

REPORT OF  
THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS**

OCTOBER 21, 2013

ON OCTOBER 20, 2013, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE AUSTIN MARRIOTT NORTH HOTEL IN ROUND ROCK, TEXAS. BASED UPON ITEMS CONSIDERED, THE COMMITTEE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS DURING ITS BUSINESS MEETING.



# THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS

Moves that the Legislative Council

Pass the following proposals.

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

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

This amendment would require that at least one judge on the journalism judging panel at the Regional and State level contests be a current or former journalism teacher. If one journalism teacher, current or former, could not be secured the host could request a waiver from the State Office.

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

Currently the C&CR only recommends that at least one judge is a former or current journalism teacher. Over the years, we have had less-than-qualified judges in the journalism contests. This amendment would ensure quality judging that adheres to UIL standards.

- The judging panel would have a better understanding of the rules and how students are coached than a panel with no experienced journalism teachers who have only read the contest tip sheet.
- It would make judging more consistent at the region levels and statewide if everyone followed the same policy.
- Contestants will receive accurately judged papers and constructive feedback from the panel.

It will make the judging more efficient; having experienced judges expedites the process.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 1023(h)(3) of the UIL *C&CR* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2014, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

**Section 1023: SPRING MEET JOURNALISM CONTESTS**

- (3) *Judges.* Judges for each journalism contest shall be secured by the journalism contest director before the contest is administered, subject to approval by the meet director. It is recommended that the judging panel have three members and that at least one member be a current or former journalism teacher. AT THE REGIONAL AND STATE LEVEL, AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE JUDGING PANEL SHALL BE A FORMER OR CURRENT JOURNALISM TEACHER. A HOST SITE CAN REQUEST A WAIVER THROUGH THE STATE OFFICE IF IT IS UNABLE TO SECURE A CURRENT OR FORMER JOURNALISM TEACHER FOR THE JUDGING PANEL. The panel may be asked to judge more than one of the journalism contests. Journalism coaches accompanying their contestants to regional meets may serve on judging committees, provided no coach is assigned to judge entries from the same event in which his or her contestant is

competing. It is best to select judges who have no vested interest in the contest and whose integrity is above reproach. It is appropriate and recommended to pay judges a stipend for each contest judged.

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

Limited fiscal impact to the Region contest site, since many sites would have a local judge available. This is already being implemented at the State level.

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

The Standing Committee on Academics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2014, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

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

Amend the Academics section of the C&CR to include only the structure of the contest and remove specific contest procedures and operations to be placed into a handbook for each event.

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

The academics portion of the C&CR contains contest structure, rules, contest procedures and operational details. Any adjustments, other than items typographical in nature, require Legislative Council approval and a lengthy process for small changes. This amendment would align academics with the structure of athletics and music and reduce the size of the C&CR so that it becomes a book about the structures and rules of the competition. Handbooks for each event would become the interpretation of the rules in the C&CR.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

The following sections of the *Constitution and Contest Rules*, effective August 1, 2014, would have editorial changes to eliminate contest procedures that would then be placed in a handbook for each event, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Subchapter A ACADEMIC CONTESTS  
Sections 900-1034

Subchapter D ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & JUNIOR HIGH  
Sections 1401-1474

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

Hardcopy handbooks for each event would be available for purchase. Electronic copies would be available at no charge.

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

The Standing Committee on Academics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2014, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS**  
**Referred the Following Proposals to the Policy Committee**

- a. Proposal to add the Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition as a sanctioned contest for high school.
- b. Proposal to add the Latino History Essay Competition as a sanctioned contest for high school.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS**  
**Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Proposals**

