

2020-21



VOLLEYBALL

Postseason Handbook

(1A, 2A, 3A & 4A)

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

VOLLEYBALL POSTSEASON HANDBOOK

Congratulations to schools who will represent their district in post-season play! Please read the following information carefully regarding the 2020 UIL Volleyball postseason as there are changes from previous years.

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Certification Deadlines for Volleyball Playoffs.

October 27	District Certification Deadline
October 29-31	Bi-district
November 2-3	Area
November 5-7	Regional quarterfinals
November 9-10	Regional semifinals
November 12-14	Regional finals
November 16-17	State semifinals
November 21	State Championships

Brackets. (*required for each round of playoffs)

Use MaxPreps.com to submit results and update next round bracket information. The winning coach must submit next round information and game results on an existing MaxPreps.com account or by creating a new one. Scores submitted through MaxPreps will be automatically updated on the UIL playoff brackets. Learn more about MaxPreps Sign in or register for a MaxPreps.com account: <https://secure.maxpreps.com/utility/member/login.aspx>

Post-Season Warmup Matches.

Teams can schedule a warm-up game after district certification and before their first playoff game if they have not reached their allowable season match limit. This game can be scheduled like any other regular season match. Teams that have exhausted their allowable season match limit are given a UIL one game exception under the following conditions:

- Teams that are District Champions and have a first-round bye.
- The one-game exception can be played only at the end of your school day on Friday or last day of instruction **(with no loss of school time)** or anytime on Saturday.

SPORT SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS

Face Coverings

Face coverings do not have to be worn while exercising or competing on the court, in the match. Face coverings must be worn by all team personnel (coaches, managers, players not in the match) while on the bench.

NFHS VB Considerations

In support of the guidance to opening up high school athletics the NFHS volleyball rules committee created considerations for state associations to consider whether any possible rules could be altered for the 2020 volleyball season. The following outline the considerations the UIL volleyball will make for this next season only.

Team Benches (5-4-4b, 9-1-2, 9-1-2 NOTE, 9-3-3b)

- Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches between sets. Prior to warm-ups, the home team will select bench (1-6-1) to be at the entire match, for all matches played on a given night.
- Suspend the use of the coin toss to determine serve/receive. The visiting team will serve first in set 1 and alternate first serve for the remaining non-deciding sets.
- Limit bench personnel to observe social distancing of 3 to 6 feet.

Pre-match Conference (1-2-4a; 1-6-2; 1-6-3; 2-1-10; 5-4-1h, k; 5-6-1; 7-1-1; 7-1-1 PENALTIES 1; 9-1a; 12-2-3)

- Suspend roster submission at the pre-match conference. Rosters are submitted directly to the officials' table before the 10-minute mark.
- Limit the attendees to the head coach and one captain from each team and the R1 and R2
- Hold the conference at center court with the head coach, one captain and a referee on each side of the net

Deciding Set Procedures [1-2-4b, 5-4-4c, 5-5-3b(26), 9-2-3c]

- Move the location of the deciding set coin toss to center court with team captains and the second referee maintaining the appropriate social distance of 3 to 6 feet. A coin toss, called by the home team, will decide serve/receive.
- Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches before a deciding set.

Substitution Procedures (2-1-7, 10-2-1, 10-2-3, 10-2-4)

- Maintain social distancing of 3 to 6 feet between the second referee and the player and substitute by encouraging substitutions to occur within the substitution zone closer to the attack line.

Pre-match Ceremony

- Both teams (starting players and/or entire team) will line up on their respective end lines
- The R1 will whistle and motion for teams to advance to the attack line
- The R1 will whistle to release the players to line up in their starting positions

Post-match Ceremony

- The R1 will display the end of set signal (signal 21)
- Using both open hands with arms extended, the R2 will point toward the attack lines.
- The teams will line up on their respective attack lines facing their opponents

POSTSEASON MATCH INFORMATION

If you have interruptions in your post season games due to COVID-19, please contact our Volleyball Director, Brandy Belk at 512-635-6634. Extensions to competitive rounds (bi-district, areas, regional quarterfinals, etc.) played in the post season must have UIL approval.

Changes Due to COVID-19. Due to the pandemic, the regional tournaments have been canceled and the state tournament is a finals-only format for the 2020-21 school year. Teams will negotiate match arrangements for the regional semi-final, regional finals and state semi-final matches like they always do with every other play-off match leading up to the regional semi-final round. COVID protocols that have been in place all season will remain in place through the postseason.

