

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment would modify Section 1220(f)(3) and Section 1280(g)(3) regarding scheduling restrictions for two-out-of-three elimination series for baseball and softball playoffs.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

For post-season two-out-of-three elimination series games in softball and baseball, current rule only allows the first game of the series to be played prior to Friday. This amendment will allow for teams to schedule two of the three series games prior to Friday. This change will provide flexibility to schools when faced with the challenges of weather concerns, conflicts with other UIL events, and the scheduling restrictions created by state law related to state testing.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1220(f)(3) and Section 1280(g)(3) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2018, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 1220: BASEBALL PLAN

(f) POST SEASON PLAYOFFS.

- (3) *Two-out-of-Three Series*. If schools play a two-out-of-three elimination series, the first ~~(and only the first)~~ AND SECOND games may be played prior to Friday. Game 2 ~~and/or~~ 3 shall not be played until Friday. If one game is played and a second game cannot be played because of weather, then the winner of the one game advances to the next round. If two games are played (and split) and the third game cannot be played on Saturday because of weather conditions, the third and deciding game should be played on Monday of the next week.

Section 1280: GIRLS' SOFTBALL PLAN

(g) POST SEASON PLAYOFFS.

- (3) *Two-out-of-Three Series*. If schools play a two-out-of-three elimination series, the first ~~(and only the first)~~ AND SECOND games may be played prior to Friday. Game 2 ~~and/or~~ 3 shall not be played until Friday. If one game is played and a second game cannot be played because of weather, then the winner of the one game advances to the next round. If two games are played (and split) and the third game cannot be played on Saturday because of weather conditions, the third and deciding game should be played on Monday of the next week.

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.