- a. Proposal to allow schools in conferences A and 2A for the 2014-16 alignment (current conference A schools) to utilize students enrolled in grade 8 at a middle school/junior high campus feeding into their high school to participate in one-act play at the high school level when the play would be withdrawn from competition due to lack of student interest or eligibility.
- b. Proposal that the Social Studies contest use the essay for tie breaking purposes only.
- c. Proposal to allow external peripherals to enter information and data for the Computer Applications Contest.
- d. Proposal to add competitions for foreign languages, particularly Spanish language competitions.
- e. Proposal to add an Academic competition that would give students a topic, and then give them a certain amount of time to create a web page about that topic.
- f. Proposal to add an Academic competition: a timed, speed Internet scavenger hunt.
- g. Proposal to add an art portfolio competition.
- h. Proposal to add a contest where students are given a picture and asked to modify the picture using Photoshop.
- i. Proposal to switch the placement of Social Studies with that of Current Issues and Events in the academic conflict pattern.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS**  
**Authorized the Staff to Reject the Following Proposals**

- a. Proposal suggesting clarification of C&CR rules regarding academic contests where it is possible to receive a negative score. If contestants do not answer at least one question, they will be disqualified. Or, conversely, contestants will not be disqualified for failing to answer any questions.
- b. Proposal to utilize flash drives in Journalism events.
- c. Proposal that a 3-point grading system be used for judging journalism headline writing.
- d. Proposal to allow changes in the pre-approved One-Act Play items after the December 21 deadline.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS**  
**Took No Action on the Following Proposals**

- a. Proposal to allow a school to cast as many actors as required, by the playwright, on plays that are on the UIL approved list of plays for the UIL one-act play contest or plays not on that list, that requires and gets approval.

REPORT OF  
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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC**

OCTOBER 21, 2013

ON OCTOBER 20, 2013, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE AUSTIN MARRIOTT NORTH HOTEL IN ROUND ROCK, TEXAS. BASED UPON ITEMS CONSIDERED, THE COMMITTEE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS DURING ITS BUSINESS MEETING.





THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC

Moves that the Legislative Council

Pass the following proposals.

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

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

This amendment would extend to students in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade who are taking class piano the opportunity to enter a Class 3 Piano Solo at the Region Solo and Ensemble Contest.

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

This amendment would allow 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade class piano student to enter a Class 3 solo at the region solo and ensemble contest. Since many class piano students are first year music students, this accommodation would allow those students to play a solo that is consistent with their level of musical development.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 1108 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows, effective August 1, 2014, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1108 (e)(1)(3)

(3) *Class 3.* Class 3 solo-small ensemble competition may be entered by students in grade 9 only. Exceptions:

- (A) Composite organizations (4A, 3A, 2A and A) CONTAINING students in grades 7 THROUGH ~~8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, may enter Class 3 small ensemble competition~~; provided 50% or more of the ensemble members are in grade 9 or below; ~~and~~
- (B) 10th grade first year music students; ~~and~~
- (C) Instrumentalists performing on a secondary instrument ~~may enter Class 3 solo competition~~; AND
- (D) 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN CLASS PIANO.

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

None

***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.

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

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

This amendment would clarify appropriate action for dealing with inclement weather at the Area Marching Band Contest.

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

Currently we have detailed language addressing the issue of inclement weather at the State Marching Band Contest. While these same accommodations have been applied to the Area Marching Band Contest they have not been specifically addressed in the Area Marching Band Contest plan. This language will make the language dealing with severe weather or other extenuating circumstances consistent for both the Area and State Marching Band Contests and also add clarity to the policy for assigning judges at the Area Contests.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 1106 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows, effective August 1, 2014, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1106 (h)

(h) ADJUDICATION.

- (1) *Preliminary and Final.* ~~The State Director of Music in consultation with the area executive committees shall assign five judges to each area marching band competition.~~ JUDGING WILL BE IN TWO DIVISIONS: PRELIMINARY AND FINAL. UNDER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS SEVERE WEATHER OR LIMITED PARTICIPATION, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS AND STATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MAY DECLARE THE PRELIMINARY CONTEST TO BE THE FINAL CONTEST.
- (2) *Panel.* THE STATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC IN CONSULTATION WITH THE AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES SHALL ASSIGN FIVE JUDGES TO EACH AREA MARCHING BAND COMPETITION. The judging panel will consist of three music judges and two marching execution judges.
- (3) *Ranking.* The band's final rank will be determined by adding the rankings of all five judges.

