

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment would change the scoring system for track and field meets which count on League standing by awarding points for first through eight places rather than the current top six places.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This amendment would create the opportunity for additional athletes to score. First through eight instead of the current six would be awarded points. The change in scoring format would create more opportunities for additional athletes to contribute to the team results.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1320 (d) (1) and (2) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2014, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1320: TRACK AND FIELD PLAN

- (d) POINTS. The point system in scoring high school track meets shall be the same in all meets which count on League standing.
- (1) *Points for Individual Events and Relays.* Points shall be given in individual events as follows: First place 10 points, second place 8 points, third place 6 points, fourth place 4 5 points, fifth place 2 4 points, sixth place 1 3 point POINTS, SEVENTH PLACE 2 POINTS, EIGHTH PLACE 1 POINT. Points for relays shall be as follows: first place 20 points, second place 16 points, third place 12 points, fourth place 8 10 points, fifth place 4 8 points, sixth place 2 6 points, SEVENTH PLACE 4 POINTS, EIGHTH PLACE 2 POINTS.
- (2) *Points to All Finishers.* Points shall be awarded to all finishers (first through ~~sixth~~ EIGHTH).

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

There will be no fiscal impact to 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, 2014.

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A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment would add wheelchair competition events as a Pilot Program to the 2014 Track and Field State Meet.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

There is an interest amongst students in wheelchairs in track and field competitions and accessibility to contests involving their peers. Many students participate in community programs created for athletes that require special accommodations across the state.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1320 (e) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended by adding section (e) (1) (D) as follows effective immediately, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1320: TRACK AND FIELD PLAN

(e) EVENTS.

(1) *Order of Events.* The events and order in which they shall be held, are:

(D) *EVENTS FOR STUDENTS IN WHEELCHAIRS, BOYS AND GIRLS (PILOT ONLY)*

(I) 100 M DASH

(II) 400 M DASH

(III) SHOT PUT

Entry and qualification for the Pilot for students participating in wheelchair events will be as follows (additional rules and regulations will be developed and released):

1. Only high school students eligible under Subchapter M are eligible to compete.
2. Participants using wheelchairs must meet participation criteria as determined by the UIL (to be developed/finalized). This criteria consists of a student athlete who uses a wheelchair must have a permanent disability verified by a physician. Verification must be on file with the participating school.
3. All applicable UIL rules and regulations will be in effect.
4. A maximum of nine (9) participants will be allowed to compete in each Pilot event at the state meet.
5. Participants must compete in and submit a qualifying mark or performance to be considered for participation at the state event. If more than nine participants submit entries, the UIL staff will declare the top nine performances submitted for the state meet as qualified for participation.

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

There could be costs associated with travel to the state meet for qualified participants and some competition equipment costs. However, there are equipment loaner programs available to enable participation in the appropriate wheelchair for racing on the track and shot put participation.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

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

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A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment would make necessary conforming changes to Section 1204 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules required by law. The amendment addresses certain registration requirements and protocol of such registration as well as disciplinary and appeals processes for officials.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This is a required action as a result of passage of H.B. 1775 by the 83rd Texas Legislature.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1204 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended to read as follows and would be effective immediately, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1204: SPORTS OFFICIALS

(a) AGREEMENT. All sports officials shall be satisfactory to both parties and agreed upon in advance. However, beginning a game with an official constitutes agreement.

(b) ~~REGISTRATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS FOR UIL CONTESTS. SUBJECT TO (1), (2) AND (3), BELOW, UIL member schools shall use ONLY SPORTS officials registered with the UIL in all varsity contests, INCLUDING PLAYOFFS. If non-UIL registered officials are to be used for any varsity contests, the involved schools must receive prior approval from the UIL Director of Athletics. Exceptions:~~

- ~~(1) In individual sports (cross country, golf, swimming and diving, team tennis, tennis and track and field) schools may select and use non-UIL registered referees for contests.~~
- ~~(2) Unless mutually decided otherwise UIL member schools shall use UIL registered officials for non-varsity games.~~
- ~~(3) Officials assigned to the playoffs shall be UIL registered officials.~~
- ~~(4) Approved local officials organizations/chapters must have on file with UIL a copy of their constitutions, rules and by laws that outline their disciplinary procedures for dealing with officials who fail to follow the rules and regulations of the UIL and/or the approved local officials organization/chapter.~~

