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VOLLEYBALL
Postseason Handbook

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 2021 UIL Volleyball postseason as there are changes from previous years.

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Certification Deadlines for Volleyball Playoffs.

October 30	District Certification - All Conferences
November 1-2	Bi-District - All Conferences
November 4-6	Area - All Conferences
November 8-9	Regional Quarterfinals - All Conferences
November 12-13	Regional Tournaments - All Conferences
November 17-20	STATE TOURNAMENT

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.

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.

Site Selection. Sites for all rounds of playoffs prior to the regional tournament 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 quarterfinal 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 Regional Tournament must submit the following materials to the UIL office by end of day, Wednesday – November 10th. *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

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Dates. **Friday and Saturday, November 12-13, 2021.** Regional sites for all conferences can be found on the UIL website at <http://www.uilTEXAS.org/volleyball/regional-sites>.

Entry Fees. Fees are determined by each regional director. The League office suggests that fees be kept to a minimum.

Game Time. The regional director will determine the schedule for the regional tournament.

Draw. The brackets online indicate the regional qualifiers and illustrate exact pairings for the regional tournaments.

Hotels. Each school is responsible for its own hotel arrangements.

Entry Forms. Each district representative is responsible for sending team information to the regional director immediately after the district representatives are certified. UIL does not send team information to regional sites.

Security. Adequate security should be provided for all playoff games, whether the game is played at a neutral site or on the home court of one of the teams.

Spirit Buses. Please contact your regional site if you plan on bringing spirit buses.

Pep Bands. Regional sites have the discretion whether to allow "pep" bands (up to 30 members) to play at their regional site. If "pep" bands are allowed, they may only play prior to the start of the match during warm-ups, during time-outs, between sets and following the competition. Musical instruments are prohibited as artificial noisemakers. The "pep" band should not be located behind or near the opposition's bench. Each member of the pep band will be required to pay admission. Contact your regional director for further information regarding "pep bands."

Certification of Regional Champions.

Regional directors are responsible for certifying state qualifiers upon the conclusion of the Regional Tournaments. Brandy Belk will be in touch with qualifying coaches prior to the State Tournament.

Congratulations on a great season!! If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

2021 UIL Volleyball Playoff Information (COVID-19)

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DISTRICT CERTIFICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The <u>new process</u> for certifying district representatives that was used in 2020-21 will be used again this year, district chairs will be submitting directly to MaxPreps via the UIL Portal. NEW: https://www.uilTEXAS.org/volleyball/page/volleyball-district-certification-instructions The district certification deadline is October 30th, 2021. Each district must have a true 1st through 4th place district finish when submitting. 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.
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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.
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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.
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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).
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**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.

Academic Telecasts (*this is what schools should submit for approval to livestream*)

Schools interested in doing a non-commercial Academic Telecast must submit the form (link below) by noon the business day prior to the event. <https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=35916>

The UIL defines an Academic Telecast as a broadcast with an educational purpose that is produced solely by a UIL-member school and/or school district primarily using school facilities, equipment, staff and students without any commercial relationship for the financial benefit of another party.

Schools may air postseason broadcasts LIVE if approved by UIL. Additionally, schools may distribute the broadcast via their school or district website or a school affiliated YouTube or Facebook Channel. Other commercial .com websites or social media pages are prohibited.

Academic telecasts will be approved if they meet the above definition and if the contest has not been selected by UIL broadcast partners.

There are no fees to do an academic telecast.

NFHS School Broadcast Program Webcast

Schools who are members of the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program and wish to broadcast an event on the network must submit the form (link below) by noon the business day prior to the event: <https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=35916>

Please note: An NFHS Network Telecast is not an Academic Telecast. An Academic Telecast cannot appear on NFHS Network or any commercial website. For more information on the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program, <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/sbp>.

There are no fees to do an NFHS School Broadcast Program webcast.

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

Media outlets wishing to telecast a playoff contest (in any sport other than football) must submit a request to the UIL media department at this link, <https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=232455> to request approval.