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

None

***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.

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

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

This amendment would limit the amplification of wind instruments in the marching band to solos and section features.

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

At present there is no limit on the how many or which wind instruments may be amplified in the marching band. For example, with the current state of technology, a band might choose to wirelessly amplify certain individuals, potentially creating a competitive advantage. This amendment would only allow soloists and sections of the band to be amplified, therefore eliminating this potential competitive advantage.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 1105 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows, effective August 1, 2014, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1105 (g)(5)(D)

(5) Amplification of instruments or voice may be used with the following restrictions:

- (A) All equipment, such as mixers, soundboards, etc. shall be operated by eligible students.
- (B) AC power cords and AC supplied amplification units shall be located outside the sidelines and endlines.
- (C) The placement of amplification units shall comply with the five-minute set up and 2-minute tear down limitations.
- (D) WIND INSTRUMENTS MAY BE AMPLIFIED ONLY FOR SOLO AND/OR SECTION FEATURES.

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

None.

***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.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC**  
**Rejected or Took No Action on the Following Proposals**

- a. Allowing choirs to designate a mixed, treble or tenor/bass as varsity
- b. Creating a full retreat of finalist bands
- c. All Internet Submissions

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC**  
**Authorized the Staff to Create a Committee to Study Marching Band**  
**Issues**

Including but not limited to the amendment to limit the number of bands advancing from Area to State.

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# THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

Moves that the Legislative Council

Pass the following proposals.



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

***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***

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective immediately, 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 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 83<sup>rd</sup> 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, with the exception to the change to section (N) (1) (A), which will be effective August 1, 2014, 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 15<sup>TH</sup> 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**

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective immediately, with the exception to the change to section (N) (1) (A), which will be effective August 1, 2014, 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 addresses available options for district executive committees in reference to qualification from district to regional competition in track and field.

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

Allowing the decision on qualification from district to regional competition in track and field to be made with equal representation from all involved parties ensures a more fair process.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

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

Section 1320: TRACK AND FIELD PLAN

- (h) QUALIFICATION. The district director shall, SUBJECT TO EXCEPTIONS PROVIDED IN (H) (1) BELOW, certify the first four winners to area competition and the first four winners at area will be certified to regional competition The regional director shall certify first and second place winners for the State Meet in accordance with the schedule provided in the Spring Meet Plan.
- (1) *All Conferences.* EXCEPT IN CASES WHERE THE OPTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN THE TRACK AND FIELD COACHES MANUAL CONCERNING DISTRICT AND AREA MEETS ARE ADOPTED, four contestants qualify from each district to area; four contestants qualify from each area to region and two contestants qualify from each region to state meet. See #5 below.

***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***

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective immediately, 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 would allow sub-varsity football teams in Conferences 4A and 5A to play on Wednesday during zero-week only if the varsity team plays on Thursday of that same week.

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

This policy would allow for increased flexibility for larger enrollment schools on issues surrounding preparation and planning for varsity and sub-varsity games in this very specific circumstance.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 1250 (b) (5) (F) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2014, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1250: FOOTBALL PLAN

(b) DATES AND OFF-SEASON REGULATIONS.

(5) *Fall Practice, Beginning Dates.*

(F) *Interschool Games.* WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CERTAIN SUB VARSITY GAMES AS OUTLINED IN THE FOOTBALL COACHES MANUAL, no high school (9-12) interschool games shall be allowed until the last Thursday in August. However, schools that play prior to the first Thursday in September shall omit a scrimmage and have an open date during the season. For 7th and 8th grade regulations see Section 1478.

***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***

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2014, 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 would allow golf coaches to coach their players from tee to green.