- (1) IF UIL REGISTERED SPORTS OFFICIALS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR A VARSITY CONTEST, THE INVOLVED MEMBER SCHOOLS MUST RECEIVE PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE UIL DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, IN ORDER TO USE SPORTS OFFICIALS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED WITH UIL.
- (2) IN CROSS COUNTRY, GOLF, SWIMMING AND DIVING, TEAM TENNIS, TENNIS AND TRACK AND FIELD, MEMBER SCHOOLS MAY SELECT AND USE NON-UIL REGISTERED REFEREES (SPORTS OFFICIALS) FOR CONTESTS.
- (3) UNLESS MUTUALLY DECIDED OTHERWISE UIL MEMBER SCHOOLS SHALL USE UIL REGISTERED OFFICIALS FOR NON-VARSITY GAMES.

(C) REGISTRATION AND ELGIBILTY OF SPORTS OFFICIALS. IN ORDER TO OFFICIATE A UIL VARSITY CONTEST A SPORTS OFFICIAL MUST:

- (1) BE REGISTERED WITH THE UIL AND ANNUALLY PROVIDE THE UIL WITH DIRECTORY INFORMATION AND SUBMIT TO A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK;
- (2) BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF A LOCAL CHAPTER OR ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS RECOGNIZED BY THE UIL FOR THAT PURPOSE;
- (3) COMPLETE EITHER AN INITIAL OR A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM REGARDING UIL RULES AS PRESCRIBED AND MADE AVAILABLE BY UIL. (SEE (Q) (1) BELOW);
- (4) AGREE TO ABIDE BY UIL RULES, INCLUDING FEE SCHEDULES AND TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES FOR PAYMENT BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR OPEN ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS TO A SPORTS OFFICIALS.

(D) ADMINISTRATION OF REGISTRATION; FEES. UIL SHALL, CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION, DETERMINE AND POST ON ITS WEBSITE THE PROCESS THROUGH WHICH AN OFFICIAL MAY ANNUALLY REGISTER WITH UIL. UIL MAY CHARGE AND COLLECT A FEE FROM SPORTS OFFICIALS WHO INITIATE UIL'S REGISTRATION PROCESS IN AN AMOUNT THAT HAS BEEN REASONABLY DETERMINED BY UIL TO BE NECESSARY TO COVER THE COST OF ADMINISTERING REGISTRATION AND/OR THE CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (Q), BELOW. THIS AMOUNT SHALL BE DETERMINED ANNUALLY BY UIL AND SHALL BE POSTED ON UIL'S INTERNET WEBSITE AND OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE AT OTHER PLACES AS UIL DETERMINES APPROPRIATE.

(E) (e) NEUTRAL OFFICIALS. In all contests, schools should always attempt to secure neutral SPORTS officials.

(F) (d) HOST RESPONSIBILITY. The responsibility to obtain satisfactory SPORTS officials is upon the host school which shall provide names of officials to the visiting school at least 14 days prior to the contest.

(G) (e) NOTIFICATION. When names of officials are received by the visiting school, the visiting school shall immediately notify the host school if officials are not satisfactory. Failure of the visiting school to solicit names of officials from the home school within four days of the contest constitutes agreement.

(H) (f) FAILURE TO SHOW; CHAPTER RULES.

- (1) If agreed upon sports officials fail to show, the visiting school shall not be in violation by refusing to play. However, earnest effort should be expended to find officials so that the game may be played without additional travel expenses for teams and fans. A host school does not have to forfeit the contest unless the district executive committee rules that they have been negligent in contracting and securing officials.

~~(2) Approved local officials organization/chapters must have on file with UIL a copy of their constitutions, rules and by laws that outline their disciplinary procedures for dealing with~~

~~officials who fail to honor a chapter assignment. Schools must contact the UIL office and identify the officials who did not show for a contest so that local chapters can take action.~~

- (2) A SPORTS OFFICIAL'S FAILURE TO SHOW AFTER BEING ASSIGNED A CONTEST IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE RULES AND/OR POLICIES OF A RECOGNIZED LOCAL CHAPTER OR ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF UIL RULES. SCHOOLS SHALL CONTACT THE UIL OFFICE AND IDENTIFY THE OFFICIALS WHO DID NOT SHOW FOR A CONTEST.
- (3) A RECOGNIZED LOCAL CHAPTER OR ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS SHALL PROVIDE UIL WITH A COPY OF THEIR MOST CURRENT GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, SUCH AS ITS CONSTITUTIONS, RULES AND BY-LAWS. SUCH GOVERNING DOCUMENTS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, RULES AND/OR PROCEDURES GOVERNING ASSIGNMENT OF CONTESTS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO SPORTS OFFICIALS WHO FAIL TO HONOR A CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT OR OTHERWISE VIOLATE UIL RULES.

