

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment to Section 1220, *Baseball Plan* and Section 1280, *Softball Plan*, would allow district champions to have the choice of a single elimination or two-out-of-three series in the first round of the playoffs.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Under current rule, mutual agreement or a coin flip determines play-off site and play-off format. The district champion could lose two flips and play a single game at the fourth-place finisher's home field. This amendment would allow for the game site to be determined by coin flip, with the district champion having the choice between a single elimination or two-out-of-three series.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1220(f)(2) and Section 1280(g)(2) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1220: BASEBALL PLAN

(f) POST SEASON PLAYOFFS.

- (2) Playoffs. Playoffs may be single elimination or two-out-of-three from bi-district to state. If neither method is mutually agreeable, a coin flip shall determine play-off format.
EXCEPTION: IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE PLAYOFFS ONLY, THE DISTRICT CHAMPION WILL HAVE THE CHOICE OF A SINGLE GAME OR TWO-OUT-OF-THREE SERIES.

Section 1280: GIRLS' SOFTBALL PLAN

(g) POST SEASON PLAYOFFS.

- (2) Playoffs. Playoffs may be single elimination or two-out-of-three from bi-district to state. If neither method is mutually agreeable, a coin flip shall determine play-off format.
EXCEPTION: IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE PLAYOFFS ONLY, THE DISTRICT CHAMPION WILL HAVE THE CHOICE OF A SINGLE GAME OR TWO-OUT-OF-THREE SERIES.

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

This proposed amendment should have minimal fiscal impact to 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, 2019.