERTIFICATION DEADLINE.
- (4) *Age Rule, Sections 403 (b) and 446.*
- (A) If the Waiver Officer finds that the student meets the requirements set forth in Section 463, the Waiver Officer shall grant the waiver.
  - (B) The decision of the Waiver Officer shall be final.
- (5) The waiver is granted for specific athletic activities. If students wish to participate in an athletic activity other than the specific one(s) for which they were originally granted a waiver, such requests shall be presented by the school to the District Executive Committee which shall grant or deny the request. Notifying the Waiver Officer for each subsequent sport is not required.
- (6) Ignorance of the rules is not a basis for granting a waiver.
- (c) NOTIFICATION. The Waiver Officer shall promptly send a copy of the decision to the applicant, superintendent, principal and the chair of the District Executive Committee.
- (d) EFFECT OF DECISION. If the Waiver Officer decides that the applicant is eligible, the student may participate in a UIL contest until the Waiver Review Board issues a change in eligibility status by overturning the waiver.

***D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools***

This proposed amendment should have no significant fiscal impact on member schools.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Proposed Amendment to the  
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

***E. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

This proposed amendment to Section 469 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules eliminates a foreign exchange students' ability to request and receive a retroactive waiver.

***F. Factual and Policy Justifications***

All foreign exchange students must have a parent residency waiver in order to be eligible to participate in varsity sports. To allow a foreign exchange student to play a complete season without a school seeking a waiver for them is grossly negligent at best. The possibility of a retroactive waiver lends an air of uncertainty to a foreign exchange student's eligibility and the contests that he or she has participated in.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 469 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 469: RETROACTIVE WAIVER

- (a) WHO MAY APPLY. If a District Executive Committee has determined that a student, WHO IS NOT A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT, BUT who is OTHERWISE ineligible according to Section 400 (g) or 403 (f) has participated in a varsity contest, and the District Executive Committee and the superintendent of the school the student attends jointly request a retroactive waiver, the Waiver Officer shall review the facts of that case.
- (b) APPLICATION PROCEDURE. The application must be in writing on the UIL Application for Waiver form, and signed by the superintendent, the chair of the District Executive Committee, the student and a parent or guardian if the student is under 18.
- (c) REVIEW PROCEDURE. The information shall be presented to the Waiver Officer who shall decide whether the waiver should be granted and the applicant declared eligible.
- (d) EFFECT OF DECISION. In granting a waiver, the Waiver Officer may determine that the student's eligibility is retroactive to any date during the current school year, so long as the student has been continually eligible under all rules other than the rule being waived since that date. If the Waiver Officer denies the waiver, the applicant may appeal the decision to the Waiver Review Board. The appeal must be accompanied by a \$700 payment to be applied to the filing fee. The filing fee is the actual expense incurred in convening the waiver review board. The balance of the fee shall be billed to the school or parent after expenses are calculated.
- (e) Exception to Above Procedure. The UIL Waiver Officer can rule on a retroactive waiver, after the season in question is complete, without consent from a District Executive Committee when the request comes from a parent and has no bearing on the district race. The application fee is \$700.

***D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools***

This proposed amendment should have no significant fiscal impact on member schools.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Proposed Amendment to the  
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

This proposal would create a pilot program to allow an exception to Section 868(c), BROADCASTS OF UIL EVENTS, *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules*.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

This amendment would create a one-year exception to Section 868(c) by authorizing the UIL to approve the Friday night live telecast of a maximum of two regular season football games on Friday, September 1, 2017. Both schools involved in any game to be broadcast must consent before being broadcast.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 868 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 868: BROADCASTS OF UIL EVENTS

- (c) LIVE FOOTBALL TELECAST LIMITED. UIL member schools shall not permit the live telecast of a regular season football game on a Friday night. Live telecasts and other types of live broadcasts of UIL football post-regular season games shall be permitted if provided for in a UIL broadcast rights contract.

2017 EXCEPTION: UIL IS ALLOWED AN EXCEPTION TO SECTION 868(C) TO AUTHORIZE THE BROADCAST OF A MAXIMUM OF TWO LIVE FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.

***D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools***

This proposal may have a minimal fiscal impact to the schools involved in the broadcast.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.