(I) ~~(G)~~ SCRATCHES.

- (1) After a school has accepted an official, and then scratches the official prior to a contest, the scratching shall be in writing and approved by the athletic director in multiple high school districts and the principal and/or superintendent in single high school member districts. Note: Officials shall not be scratched the day of the game, except by mutual consent of both schools. A copy of the letter shall be submitted to the other school and the officiating chapter.
- (2) When officials who have been previously agreed upon by both teams are scratched, the school scratching the officials shall pay them the fee they would have received had they worked the game minus any travel expenses and shall also pay the additional travel costs in obtaining new officials. If scratched officials obtain another game, they do not have to be paid.
- (3) ~~The League~~ UIL discourages indiscriminate scratching of entire chapters except in cases when potential problems could result with fans and/or school employees.
- (4) Officiating chapters should be fair in their game assignments, offering smaller schools the opportunity to use higher level officials when possible.
- (5) When officials do not show, or when the previously agreed upon officials do not show and the game has to be rescheduled, the chapter shall be responsible for the rescheduled game fee, unless it is determined by the school that an emergency arose beyond the control of the officials.

(J) ~~(H)~~ PENALTY. The penalty for failure to provide officials is forfeiture of the game or match. The district executive committee shall determine whether or not forfeiture is applicable.

(K) ~~(I)~~ FEE VIOLATIONS. The fee listed shall be paid to officials working varsity and subvarsity contests. If a participant school exceeds or pays less than the fee schedule for a contest, the district executive

committee shall meet as soon as possible to decide if an emergency warranted the fee violation. If the school in question proves an emergency caused the fee violation, the district executive committee does not have to assess a penalty.

(L) (j) FEE APPROVAL/PAYMENT. Fees are to be paid by the host school or by the game management as approved by the school. Fees should be paid promptly. Schools that do not pay within 45 days of the contest are subject to the range of penalties listed in Section 29.

(M) (k) FEE SCHEDULE.

(1) *Baseball.*

Each Game Per Official.

Varsity \$60

Sub-Varsity \$50

Playoffs:

Bi-District \$70

Area \$80

Quarter-Finals \$90

Regional Semi-Finals \$100

Regional Finals \$100

(2) *Basketball.*

Each Game Per Official.

Two or Three-Person Crew

Varsity \$55

Sub-Varsity \$40

Junior High (7th & 8th Grade) \$30

Playoffs:

Bi-District \$65

Area \$75

Quarter-Finals \$85

Regional Semi-Finals \$95

Regional Finals \$95

(3) *Football.*

Varsity

Gross Gate Receipts 1 Game

Up to \$150 \$45

\$150 to \$250 \$50

\$250 to \$500 \$55

\$500 to \$1,000 \$60

\$1,000 to \$2,000 \$65

\$2,000 to \$3,000 \$70

\$3,000 to \$4,000 \$75

\$4,000 to \$5,000 \$80

\$5,000 to \$7,500 \$85

\$7,500 to \$10,000 \$90

\$10,000 to \$12,500 \$95
 \$12,500 to \$15,000 \$100
 \$15,000 to \$17,500 \$115
 \$17,500 to \$20,500 \$125
 Each additional \$5,000 \$20
Sub-Varsity and Junior High (7th & 8th Grade)
 Each Game Per Official
 12-minute quarters \$45
 10-minute quarters \$40
 8-minute quarters \$35

