

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment strengthens penalties for players who are ejected from a contest.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

The increasing number of player ejections and the seriousness of the actions that lead to those ejections reveals a need for the UIL and its member schools to address this concern.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1208(i) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended by adding language as follows effective August 1, 2018, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1208: ATHLETIC REGULATIONS

(i) MINIMUM PENALTY FOR MISCONDUCT.

(5) PLAYER EJECTION. ANY PLAYER EJECTED FROM A CONTEST IS SUBJECT TO AN AUTOMATIC PENALTY. THE AUTOMATIC PENALTY FOR SUCH AN EJECTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. *FOOTBALL*. EJECTED PLAYER MISSES THE REST OF THE GAME IN WHICH THEY WERE EJECTED PLUS THE FIRST HALF OF THE FOLLOWING GAME.

B. *OTHER SPORTS*. EJECTED PLAYER MISSES THE REST OF THE GAME IN WHICH THEY WERE EJECTED PLUS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING GAME. SOCCER EXCEPTION. THIS SECTION DOES NOT ALTER THE CURRENT POINT PENALTY STRUCTURE FOR SOCCER PLAYER EJECTIONS, AS REQUIRED BY NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS SOCCER PLAYING RULES, THAT IS OUTLINED IN THE SOCCER COACHES MANUAL.

C. *APPEALS*. THE UIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR APPEALING STUDENT EJECTIONS.

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

This proposal has no fiscal impact to schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2018.