

~ 21-22 UIL RULE AMENDMENTS ~

2021-2022 UIL Changes and Amendments

GENERAL

- **Section 1204 – Officials Pay**- Effective the 2021-22 school year the portal- to-portal travel reimbursement for the UIL Officials Fee Schedule (1204) removes the last mileage range (91-120.9 miles) initiating travel reimbursement at 91 miles in place of the original 121 miles.
- **Section 1207 Rules, Violations and Penalties**– Changes to this section of the constitution more clearly reflects the authority of the District Executive Committee and the State Executive Committee to suspend a school or team when a member of that team commits an assault on a sports official. This amendment would also require schools to develop policies for suspending a spectator who commits an assault on a sports official from future events.
- **1A Basketball** – A referendum ballot for 1A basketball will be sent to 1A superintendents regarding the addition of a fourth qualifier for post season in girls and boys basketball. If the ballot passes, this change will be effective for 2021-22.
- **Softball/Baseball Practice dates** – Softball and baseball practice dates will be a date set forth on the UIL calendar and will be two weeks prior to the first scrimmage.
- **Broadcast of UIL Events** – Webcasts for football, streamed over the internet and in accordance with UIL Broadcast Guidelines will be allowed by mutual agreement. Other live telecasts including over-the-air television broadcasts will still be prohibited.
- **Assault of an Official -33.081 E-1 of the Texas Education Code** – As a result of the passage of HB 2721 a participant who assaults an official will be suspended from participation for a minimum of two years.
- **Spectator Policies** – Schools shall develop policies for preventing any spectator who commits assault of a sports participant, inclusive of officials, from attending future events in activities sanctioned by the UIL.
- **Practice Regulations**–Sessions for strength & conditioning instruction may be conducted by school coaches for students in grades 7-12 from that coaches attendance zone starting the first day of school. A strength and conditioning session shall be no more than one hour per day outside the school day, Monday through Friday, and a student shall attend no more than one session of supervised instruction per day.
- **Home Schooled Student -Section 33.0832 of the Texas Education Code** – As a result of the passage of HB 547 homeschool students are allowed eligibility for UIL activities, if approved by the local school district.
 - Schools that allow homeschool participation must notify their DEC and UIL by August 1st. (This will occur in UIL portal, and direction will be sent at a later time.)
 - For non-enrolled (homeschool students), if the public independent school district where the parent/ guardians of the students reside decide not to allow home schooled students to participate, the student could petition to participate at a charter school within the boundaries of the independent school district where the parent/ guardian of the student reside, if allowed by charter school administration.

- The parent or person standing in parental relation to a home schooled student participating in a UIL activity on behalf of a public school must, in accordance with the school's grading calendar, provide written verification to the school indicating that the student is receiving a passing grade in each course or subject being taught.
- Home schooled students may not participate unattached.
- Home schooled students may not participate in an athletic activity offered by the UIL in and in a non-school league under auspices of any other sanctioning organization.
- Home schooled students that have moved into an attendance zone within the past 12 months will require a full hearing of the DEC.
- A home schooled student seeking participation for the first six weeks must demonstrate grade-level academic proficiency on any nationally recognized, norm referenced assessment instrument.
- A home schooled student shall participate in no more than one athletic class period per school day, not to exceed 60 minutes per day.
- Home schooled students are not authorized to participate in a league activity during the remainder of any school year during which the student was previously enrolled in a public school.
- Home schooled students that reside outside of the attendance boundaries of a school or ISD are not eligible to for a parent residence waiver.