(4) *Soccer.*

Each Game
Varsity/Sub-Varsity
Diagonal System – Three Officials
Length of Half Referee AR Total
 25 minutes \$40 \$25 \$90
 35 minutes \$45 \$30 \$105
 40 minutes \$50 \$35 \$120
Dual System – Two Officials
Length of Half Referee Total
 25 minutes \$40 \$80
 35 minutes \$45 \$90
 40 minutes \$50 \$100
Playoffs:
Referee AR Total
 Bi-district \$60 \$50 \$160
 Area \$60 \$50 \$160
 Sectional \$60 \$50 \$160
 Reg, Quarterfinal \$60 \$50 \$160
 Regional Semi-final \$70 \$55 \$180
 Regional Final \$70 \$55 \$180

(5) *Softball.*

Each Game Per Official.
 Varsity \$55
 Sub-Varsity \$45
Playoff:
 Bi-District \$65
 Area \$75
 Quarter-Finals \$85
 Regional Semi-Finals \$95
 Regional Finals \$95

(6) *Volleyball.*

Each Match Per Official.
 Varsity \$50

Sub-Varsity
 2-Out-of-3 \$30
 3-Out-of-5 \$35
 Junior High (7th & 8th Grade) \$25
 Tournaments
 Varsity
 2-Out-of-3 \$40
 3-Out-of-5 \$50
 Sub-Varsity
 2-Out-of-3 \$30
 3-Out-of-5 \$35
 Junior High (7th & 8th Grade) \$25
 Pool Play
 Mini Games/ 2 Games 0-15
 Varsity \$25
 Sub-Varsity \$20
 Junior High (7th & 8th Grade) \$20
Playoffs:
 Bi-District \$60
 Area \$70
 Quarter-Finals \$80
 Regional Semi-Final \$90
 Regional Finals \$90

(7) *Wrestling.*

Boys

Competition # of Officials Fee

Dual Meets 1 \$55

Multiple team as \$45/

duals needed official/dual

1-day tournament * \$175 each

2-day tournament * \$210

each **Girls Competition #**

of Officials Fee Dual Meets 1 < 5

matches/\$25 > 5 matches/\$50 Multiple

team as < 5 matches/ duals needed dual

\$20 > 5 matches/ dual \$45 1-day

tournament * \$90 each 2-day tournament * \$125

each* See chart in manual for number of officials and jv and junior high/middle school

fees **Playoffs:** Boys 2-Day

Regional \$250

Girls 2-Day Regional \$165

(8) *Scrimmages.* Chapters shall be paid for scrimmages using the following fee schedule:

Baseball 50.00

Basketball 50.00
 Football 100.00
 Soccer 50.00
 Softball 50.00
 Volleyball 50.00
 (Fees are based on a three-hour scrimmage.)

NOTE: After three hours, each additional hour is \$25. The fees paid are regardless of the level of competition. The fee will be paid to the local chapter and not to the individual officials, to be used in place of assignment or service fees. A portion of these fees should be used for education, retention and recruitment of officials. Chapters that agree to provide officials and charge for scrimmages are under obligation to provide officials for the school for the entire season, grades 7-12. A chapter that requests a service/assignor fee from schools will not be a chapter in good standing and thus will not be eligible for post-season assignments.

- (9) *Sub-varsity/Varsity Gate Receipts Combined.* FOR FOOTBALL GAMES, when sub-varsity games/~~matches~~ are played prior to varsity games/~~matches~~ at the same site with the gate receipts combined, the game/~~match~~ fees plus mileage paid to the sub-varsity FOOTBALL officials may be deducted from the gross gate receipts prior to calculating the varsity FOOTBALL officials' game fees.
- (10) Other sub-varsity sports and tournaments may not exceed listed fees for respective varsity sports. In game arrangements not listed above, schools and officials shall agree on a fee not to exceed listed fees for varsity sports.
- (11) *Tournament Fees.* Officials shall receive the set game fees for all tournament games in the following sports: Baseball, Basketball, Softball and Soccer.
- (12) *Game Fees Review.* Game fees and possible increases for officials will be reviewed every two years.

(N) (4) MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT.

