

## UIL Soccer Rules – State Adoptions

- 4-2-1h Other Equipment. Players may wear soft and yielding caps (i.e. helmets, hats, caps or visors) during inclement weather with official's discretion.
- 4-2-5 Artificial Limbs. All permissible artificial limbs must be padded with closed-cell slow recovery foam padding no less than a ½ inch thick.  
NOTE: The UIL authorizes the use of artificial limbs which are no more dangerous to players than the corresponding human limb and do not place a opponent at a disadvantage.
- 5-1-1 System of Officiating. The officials shall be a head referee and a referee, a single referee and two assistant referees or a center referee and two side referees assisted by a timer, scorer and at least two ball holders.  
NOTE: The UIL allows games to played with 1, 2, or 3 officials.
- 5-1-3 Officials Uniform. The officials shall be dressed alike in the uniforms.  
NOTE: The UIL gives the authority of officials' shirt color to TASO.
- 6-2-1 Timer. The home school timer shall be the official timer. The UIL recommends a visual time clock (if available). By mutual agreement between competing teams, the official time may be kept by the head referee. 6-3-1 and 6-3-3 Scorer. The home school shall designate the official scorer. By mutual agreement between competing teams, the official score may be kept by the head referee.
- 7-1-1 Length of Periods. Two equal halves of 40 minutes each shall be played. **NEW FOR 2024-25: After 20-minutes of play (elapsed game time) or beyond in the second half, if one team has a goal differential of +8 goals or more, the game would be stopped and declared as final.**
- 7-1-2 Length of Periods. District Executive Committee has the discretion to shorten the length of the periods.
- 7-1-3 Suspended Games. In the event a game must be suspended because of the conditions, which make it impossible to continue play, the head referee shall declare it an official game if one complete half or more of the game has been played.  
NOTE: If less than a half is played - unless District Executive Committee specified otherwise in writing prior to the season, the 19 game is replayed from the start. If first half is complete - the game is over. In postseason contests, a suspended game will be continued from point of suspension and played to completion.
- 7-3-1 Tie Games. Regular-season games, which are tied at the end of 80 minutes. (District Executive Committee must decide whether to: (A) end the game in a tie resulting in ½ game lost and ½ game won; (B) play two 10-minute overtimes; and /or (C) move directly to a shoot-out)
- 12-8-1d and 12-8-3 Note: Disqualified player or coach disqualified under articles 2 and 3 shall be barred from participating in the next contest(s). The UIL has soccer point penalty for the player if disqualified and barred from participating in the next contest. The UIL State Executive Committee has a penalty structure for coaches, which could include being barred from participating in the next contest.