

2020-21



BASKETBALL
Playoff Handbook

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

BASKETBALL PLAYOFF HANDBOOK

Congratulations to schools who will represent their district in post-season play! Please read the following information carefully regarding the 2021 UIL Basketball playoffs.

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Certification Deadlines for Basketball Playoffs.

February 9 (Girls)	February 16 (Boys)	District Certification, All Conferences.
February 20 (Girls)	February 20-23 (Boys)	Bi-district, All Conferences.
February 20-23 (Girls)	February 24-25 (Boys)	Area, All Conferences.
February 24-25 (Girls)	February 26-27 (Boys)	Regional quarterfinals, All Conferences.
February 26-27 (Girls)	March 1-2 (Boys)	Regional semifinals, All Conferences.
March 1-2 (Girls)	March 5-6 (Boys)	Regional finals, All Conferences.
March 5-6 (Girls)	March 8-9 (Boys)	State Semi-Finals, All Conferences.
March 10-11 (Girls)	March 12-13 (Boys)	State Finals, All Conferences.

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>

POSTSEASON GAME INFORMATION

Post-season Warmup Matches.

- Teams can schedule a warm-up game before their first playoff game if they have not reached their allowable season limit:
 - 0 invitational tournaments and 27 games
 - 1 invitational tournament and 25 games
 - 2 invitational tournaments and 23 games
 - 3 invitational tournaments and 21 gamesThis game can be scheduled like any other regular season game.
- The district champions that have exhausted their allowable season limit are given a UIL one-game exception under the following conditions:
 - Only the district champions that have a bye for the first round or playoffs can use the one-game exception.
 - 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.

Championship Structure. The top 3 teams in Conference 1A and the top 4 teams in Conferences 2A-6A will advance from district to the playoffs.

Site Selection. The teams involved should select sites for all rounds of playoffs. See Section 1208 (o and p) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules. If schools cannot agree, they must flip a coin.

- **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.

- **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 agree- able, a site cannot be neutral if its distance from either school is more than two-thirds the total distance between the two schools.
- **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.

Gate Receipts.

The following paragraph is taken from the Basketball Plan.

(d) POST-DISTRICT RECEIPTS. Sixteen percent of the gate receipts, after fees for referees, scorer and timer are deducted, shall be paid to the UIL for all post-district games except games played at the state tournaments. The UIL office retains an annually determined percentage of gate receipts from the state basketball tournament.

The school that handles the receipts of the game, usually the "home team", submits a financial form to the UIL office. The updated basketball financial form can be found on the basketball forms page on our website: <http://www.uiltexas.org/basketball/page/bbfinancialform>

Program Information for State Tournament.

Teams advancing to the regional finals must submit following materials *to the UIL office by **Sunday, March 7 (Girls and Boys)***. *Please include your school name in the subject of your email.* This is an important step in providing you with the best possible program. Your assistance in this effort is appreciated.

- Team Information Form (list of players, coaches, etc. and all matches played)
 - Girls' Team Information Form: <https://www.uiltexas.org/forms/team-info-basketball-girls>
 - Boys' Team Information Form: <https://www.uiltexas.org/forms/team-info-basketball-boys>
- Team Picture - 1MB in color, email to pictures@uiltexas.org
- Head Coach Picture (head and shoulder shot) - 1MB, email to pictures@uiltexas.org
- School mascot or school logo - 1MB, email to pictures@uiltexas.org

SPORT SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS

Face Coverings

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

NFHS Rules Considerations

In support of the Guidance for Opening Up High School Athletics and Activities, the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee offers guidance on how state associations can consider modifications to the NFHS Basketball Rules Book. The modifications outlined in this document are meant to decrease potential exposure to respiratory droplets by encouraging social distancing, limiting participation in administrative tasks to essential personnel and allowing for appropriate protective equipment.

- *Pregame Protocol (2019-2020 NFHS Officials Manual, page 16, 1.8; NFHS Basketball Rule Book – 3-4-5)*
 - Limit attendees to the referee and the head coach from each team with each coach standing on the center circle on each side of the division line.
 - All individuals maintain a social distance of 6 feet or greater at the center circle.
 - Suspend handshakes prior to and following the Pregame Conference.
- *Team Benches (1-13-1)*
 - *Social distancing should be practiced when possible. Below are some suggestions.*
 - Limit the number of bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6 feet or greater.
 - Place team benches opposite the spectator seating.
 - Additional chairs or rows may be added to allow bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6 feet or greater.
 - Create separation between the team bench and spectator seating behind the bench.
 - Limit contact between players when substituting.
 - Personnel not in the game should adhere to any required local/state face covering requirements.
- *Officials Table (2-1-3)*
 - The host should sanitize the table before the game and at half time.
 - Place officials table sufficiently away from the sideline to allow for additional space for substitutes.
 - Limit seats at the table to essential personnel which includes home team scorer and timer with a recommend distance of 6 feet or greater between individuals. Other personnel (visiting scorer, statisticians, media, etc.) may not be deemed essential personnel and consider an alternate location for them.
 - Table personnel should adhere to any required local/state face covering requirements.
- *Pre and Post Game Ceremony*
 - Suspend the pregame introduction handshakes.
 - Suspend post game protocol of shaking hands.

Basketball Rules Interpretations

- *Rule 4-1 EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES*
 - Basketball
 - Ball given to officials in the locker room, where it is sanitized as recommended by the ball manufacturer and not used for warm-ups.
 - The host school should ensure that the ball is sanitized during time-outs and between quarters.
 - Sanitizer should be provided by the host team at the table.

- Cloth face coverings are permissible for players.
- Require coaching staff and other bench personnel to wear face coverings while on the bench.
- *Rule 5-3 Officials Uniform and Equipment*
 - By state association adoption, long-sleeved shirts are permissible. (5-1-3)
 - Officials should not be required to wear jackets during pre-game court/player observation.
 - Electronic whistles are permissible (supplies are limited).
 - Choose a whistle whose tone will carry inside.
 - Check the market for choices
 - Cloth face coverings are permissible.
 - Gloves are permissible.

Other Considerations

- *Throw-in*
 - Official may stand 6 feet or greater away from player making the throw-in and bounce the ball to that player on a front court throw-in.
- *Free Throw Administration*
 - The lead official shall stand on the end line and bounce the ball to the free thrower.

BASKETBALL PLAYOFF TELECAST INFORMATION

To do a live or tape-delayed telecast of a basketball 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.

2021 UIL Girls Basketball Playoff Information (COVID-19)

February							02
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	
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March							03
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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.uil texas.org/basketball/page/district-certification-instructions and fill out the corresponding conference District Certification Form before the district certification deadline. The district certification deadline is February 9, 2021. Each district must have a true 1st through 4 th place 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	Bi-District thru State Semi-Final Rounds: If the 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 April 17, 2021.

Disruptions in scheduled post season contests due to COVID -19 must be reported to UIL prior to the certification deadline: Contact Brandy Belk – 512-635-6634 and Joseph Garmon – 361-244-0497

General Guidelines

- All current COVID-19 mitigation protocols are in place during the post-season.

2021 UIL Boys Basketball Playoff Information (COVID-19)



February 02						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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March 03						
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