- (1) Officials shall be paid travel reimbursement according to the metro or non-metro plan based on a crew.
- (A) *Metro-flat rate of travel reimbursement from the center point in A LOCAL chapter'S SERVICE AREA to game site.* 20 mile radius = \$12; 30 mile radius = \$15; 40 mile radius = \$18. Any school outside the 40 mile radius will revert to the non-metro mileage reimbursement for pay from that school.
- (i) The UIL will determine the online mapping service to be used IN MAKING DISTANCE AND OTHER DETERMINATIONS for the metro travel reimbursement plan ~~by both officials and schools.~~
- (B) *Non-metro -portal to portal (round trip) officials shall be reimbursed one car at the state rate, two cars at 75% of the state rate, or three cars at 60% of the state rate (A \$10 riders*

fee will only be paid to officials exceeding three person crews AND ONLY WHEN THREE CARS ARE BEING PAID). Consult the UIL Web site or the sport specific coaches manual for more details.

- (2) Officials shall be paid based on the state mileage reimbursement rate in effect on August 1 of the current school year.
- (3) By prior agreement between officials and school authorities, airfare may be substituted for automobile mileage fee.
- (4) Each chapter of each sport shall select the method of payment for travel reimbursement 30 days prior to the first contest.

(O) ~~(m)~~ OTHER ALLOWABLE EXPENSES.

- (1) *Meals.* Schools shall not pay for any meals for officials unless the distance traveled round trip from the official's home to the game site is greater than 150 miles. If meals are paid the amount is \$15 during the regular season and \$30 during playoffs.
- (2) *Lodging.* By agreement by the officials and schools, schools may pay lodging.
- (3) *Ground Transportation.* If prior agreement exists, schools may pay taxi fare, etc., for officials.

(P) ~~(n)~~ LIMITATION. No other item shall be included in payment of officials.

(Q) ~~(o)~~ OFFICIALS RULES COMPLIANCE PROGRAM (OCP).

- (1) *Officials Required to complete online rules compliance program.* All officials in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball AND WRESTLING shall annually complete an online Rules Compliance Program prescribed by UIL. THE OFFICIALS RULES COMPLIANCE PROGRAM (OCP) IS A CONDITION OF REGISTRATION AS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION AND SHALL BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT ON THE UIL'S INTERNET WEBSITE . SEE (C)(3), ABOVE.
- (2) *Registration List.* UIL SHALL MAINTAIN, VERIFY, AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO MEMBER SCHOOLS A LIST OF ALL SPORTS OFFICIALS REGISTERED WITH UIL. ~~Officials who annually complete an online Rules Compliance Program as prescribed by UIL shall provide proof of completion of the program to their approved local officials organization/chapter.~~
- ~~(3) *UIL Registration Fee.* The UIL may charge a registration fee for officials to help offset costs of programs for officials (rule books, other educational materials, development of materials and meeting costs, etc.)~~
- ~~(4) *Failure of Official to Register; Loss of Registration.*~~
 - ~~(A) A report of a coach ejection from an official may not be considered or adjudicated by the UIL unless the official has registered with UIL prior to the season.~~
 - ~~(B) Officials who are not registered with UIL will not be allowed to work varsity or post~~

~~district games and should not be used for regular season games.~~

- ~~(C) Officials must report all ejections of coaches, severe verbal and physical abuse and any major disruptions that occur during a game. The game administrator is to be informed of the problem the night of the game. Written reports from each official involved are to be submitted to the UIL office within 48 hours of the incident.~~
- ~~(D) Officials are to conduct themselves in a professional manner before, during and after a contest.~~
- ~~(E) Officials who violate the provisions of this rule may be removed from the list of registered officials.~~