Site Selection. Sites for all rounds of playoffs prior to the state championship matches are to be selected by the teams involved. See Section 1208 (o)(p) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules. If schools cannot agree, they must flip a coin.

- **Neutral Sites:** A site mid-point or near mid-point, or a site agreed on by both schools as neutral, is a neutral site. Unless mutually agreeable, a site cannot be neutral if its distance from either school is more than two-thirds the total distance between the schools.
- **Home Sites:** When two schools flip for two separate sites other than their home field or court, the sites are considered home sites unless both sites are near mid-point.
- **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 a mid-point site for schools located more than 100 miles apart.

Officials. Officials for bi-district, area, regional quarterfinals, regional semi-final, regional finals, state semi-final, and state final matches will be determined by the two competing schools. If officials cannot be agreed upon by both teams, the team on the top of the bracket will need to include a list of chapters that they prefer to not call the match (scratch list) that is representative of both teams, and the UIL will make the assignment.

- Official's Assignment Request Form: <https://www.uiltexas.org/form/officials-request/volleyball.php>

Program Information for State Championships.

Teams advancing to the State semi-final match must submit the following materials to the UIL office by 9:00am, Monday - November 16th. Please include your school name in the subject of your email. This is an important step in providing you with the best possible program at the State Championships. Your assistance in this effort is appreciated.

- Team Information Form (list of players, coaches, etc. and **all** matches played) – to be completed online at <https://www.uiltexas.org/forms/team-info-volleyball>.
- Team Picture (5x7 color photo, at least 300 dpi) – email to pictures@uiltexas.org
- Head Coach Picture (head and shoulder shot, at least 300 dpi) – email to pictures@uiltexas.org
- School mascot or school logo (at least 300 dpi) – email to pictures@uiltexas.org

2020 UIL Volleyball Playoff Information (COVID-19)



1A through 4A:

October 10						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 11						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

YELLOW – Bi-District thru State Semi-Final

GREEN – District Certification

BLUE – State Championships

DISTRICT CERTIFICATION	- The district chair must go to the UIL website at https://www.uilTEXAS.org/machform/view.php?id=37 and fill out the corresponding conference District Certification Form before the district certification deadline. The district certification deadline is October 27, 2020 (1A thru 4A) and November 17, 2020 (5A & 6A). Each district must have a true 1 through 4 th place (1 st through 3 rd place for 1A districts) district finish when submitting this form. In the event one of the designated teams cannot participate due to COVID-19 after the district certification deadline, a bye will be placed into the playoff bracket for that spot.
If One Team is unable to play on the scheduled playing date due to COVID-19	Bi-District thru State Semi-Final Rounds: If the team that advanced to the bi-district round is unable to play due to COVID-19, a bye will be placed on the bracket. For area round through state semi-final rounds if one team can play and the other is unable to play due to COVID-19, the team that can play will advance to the next round. Teams previously eliminated from the postseason will not advance.
If Both Teams are unable to play on the scheduled playing date due to COVID-19	For area round through state semi-final: If two teams that advanced in that competitive round are unable to play due to COVID-19, a bye will be placed on the bracket. Teams previously eliminated from the postseason will not advance.
State Championship	For the State Final game only: If one or both teams are unable to play in the state championship game due to COVID-19, teams will be allowed to re-schedule games at a site determined by both schools. These games will be required to be completed by December 19 th (1A-4A) and January 9 th (5A-6A).

**Disruptions in scheduled post season contests due to COVID -19 must be reported to UIL prior to the certification deadline
-Contact Brandy Belk – Director of Volleyball – 512-635-6634**

General COVID-19 Guidelines

- All current COVID-19 mitigation guidelines and protocols are in place during the post-season.
- All UIL Playoff protocols may be found in the Post Season Packet

VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFF TELECAST INFORMATION

To do a live or tape-delayed telecast of a volleyball contest that occurs during the playoffs, you must first get approval from the UIL. You must also get permission from all schools involved. If the event is occurring at a neutral site where neither team plays its regular home games, you must also get approval from the venue.

- Media outlets interested in telecasting a playoff contest must complete this form before noon the business day prior to the event: [Non-Football Sublicensee Playoff Telecast Request](#)
- Schools interested in doing an Academic Telecast or NFHS Network School Broadcast Program telecast must submit this form before noon the business day prior to the event: [UIL Member School Playoff Telecast Request](#)

Any questions should be directed to the UIL Media Department: pr@uiltexas.org.