



**UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
Request For Accommodation**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and/or Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

SECTION I: STUDENT RECORD INFORMATION

Type or Print Student's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Male ____ Female ____ Current Year in School 9 10 11 12

Parent or Guardian's Name _____ Email address _____

Mailing Address _____

City/Zip _____ Home Phone # _____

Name/Address of High School _____

Principal's name _____ School Phone # _____ Email address _____

Name/address of ISD _____

Superintendent's Name _____ Email address _____

SECTION II: INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMITTEE

This form is to be completed by a properly constituted Sec. 504 Committee and/or A.R.D. Committee. Following the Committee's determinations, the superintendent of schools is to review the results and sign the request. By signing this form, the superintendent of schools verifies that a properly constituted 504 Committee and/or A.R.D. Committee has made the required determinations in reference to the physical impairment that leads to the request for accommodation.

Superintendent should review the following documents:

- Current accommodation plan and/or I.E.P.;
- 504 Committee and/or A.R.D. Committee notes/reports on initial eligibility and placement;
- Current 504 accommodation plan or report of Committee meeting where student was dismissed from 504;
- Documentation substantiating the physical or mental impairment;
- Documentation supporting the finding of substantial limitation;

No records are to be submitted to UIL. The only required submission to UIL is the signed application form.

SECTION III: SPECIFIC ACCOMMODATION(S) REQUEST

Please provide a detailed explanation of the UIL activities in which the student participates and the specific accommodation(s) requested to applicable UIL contest rules or playing rules for those activities (attach separate sheet if necessary): _____

SECTION IV: SUPERINTENDENT'S STATEMENT

Please check:

_____ I certify that I have been provided documentation which verifies that this student is a student with disabilities as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and/or Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and is currently being served under either of those Acts.

Signature of Superintendent _____ Date _____

Instructions for submission: When completed and signed by the all applicable parties, this application form should be submitted to the UIL Office. *No accommodations to UIL contest or playing rules requested in this application will be provided unless and until approved by University Interscholastic League.*

University Interscholastic League
Attention: Disability Accommodations Request
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Austin, TX 78713

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SECTION V: BASIS FOR DECISION

The ADA and Section 504 require that accommodations be provided to individuals with disabilities when certain conditions are satisfied. Guidance in addressing this requirement is provided in the case of *PGA Tour, Inc. v. Martin*, 532 U.S. 661, 121 S. Ct. 1879 (2001). The Court set forth three questions to be addressed when determining whether an accommodation is to be provided: "the statute contemplates three inquiries: whether the requested modification is "reasonable," whether it is "necessary" for the disabled individual, and whether it would "fundamentally alter the nature of" the competition. 42 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(2)(A)(ii)." *Id.* at 683, n. 38, 121 S. Ct. at 1894.

The Court gave further guidance with regard to the third inquiry; that is, whether the requested accommodation would "fundamentally alter the nature of" the competition, as follows:

It might alter such an essential aspect of the game of golf that it would be unacceptable even if it affected all competitors equally; changing the diameter of the hole from three to six inches might be such a modification. Alternatively, a less significant change that has only a peripheral impact on the game itself might nevertheless give a disabled player, in addition to access to the competition as required by Title III, an advantage over others and, for that reason, fundamentally alter the character of the competition.

Id. at 683, 121 S. Ct. at 1893.

As such, the basis for decision with regard to this request for accommodation(s) to applicable contest rules or playing rules rests upon:

1. whether the requested accommodation(s) is "reasonable";
2. whether the requested accommodation(s) is "necessary,"; and
3. whether the requested accommodation(s) would "fundamentally alter the nature of" the competition, either because it would alter an "essential aspect of the game" or activity or give the student an "advantage over others and, for that reason, fundamentally alter the character" of the competition.