



## 2021 Track & Field Calendar

### All Schools (1A through 6A):

April 10	District Certification Deadline
April 17	Area Certification Deadline
April 23-24	Regional Meet Certification Deadline
May 7-8	State Meet (Tentative)

### Deadlines for filing entry forms to appropriate director:

District:	Five days prior to District meet
Area:	Five days prior to Area meet
Regionals:	Immediately following Area meet. Please review regional director's specified deadline.
State:	Regional results will be sent to the state office by the regional director. The school does not send an entry form or fees to the UIL office.

### Invitational Meets:

- **Conferences 1a, 2a, & 3a:** Invitational meets may be conducted with both Varsity and JV divisions (boys and girls) on site at the same time with no more than eight total schools. Invitational meets which include more than one division may not exceed 325 total participants and must follow the below protocols.
    - Each school team shall be allowed a maximum of three contestants in each individual event. Only one relay team per school may be entered.
    - There may also be an additional two schools added to the eight schools allowed if those two schools have no more than six participants.
  - **Conferences 4a, 5a, & 6a:** Invitational Meets may have no more than eight total schools (to include both boys & girls) with only one level of competitors (Var/JV/9<sup>th</sup>) on site at a given time. Invitational meets could allow schools to bring both Varsity & JV athletes, but would be limited to four total schools in that scenario.
    - Each school shall be allowed a maximum of three contestants in each individual event. Only one relay team per school may be entered.
    - There may also be an additional two schools added to the eight schools allowed if those two schools have no more than six participants.
- \*NOTE: Invitational Meets with mixed conferences must follow the protocols of the largest classification involved.**
- \*NOTE: Junior High Meets shall follow the same protocols of their respective conference.**
- District Meets may be conducted with both Varsity and JV divisions (boys and girls) on site at the same time with no restriction on the number of schools. District Executive Committees should plan district meets following the [UIL Risk Mitigation Guidelines](#).
  - Additional information will be released at a later time concerning the State Meet.

# 2021 UIL Track & Field Post Season Structure

District sites, meet directors, required fees, entry procedures, awards and meet schedules are to be determined by the District Executive Committee. Schools should contact the DEC Chair for district information.

The District Executive Committee will set the date and time scheduled for the district meet. The following applies:

- Entries shall be submitted to the director at least five days before the first day of the meet unless district rules stipulate otherwise.
- Each member school may enter one boys' team and one girls' team in the district meet.
- Each school may enter up to and no more than three contestants in each individual event for the district meet.
- Each school may enter only one relay team. In relay events, qualification is by school and not by the individual.
- Scratches are permitted due to illness or academic ineligibility. If a qualified contestant cannot enter the next higher meet, then the alternate (4th place or next eligible finisher) is eligible to participate. If this occurs, the district director notifies the next qualifier and then contacts the regional director.
- Only the individuals qualifying through the district, area, and/or regional meet are eligible to advance to the state meet.

## District Meets

**District Deadline.** April 10, 2021

- **District Meets only may be conducted with both Varsity and JV divisions (boys and girls) on site at the same time with no restriction on the number of schools. DEC's should plan district meets following the [UIL Risk Mitigation Guidelines](#).**
- Districts may qualify up to **FOUR** qualifiers in each event from the District Meet to the Area Meet.
- In the event there is no Area Meet between corresponding districts, each district will certify **ONE** qualifier in each event from the District Meet to the Regional Meet.

## Area Meets

**Area Deadline.** April 17, 2021

Area sites will be facilitated by mutual agreement between the two designated districts. Unless mutually agreed otherwise, the area meet will rotate from one district to the other in a given alignment. Schools should contact the DEC chair for district information.

- Unless mutually agreed otherwise (corresponding districts getting one vote each), districts located more than 150 miles apart may conduct a vote between all schools involved to cancel the area meet.
  - Distance shall be calculated by using the furthest school in each corresponding district.
- Each Area Meet will certify the top **TWO** qualifiers to the Regional Meet Director.
- NOTE: Area Sites may only host one Area Meet per day per conference.