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

This change would allow coaches to use their time more efficiently without otherwise impacting the pace of play.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

The Golf Coaches Manual would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2014, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

A coach may engage (coach) with the player(s) once all players in that playing group have completed the hole and prior to the player REACHING THE GREEN on the next hole.

***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***

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2014, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**  
**Moves That The Legislative Council create an Ad Hoc Committee**

- a. Non-school issues including the proposal to allow school coaches to coach players on non-school teams

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**  
**Authorized the Staff to Study The Following Proposal With A Survey**

- a. Remove track and field meet restrictions
- b. Amend the scoring system for track and field

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**  
**Moves That The Legislative Council place on Referendum Ballot**

- a. A three day tryout period in May for sixth graders in preparation for seventh grade participation
- b. Increase the number of qualifiers to the cross country state meet from 3 teams and 10 individuals to 4 teams and 10 individuals not already on an advancing team



**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**  
**Authorized the Staff to Study/Monitor The Following Proposals**

- a. Flexibility in reference to the eight hour limitation as it applies to swimming
- b. Reduction in golf tournaments
- c. Instant replay in football
- d. Require student-athletes to sit out one game after an ejection
- e. Participation limitations for distance runners in track and field
- f. Football participation limitations for 1A and 2A schools
- g. Include swimming and diving in the official's fee schedule
- h. Further alterations to section 1204 of the C&CR
- i. Area meets for golf
- j. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**  
**Tabled, Rejected or Took No Action on the Following Proposals**

- a. Lone Star Cup point allocation relating to spring tennis
- b. Survey item of giving the higher seed home field advantage for the first round playoff game in every classification that has four teams in the playoffs in football
- c. Survey item of limiting the number of qualifying teams and individuals to two teams and two individuals advancing from regionals to the state tournament in 1A golf
- d. Require communication between coaches regarding tournament times/locations
- e. Allow coaches to provide private instruction
- f. Update tournament fees for wrestling
- g. Require head gear for soccer players
- h. Adjust the date of the regional and state track meets

REPORT OF  
THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY**

OCTOBER 21, 2013

ON OCTOBER 20, 2013, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE AUSTIN MARRIOTT NORTH HOTEL IN ROUND ROCK, TEXAS. BASED UPON ITEMS CONSIDERED, THE COMMITTEE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS DURING ITS BUSINESS MEETING.



THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

Moves that the Legislative Council

Pass the following proposals.

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

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

This amendment provides enabling language for the application of Reclassification and Realignment Policies.

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

The amendment codifies in the Constitution and Contest Rules the long-standing practice of utilizing Reclassification and Realignment policies approved by the Legislative Council in the implementation of the alignment process.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 350 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective immediately, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 350: ESTABLISHING CONFERENCES

Before May 1 of each even numbered year, the UIL shall establish conferences for League contests and assign each participant school wishing to compete in League activities to an appropriate district IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECLASSIFICATION AND REALIGNMENT POLICIES AS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. These conferences and districts shall be maintained for the next two school years. The Director shall promptly notify each participant school of its conference and the district to which it has been assigned and of the identity of the other schools in the district and notify each member school district of the assignments of its participant schools.

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

There is no fiscal impact to UIL member schools as a result of this amendment.

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

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective immediately for the 2014-2016 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 proposal amends the Conference and District Assignment Policies and Procedures for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 Realignment.

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

The UIL Legislative Council amended the Reclassification and Realignment Procedures related to the conference assignment of charter schools. This proposal clarifies implementation guidelines for those changes.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

The Conference and District Assignment Policies and Procedures, 2014-15 and 2015-16 Realignment, will be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

16. Charter Schools.

- d. 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 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 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, A CHARTER SCHOOL MAY APPEAL THE DECISION OF UIL STAFF TO THE DISTRICT ASSIGNMENT APPEALS COMMITTEE.

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

The fiscal impact to schools will be minimal to none. In most cases, travel expenses for those schools impacted will be reduced.

