

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

**A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment**

This amendment to Section 360, *Non-Discrimination Policy*, would allow girls to try out for and, if selected, compete on any boys' team or in individual sports compete against boys, whether or not there is a corresponding girls team or individual competition.

**B. Factual and Policy Justifications**

This amendment allows girls who wish to compete against boys the opportunity to do so. This will provide girls additional opportunities to compete.

**C. Proposed Amendment**

Section 360 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 360: NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Failure to comply with the provisions of this subchapter constitutes an act or omission that is a violation of the *Constitution*. Except as provided for below, no student otherwise eligible under Subchapter M of the *Constitution* shall be denied, because of disability, race, color, gender, religion or national origin, the equal opportunity to try out for and, if selected, participate in the Academic, Music, and Athletic Plan contests offered by the member school districts.

- (a) Member schools may not permit boys to try out for, or participate under the Jr. High School or High School Athletic Plans designated for girls' teams OR IN INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS DESIGNATED FOR GIRLS.
- (b) ~~Member schools that offer Cross Country, Golf, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field and/or Wrestling individual athletic plans may not permit mixed plans for boys and girls in those activities.~~
- (eB) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION TENNIS AND TEAM TENNIS WILL BE TREATED AS A SINGLE SPORT. Member schools offering mixed **DOUBLES** or coed Team Tennis in which the game rules designate a certain number of team participants from each gender, may not permit boys to qualify for girls' positions on the mixed teams nor permit girls to qualify for boys' positions on the mixed teams.
- (dC) ~~Girls may try out for, and if selected, participate on the corresponding~~ ANY boys' team REGARDLESS OF THE FACT THAT THERE MAY BE A GIRLS' TEAM IN THE SAME SPORT. ~~if the member school does not offer a corresponding girls' plan for basketball, and/or soccer. Otherwise~~ HOWEVER, a member school that offers any of these plans may not permit boys to participate on the girls' teams OR TO INDIVIDUALLY COMPETE AGAINST GIRLS IN GIRLS' EVENTS. A GIRL THAT IS SELECTED TO PLAY ON A BOYS' TEAM OR TO INDIVIDUALLY COMPETE AGAINST BOYS IN A GIVEN SPORT OR CONTEST IS DEEMED TO HAVE MADE AN ELECTION FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR FOR THAT SPORT AND MAY NOT PLAY ON A GIRLS' TEAM OR INDIVIDUALLY COMPETE AGAINST GIRLS IN A CORRESPONDING SPORT DURING THAT TIME. A GIRL'S ELECTION IS MADE UPON A BOYS' TEAM'S TRYOUTS BEING CONCLUDED AND TEAM MEMBERSHIP IS DETERMINED OR AT THE TIME OF THE TEAM'S FIRST GAME OR CONTEST WHICHEVER IS SOONER. ~~nor girls to participate on boys' teams in these activities. UIL considers the following to be corresponding sport athletic plans: boys and girls basketball; boys and girls soccer.~~
- (e) ~~Girls may try out for and, if selected, participate in the Junior High School or the High School Football Plan.~~
- (fD) ~~Girls may try out for and, if selected, participate in the Junior High School or High School Baseball Plan, however, girls~~ GIRLS shall not participate in both baseball and girls' softball at the same time.
- (gE) Boys ON A BOYS' WRESTLING TEAM may not wrestle ON ~~against~~ A girls' WRESTLING TEAM OR AGAINST A GIRL WHO IS NOT ON A BOYS WRESTLING TEAM. GIRLS MAY TRY OUT FOR AND, IF THEY ARE SELECTED, WRESTLE ON A BOYS' WRESTLING TEAM AND WRESTLE BOYS. ~~and vice versa.~~ This prohibition is only applicable when the contest is held in Texas or in any other state that sponsors wrestling programs for both boys and girls.

(hF) Gender shall be determined based on a student's birth certificate. In cases where a student's birth certificate is unavailable, other similar government documents used for the purpose of identification may be substituted.

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

This proposed amendment should have no significant fiscal impact on 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.