(R) REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION

- (1) UIL MAY REVOKE OR SUSPEND UIL REGISTRATION OF A SPORTS OFFICIAL DETERMINED BY UIL TO HAVE VIOLATED THE PROVISIONS OF UIL CONSTITUTION AND CONTEST RULES GOVERNING SPORTS OFFICIALS OR OTHER UIL POLICY APPLICABLE TO SPORTS OFFICIALS. BEFORE UIL MAY TAKE ACTION TO REVOKE OR SUSPEND A SPORTS OFFICIAL'S REGISTRATION, UIL SHALL:
 - (A) NOTIFY AND CONSULT WITH THE LOCAL CHAPTER OR ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS OF WHICH THE SPORTS OFFICIAL IS A MEMBER;
 - (B) ALLOW THE LOCAL CHAPTER OR ASSOCIATION 15 DAYS AFTER THE DATE NOTICE IS RECEIVED FROM THE UIL TO TAKE ACTION TO ADJUDICATE THE ALLEGED VIOLATION; AND
 - (C) IF AFTER THE 15TH DAY FOLLOWING THE DATE NOTICE IS RECEIVED FROM UIL THE LOCAL CHAPTER OR ASSOCIATION HAS FAILED TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE SPORTS OFFICIAL OR TAKES ACTION UIL FINDS TO BE INSUFFICIENT, UIL MAY TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE SPORTS OFFICIAL.
 - (D) UIL SHALL ADVISE BOTH THE SPORTS OFFICIAL AND THE LOCAL CHAPTER OR ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS IN WRITING OF ANY DECISIONS AND ANY ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST THE SPORTS OFFICIAL, ALONG WITH ANY SUPPORTING EVIDENCE RELIED UPON IN REACHING ITS DECISION. UIL SHALL MAINTAIN COPIES OF ITS DECISIONS FOR PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING PRECEDENT AND GUIDANCE TO LOCAL CHAPTERS OR ASSOCIATIONS IN REGARDS TO ACTIONS AND SANCTIONS.
- (2) IF UIL REVOKES OR SUSPENDS A UIL REGISTRATION OF A SPORTS OFFICIAL UNDER THIS SUBSECTION THE SPORTS OFFICIAL MAY APPEAL THE DECISION TO THE UIL STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. SEE SECTION 26 (A) (4). THE FAILURE OF A SPORTS OFFICIAL TO TIMELY APPEAL TO THE UIL STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MEANS THAT THE ACTION OF UIL IS FINAL AND SHALL BE ENFORCED. A SPORTS OFFICIAL WHO SEEKS TO APPEAL AN ADVERSE DECISION BY UIL SHALL:

- (A) SUBMIT THE APPEAL IN WRITING TO UIL, CLEARLY STATING THE GROUNDS FOR APPEAL, WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE UIL ISSUING ITS DECISION;
 - (B) SUBMIT ANY WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OR OTHER SUPPORTING EVIDENCE WITH THE APPEAL; AND
 - (C) BE ALLOWED TO APPEAR IN PERSON BEFORE THE UIL STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (OR DESIGNATED HEARING OFFICER) AND PRESENT THEIR APPEAL BASED ON THE SPORTS OFFICIAL'S WRITTEN SUBMISSION UNDER (A) AND (B), ABOVE. UIL MAY PROVIDE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (OR DESIGNATED HEARING OFFICER) WITH A RESPONSE, INCLUDING ANY SUPPORTING EVIDENCE, TO THE SPORTS OFFICIAL'S APPEAL; A COPY OF WHICH WILL BE ALSO PROVIDED TO THE OFFICIAL.
 - (D) AN APPEAL BY A SPORTS OFFICIAL THAT IS MADE CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBSECTION SHALL SUSPEND THE ACTION TAKEN BY UIL. AN APPEAL UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE HEARD AND DECIDED BY UIL STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHICHEVER IS SOONER OR AT REASONABLE TIME AS DETERMINED BY THE DESIGNATED HEARING OFFICER. THE DECISION OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (OR DESIGNATED HEARING OFFICER) IS FINAL.
- (S) CONDUCT AND REPORT OF ALL MAJOR INCIDENTS: OFFICIALS SHALL REPORT ALL EJECTIONS OF COACHES, PLAYERS, OR FANS, OR SEVERE VERBAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE, AND ANY MAJOR DISRUPTIONS THAT OCCUR DURING A GAME. OFFICIALS SHALL:
- (1) HOLD THEMSELVES TO THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF CONDUCT BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER ANY CONTEST AND SHALL NOT INSTIGATE ANY VERBAL OR PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION;
 - (2) ATTEMPT TO INFORM THE GAME ADMINISTRATOR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONTEST OF ANY MAJOR INCIDENT, AND CONTINUE TO MAKE REASONABLE ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT THE ADMINISTRATOR UNTIL SUCCESSFUL.
 - (3) SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT FROM EACH OFFICIAL INVOLVED TO THE UIL OFFICE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE INCIDENT.

(T) (p) LIAISON TO CHAPTERS. It is recommended that officials' chapters secure a liaison school coach, athletic director or administrator to serve as a non-voting member of the board of directors of each chapter.

(U) (q) NO PROTESTS. A protest based on a game or contest official's decision will not be considered.

A. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools

There is no fiscal impact.

B. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

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