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

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective immediately 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 amends Section 355 (f) of the Constitution and Contest Rules to address the conference assignment appeal for charter schools.

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

The UIL Legislative Council amended the Reclassification and Realignment Procedures related to the conference assignment of charter schools. This proposal creates implementation guidelines for those changes.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 355(f) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended immediately as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

(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.

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

The fiscal impact to schools will be minimal to none.

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

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective immediately 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 language in Section 868 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules related to broadcasting UIL events to better reflect the intent of previous policy changes.

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

The wording of the current policy, at times, contradicts the intent of the previous rule change and creates conflict with the existing UIL broadcast contract.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 868 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective immediately, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 868: BROADCASTS AND TELECASTS OF UIL EVENTS:

(a) ~~CONTRACT RECOMMENDATION SCOPE AND PROCESS. THE UIL RETAINS ALL BROADCAST RIGHTS TO ALL UIL POST-REGULAR SEASON EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. The UIL director may, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN PROCEDURES, recommend a contract(S) to UT General Counsel for broadcasting and telecasting playoff and championship level contests for all~~ FOR BROADCAST RIGHTS FOR ALL UIL POST-REGULAR SEASON EVENTS AND activities. ~~Broadcasting and telecasting include every nature of transmitting audio or video of the event regardless of the means of transmission.—~~

(b) ~~RIGHTS GRANTED. The radio broadcasting and telecasting~~ BROADCAST rights granted in ~~the A contract~~ UNDER THIS SECTION MAY INCLUDE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, EVERY MEDIUM AND/OR FORMAT FOR TRANSMITTING AUDIO AND/OR VISUAL CONTENT PRESENTLY EXISTING OR THAT MAY BE DEVELOPED IN THE FUTURE, SUCH AS RADIO, SATELLITE RADIO, STANDARD OVER THE AIR TELEVISION, NON-STANDARD TELEVISION, DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE, MOBILE/WIRELESS, INTERNET/WEBCAST, AIRLINE DISTRIBUTION, CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION, HIGH DEFINITION FORMAT AND VIDEO-ON DEMAND. THE RIGHTS GRANTED MAY ALSO PROVIDE FOR LIVE AND/OR DELAYED BROADCASTS AS WELL AS ANCILLARY PROGRAMING, SUCH AS HIGHLIGHTS SHOWS. ~~shall be for both live and delayed broadcasts, and live and delayed telecasts of the contests.~~

~~A Delayed broadcasts, FOR are defined for the purposes of this rule, IS A BROADCAST OF A UIL ACTIVITY OR EVENT THAT BEGINS as beginning at least one hour after the completion~~ CONCLUSION of the ~~contest~~ ACTIVITY OR EVENT.

A RADIO BROADCAST, FOR PURPOSES OF THIS RULE, IS ANY LIVE OR DELAYED AUDIO ONLY BROADCAST OF A UIL ACTIVITY OR EVENT REGARDLESS OF THE MEANS OR MEDIUM OF TRANSMISSION.

A TELECAST, FOR PURPOSES OF THIS RULE, IS ANY LIVE OR DELAYED TELEVISION OR OTHER BROADCAST OF THE VISUAL CONTENT, IMAGES OR PICTURES OF A UIL ACTIVITY OR EVENT REGARDLESS OF THE MEANS OR MEDIUM OF TRANSMISSION.

(c) ~~LIVE FOOTBALL TELECAST LIMITED. UIL member schools shall not PERMIT have a THE live telecast of a REGULAR SEASON Friday night regular season football game ON A FRIDAY NIGHT., regardless of the means of transmission. Live telecasts of League football playoff games shall be permitted if:~~ 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.

