

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment would amend Section 1310(g) of the team tennis playoff structure and Section 1208(p) of athletic regulations.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Team tennis would be aligned with other team sports with post season play being completed through a playoff bracket format.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1310(g) and Section 1208(p) of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows if approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1310: TEAM TENNIS PLAN

(g) CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE.

(1) *District Tournaments.*

(A) *Format.* The District Executive Committee will make arrangements and set format to determine the district representatives.

(B) *Entries.* Each school shall enter the district meet by certifying entries to the district director by the entry deadline set by the District Executive Committee. If a round-robin format is utilized in lieu of a district tournament, the District Executive Committee shall specify entry and team roster regulations prior to the entry deadline.

~~(C) *Area Qualifiers.* The top four teams from each district shall advance to the area tournament. The district meet director shall certify area tournament entries.~~

~~(D) *Regional Qualifiers.* The first and second place team finishers in each area tournament shall advance to the regional tournament. The third place school from each area shall be the alternate. Regional tournament entries shall be certified by the area meet director.~~

~~(2) *Area Tournaments.*~~

~~(A) District winners shall be matched against fourth place finishers from the corresponding district; second place shall be matched against the third place finishers from the corresponding district.~~

~~(B) Results of the final match shall determine area winners, runners-up and alternates. **Exception:** By mutual consent, teams can exclude the area championship and/or third place matches.~~

~~(C) Regional tournament entries shall be certified by the area meet director.~~

~~(3) *2) Regional Tournaments.*~~

~~(A) REGIONAL QUALIFIERS. REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL WINNERS WILL ADVANCE TO A REGIONAL TOURNAMENT. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRIES SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL WINNERS TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR~~

~~(B) Each regional director shall be authorized to use a seeding procedure.~~

~~(C) Area winners shall be matched against runners-up from another area.~~

~~(D) Results of the final match shall determine regional winners, runners-up and alternates.~~

- (DB) State tournament entries shall be certified by the regional meet director.
- (4-3) *State Tournament.*
- (A) The first place team from each region will advance to the state tournament.
- (B) Pairings will be made based on season records.

Section 1208: ATHLETIC REGULATIONS

- (p) MID-POINT SITES. Unless mutually agreed otherwise, post district contests in the team sports of baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, TEAM TENNIS and volleyball shall be at a mid-point site for schools located more than 100 miles apart.

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

The fiscal impact to schools is difficult to determine; however, many schools will see a decrease in expenditures for these activities.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2017.