

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment to Sections 1270(c) and 1270(d)(1), *Soccer Plan*, would alter the first day for scrimmages for the soccer season to be more consistent with the first day for scrimmages in other team sports.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This amendment would allow schools to participate in soccer scrimmages 10 days from the first practice date, putting them on the same timeline as other team sports. The current rule has 31 days between the first day of soccer practice and when schools are allowed to participate in their first scrimmage. As the calendar sits now, teams only have six available days to participate in three scrimmages.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Sections 1270(c) and 1270(d)(1) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

(c) DATES FOR PRACTICE AND GAMES. There shall be no school soccer practices for a contestant or team before or after school from the first day of school until the first Monday after Thanksgiving, and after the date for certifying district representatives, except for teams that have not been eliminated in the playoffs. See Official Calendar for practice and playing dates, and certification deadlines. ~~Schools shall not scrimmage until complying with the holiday restrictions in accordance with Section 1206 (l).~~

(d) NUMBER OF GAMES, SCRIMMAGES AND TOURNAMENTS.

(1) Scrimmages. ~~No team or student shall participate in more than three total scrimmages. No team or student shall participate in more than two scrimmages per calendar week. Only one scrimmage is permitted between Monday and the end of the school day Friday.~~ SCHOOLS SHALL NOT SCRIMMAGE PRIOR TO THE DATE SET FORTH BY THE UIL CALENDAR, NOT TO EXCEED TWO SCRIMMAGES PER WEEK, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY. SCRIMMAGES ARE SUBJECT TO THE ONE CONTEST PER SCHOOL WEEK LIMITATION.

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

This proposed amendment should have no 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.