~~(1) mutual consent of the participant schools is given;~~

~~(2) the UIL radio television contract so permits.~~

(d) ~~RADIO-BROADCASTS NOT COVERED BY STATE- UIL CONTRACT.~~

~~(1) Participating schools shall enter into mutual agreements prior to the contest in all contests when the gate receipts are shared.~~

~~(2) When gate receipts are not shared between participating schools, the host school may permit radio broadcasts.~~

IN CASES WHERE BROADCAST RIGHTS, EITHER IN WHOLE OR PART, FOR A UIL POST-REGULAR SEASON ACTIVITY OR EVENT ARE NOT GRANTED TO A THIRD PARTY IN A CONTRACT UNDER THIS SECTION OR WHEN UNDER THE TERMS OF SUCH A CONTRACT THE BROADCAST RIGHTS OF A PARTICULAR UIL POST- REGULAR SEASON EVENT OR ACTIVITY WILL NOT BE EXERCISED, THE BROADCAST RIGHTS ARE RETAINED BY UIL. ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BY PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MUST BE APPROVED BY THE UIL AND BE CONSISTENT WITH AND SUBJECT TO A CONTRACT UNDER THIS SECTION CONCERNING BROADCAST RIGHTS FOR UIL POST-REGULAR SEASON ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.

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

The fiscal impact to schools will be minimal to none.

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

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective immediately 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 provides consistency within policies related to recording and broadcasting UIL events.

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

These amendments are necessary to eliminate conflict between Sections 1208(l) through (m) and Section 868, *Radio and Television Contracts* (as proposed/amended) and to provide clarity concerning broadcasting of UIL events and activities.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 1208 (l) and (m) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective immediately, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

(l) RADIO BROADCASTING AND TELECASTING. PLEASE REFER TO SECTION 868. ~~The rights for regional tournaments are subject to approval by the tournament directors. The rights for state tournaments in baseball, softball, basketball, soccer and volleyball are subject to approval by the UIL director. See Section 868 for additional information.~~

(m) VIDEOTAPING AND FILMING.

(1) All Athletics Contests.

(A) Videotaping/Filming/RECORDING by Schools.

(I) ~~It is a violation to videotape or film a non-conference or district athletic contest in which your school or team is not competing unless prior consent of the two schools involved has been obtained.~~ A NON-COMPETING SCHOOL SHALL NOT FILM, VIDEOTAPE OR OTHERWISE MAKE A VISUAL RECORDING OF AN ATHLETIC CONTEST WITHOUT THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE SCHOOLS COMPETING IN THE CONTEST.

(ii) A school does not have to obtain permission to film or tape, OR OTHERWISE MAKE A VISUAL RECORDING OF an ATHLETIC contest in which it is competing. However, the film or videotape OR OTHER VISUAL RECORDING may ONLY be REVIEWED OR OTHERWISE utilized DURING ~~until after~~ the contest IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE CONTEST RULES.

(iii) Films, ~~and~~ videotapes AND ALL OTHER KINDS OF VISUAL RECORDING OF ALL ATHLETIC CONTESTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH LEAGUE RULES ARE ~~become~~ the

property of the school ~~doing the filming~~ THAT MADE THEM UNLESS THEIR OWNERSHIP, USE OR DISTRIBUTION IS GOVERNED BY DISTRICT RULE OR, IF THERE IS NO DISTRICT RULE, IS THE SUBJECT OF A WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOLS COMPETING IN THE CONTEST. ~~unless by district rule or by consent of the schools involved in the contest.~~

- (B) ~~Videotaping/Filming by Individuals. Any individual taping or filming shall have permission from the schools involved in the contest and may not obstruct the view of other spectators of the contest.~~  
 VIDEOTAPING/FILMING/RECORDING BY INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS. EXCEPT FOR PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS ACTING UNDER SUBSECTIONS (1) (A) (I) AND (II) ABOVE, NO PERSON OR ORGANIZATION SHALL FILM, VIDEOTAPE OR OTHERWISE MAKE A VISUAL RECORDING OF ANY ATHLETIC EVENT OR ACTIVITY WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE SCHOOLS THAT ARE COMPETING IN THE EVENT. ANY FILMING, VIDEOTAPING OR OTHER RECORDING OF AN ATHLETIC CONTEST MAY NOT OBSTRUCT THE VIEW OF OTHER SPECTATORS OF THE CONTEST.
- (C) ~~Commercial Uses. Use of the films or tapes for commercial purposes shall be approved by all schools involved in the contest.~~