## **Regional Meets**

**Regional Dates.** April 23-24, 2021

- Regional meets may host no more than one conference on a given day. The reduction in qualifiers to the Regional Meet should allow a “Finals Only” format for the Regional Meet. Two Day Meets will turn into one conference per day.
- Each Regional Meet will certify the top **TWO** qualifiers to the State Meet Director.

**Regional Sites and Directors.** Regional sites and directors may be found on the UIL website.

<http://www.uiltexas.org/track-field/regional-sites>

**Fees and Schedules.** Regional directors shall post a notice of entry fees for all regional activities.

- NOTE: For sites hosting more than one conference, Regional sites may only host one Regional Meet per day.

**Entries.** Qualifiers will be certified to the regional director by the district director. The regional director will certify state entries to UIL office.

- Each qualifying school should follow the entry guidelines set forth by each regional site.
- Relay names for the state entry will be required at the conclusion of the regional meet.

## **State Meet**

**Date.** May 7-8, 2021 (Tentative)

**Site.** **TBD**

**Qualifiers.** Only those qualifying through the regional meets are eligible to compete in the state meet. After the regional meet directors have certified state qualifiers, the UIL staff **may** select one additional qualifier for each event to compete in the state meet if the state site allows for it.

- This qualifier will be the individual and/or relay team with the best overall time, mark, or height from all regional meets per classification that did not finish first or second.
- Ties will be broken as stated by the NFHS tiebreaker procedures for each event.
- It is the responsibility of each school to visit the UIL website ([www.uiltexas.org](http://www.uiltexas.org)) for school and coaches' instructions as well as a list of qualifiers to the UIL State Meet.

**Entries.** The regional director will certify state entries to the UIL office. Schools are not required to certify their entries from regional to state. If there are scratches or misspellings of names, please use the name change form found on the UIL website (<http://www.uiltexas.org/track-field/state/scratch-forms>).

- Schedules, school meet information, lodging options, and ticket information will be provided on the UIL website on the state meet page. <http://www.uiltexas.org/track-field/state>
- No school fees are collected for the State Meet.

# 2021 UIL Track & Field Season Update & Considerations

## **Meet Considerations**

Note: This is not an exhaustive list and additional steps may be necessary to help prevent the spread of virus. Even when taking all precautions, there will still be risk of transmitting illnesses. Everyone should stay vigilant about the health of members of their teams. Lastly, the situation with COVID-19 is rapidly changing. These considerations may quickly become outdated. Please keep up with the latest health officials in your county/local area.

## **General:**

- Social distancing of at least 6 feet should be maintained when possible. No hugging, shaking hands, or fist bumps for support/encouragement.
- Recommend that meet hosts have an area designated for spectators so that the competitors, coaches, and officials are always away from the spectators in the venue.
- Recommend that each meet has a specific event and warm-up schedule to prevent large gatherings at a particular event.
- Recommend only using every other lane during lane events if possible.
- Recommend that competitors proceed immediately off the track and to a designated recovery location near the finish area where social distancing may take place. Competitors should also put their mask as soon as they are done competing in their specific event.
- Recommend that there are designated camp locations for all teams that are a minimum of 25 feet apart from other team camps. If hosts allow, buses can be used as a camp location for teams if desired. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and exercise equipment.

## **Coaches:**

- Communicate your guidelines in a clear manner to students and parents.
- Consider conducting workouts in “pods” of same students always training and rotating together in practice to ensure more limited exposure if someone develops an infection.

## **Officials:**

- Bring personal hand sanitizer. Wash hands frequently
- Don't share equipment.
- Follow social distancing guidelines:
  - Pre and Post Meet conferences
  - Clerking at the start line
  - Tabulations and posting of results
- Consider using electronic whistle.
- Do not shake hands, and follow pre and post-game ceremony guidelines established by meet organizers.
- Official personnel should wear face coverings at all times.