

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

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation***

This amendment would remove the pilot status of the 6A home field advantage in football and add 5A football.

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

The 6A football home field advantage has been a pilot program for three seasons. Currently, 5A football has not participated in home field advantage as a part of this pilot. This proposal adds 5A football and removes the pilot status, codifying it into rule.

***C. Proposed Recommendation***

Section 1250(i)(3) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows:

Section 1250: FOOTBALL PLAN

(i) SITE AND DAY OF GAME

- (3) *Playoff Games*. EXCLUDING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES, unless mutually agreeable otherwise, the place for playing a playoff game shall be determined on a “home and home” basis for the past two football seasons. ~~Exception: State championship game.~~ The team that was the visiting team the last time the two teams met on a home field in a post-district playoff game may require the game be played at its home field. In case of disagreement between two teams who have not played a post-district playoff game during the past two football seasons, the game site shall be decided by a coin toss. A school cannot be required to flip for a playoff site that is not large enough to accommodate the fans from both schools. ~~Exception: As a pilot study~~ In 5A and 6A ~~only~~, for the first round of the playoffs only, the opponent with the higher district finish will determine whether the game is played on its home field or mutually agree to play the game at a neutral site. If the opponents have the same district finish, the two teams will flip a coin or agree on a neutral site.

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

This proposal will have limited to no additional 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.