~~(2) — Regional and State Playoffs.~~

- ~~— (A) — Schools and/or individuals shall have prior approval of the tournament director to film or videotape a regional or state tournament, and may not obstruct the view of other spectators of the contest.~~
- ~~— (B) — Commercial enterprises shall have prior approval of the tournament director and the UIL director to film or videotape a regional or state tournament, and may not obstruct the view of other spectators of the contest.~~  
 COMMERCIAL USES. USE OF FILMS, VIDEOTAPES OR OTHER VISUAL RECORDINGS OF REGULAR SEASON ATHLETIC CONTESTS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES SHALL BE APPROVED IN WRITING BY ALL SCHOOLS COMPETING IN THE CONTEST. ANY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COMPETING SCHOOLS REGARDING THE FILMING, VIDEOTAPING OR OTHER VISUAL RECORDING OF REGULAR SEASON ATHLETIC CONTESTS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY COMMERCIAL USES, SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE LEAGUE'S CONSTITUTION AND CONTEST RULES AND ANY CONTRACTS MADE THEREUNDER.

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

This proposed amendment creates no fiscal impact to member schools.

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

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective immediately 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 would add the Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition as a sanctioned contest for high school.

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

Founded in 1995 as an event sponsored by The University of Texas at Austin, the Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition became a UIL pilot program in 2011. The competition provides students an opportunity to explore the contributions of African Americans to Texas history, as well as honoring the legacy of its namesake, Barbara Jordan. Participation has continued to increase each year. Students attending any UIL member school are eligible to enter. Essays are submitted electronically, evaluated by selected judges and feedback is returned to the student. State finalists will compete for state medals, are invited to attend the academic state meet in May, and will be eligible to apply for TILF scholarships.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

The following would be added as an appendix to the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* effective August 1, 2014, pending approval by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education:

BARBARA JORDAN HISTORICAL ESSAY COMPETITION

- (a) PURPOSE. THE PURPOSE OF THE BARBARA JORDAN HISTORICAL ESSAY COMPETITION IS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS TO TEXAS HISTORY.
- (b) NATURE OF THE CONTEST. ESSAYS SHOULD FOCUS ON INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS WHO ARE NOT WELL-KNOWN FIGURES BUT WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY OR CULTURE IN TEXAS. STUDENTS SHOULD LOOK FIRST TO THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR POSSIBLE ESSAY TOPICS.
- (c) ENTRIES.
  - (1) REPRESENTATION. ANY STUDENT IN GRADES 9-12 WHO ATTENDS A UIL MEMBER HIGH SCHOOL IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER.
  - (2) FORMAT. RESEARCH PAPER FORMAT REQUIRED. GUIDELINES AND MINIMUM STANDARDS WILL BE POSTED ON THE UIL WEBSITE.

- ESSAYS SHOULD DISPLAY ORIGINAL RESEARCH; USE OF PRIMARY SOURCES AND INTERVIEWS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.
- (3) DEADLINE. ENTRIES WILL BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE PUBLISHED ON THE UIL WEBSITE.
- (d) EVALUATION. ALL ENTRIES THAT MEET BASIC REQUIREMENTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN ESSAY JUDGING. JUDGES WILL EVALUATE EACH ENTRY AND PROVIDE COMMENTS THAT WILL BE RETURNED TO CONTESTANTS.
- (e) ADVANCEMENT. JUDGES WILL NOMINATE ESSAYS TO BE CONSIDERED AS STATE FINALISTS. A SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL DETERMINE STATE FINALISTS FROM AMONG THE NOMINEES. ALL STATE FINALISTS WILL BE PRESENTED STATE AWARDS AND BECOME ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR TEXAS INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Travel to the state academic contest for finalists.

