

**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.**

<b>October 27</b>	District Certification Deadline
<b>October 29-31</b>	Bi-district
<b>November 2-3</b>	Area
<b>November 5-7</b>	Regional quarterfinals
<b>November 9-10</b>	Regional semifinals
<b>November 12-14</b>	Regional finals
<b>November 16-17</b>	State semifinals
<b>November 21</b>	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 arrangement for the regional semi-final, regional finals and state semi-final matches like they 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.uil texas.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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.uil texas.org/forms/team-info-volleyball>.
- Team Picture (5x7 color photo, at least 300 dpi) – email to [pictures@uil texas.org](mailto:pictures@uil texas.org)
- Head Coach Picture (head and shoulder shot, at least 300 dpi) – email to [pictures@uil texas.org](mailto:pictures@uil texas.org)
- School mascot or school logo (at least 300 dpi) – email to [pictures@uil texas.org](mailto:pictures@uil texas.org)