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

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2014, 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 would add the Latino History Essay Competition as a sanctioned contest for high school.

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

Founded in 2011 by the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement at UT-Austin, the Latino History Essay Competition became a pilot program at UIL in 2012. In its initial year the competition was open to students in South Texas; beginning with 2012, entries were accepted from students statewide with a great deal of interest. The theme of the competition is "historical and cultural legacies of Latinos in Texas history." Students attending any UIL member school are eligible to enter. Essays are submitted electronically, evaluated by selected judges and feedback is returned to the student. State finalists will compete for state medals, are invited to attend the academic state meet in May, and will be eligible to apply for TILF scholarships.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

The following would be added as an appendix to the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* effective August 1, 2014, pending approval by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education:

LATINO HISTORY ESSAY COMPETITION

- (a) PURPOSE. THE PURPOSE OF THE LATINO HISTORY ESSAY COMPETITION IS TO PROVIDE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO RESEARCH AND RECORD PAST AND PRESENT CONTRIBUTIONS OF LATINO COMMUNITIES OF TEXAS.
- (b) NATURE OF THE CONTEST. ESSAYS SHOULD FOCUS ON A PROMINENT OR RELATIVELY UNKNOWN LATINO INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION OR MOVEMENT IN TEXAS HISTORY AND HOW THE SUBJECT OF THE ESSAY SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCED TODAY'S LATINO COMMUNITIES.
- (c) ENTRIES.
  - (1) REPRESENTATION. ANY STUDENT IN GRADES 9-12 WHO ATTENDS A UIL MEMBER HIGH SCHOOL IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER.
  - (2) FORMAT. RESEARCH PAPER FORMAT REQUIRED. GUIDELINES AND MINIMUM STANDARDS WILL BE POSTED ON THE UIL WEBSITE. ESSAYS SHOULD DISPLAY ORIGINAL RESEARCH; USE OF PRIMARY SOURCES AND INTERVIEWS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.

- (3) DEADLINE. ENTRIES WILL BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE PUBLISHED ON THE UIL WEBSITE.
- (d) EVALUATION. ALL ENTRIES THAT MEET BASIC REQUIREMENTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN ESSAY JUDGING. JUDGES WILL EVALUATE EACH ENTRY AND PROVIDE COMMENTS THAT WILL BE RETURNED TO CONTESTANTS.
- (e) ADVANCEMENT. JUDGES WILL NOMINATE ESSAYS TO BE CONSIDERED AS STATE FINALISTS. A SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL DETERMINE STATE FINALISTS FROM AMONG THE NOMINEES. ALL STATE FINALISTS WILL BE PRESENTED STATE AWARDS AND BECOME ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR TEXAS INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Travel to the state academic contest for finalists.

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

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2014, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY**  
**Instructed the Staff to Study The Following Proposals**

- a. Realignment process and rules to account for schools that face extreme travel distances
- b. Adding water polo as a UIL sanctioned activity
- c. Foreign Exchange student eligibility
- d. Adding cheerleading as a UIL sanctioned activity

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY**  
**Tabled, Rejected or Took No Action on the Following Proposals**

- a. Allowing magnet schools to participate in sports at a designated “home” school
- b. Changing the age requirement for eligibility
- c. Adding fencing as a UIL sanctioned activity
- d. Shortening the 14 days allowed to rule on a waiver
- e. Adding indoor track as a UIL sanctioned activity



**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY**  
**Moves that the Legislative Council create an Ad Hoc Committee**

- a. Proposal that pertains to school configurations and all related issues  
(including charter schools, virtual schools, home-schooled students,  
etc)

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY**  
**Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Proposal with a Survey**

- a. Adding bowling as a UIL sanctioned activity