



2020-21 Golf Calendar

All Schools:

August 17	(1A Through 4A Schools) May start Interschool Competition
September 7	(5A & 6A Schools) May start Interschool Competition
April 10	District Certification Deadline
April 19-22	Regional Tournaments
May 10,11	Girls' State Tournament
May 17,18	Boys' State Tournament

Deadlines for filing entry forms to appropriate director:

District:	5 days prior to district meet
Regionals:	Immediately following district 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 Tournaments may have no more than 18 total teams (no more than 5 students per team). This will allow for no more than one group on a tee box at a time.**
- ◆ **No student representing a member school shall participate in more than eight tournaments during the school year.**
- ◆ **Tournaments will be allowed with appropriate social distancing protocols followed throughout play.**



2020 UIL Golf Season Update

General Operational Guidelines

TEA requires all school systems to develop a plan for mitigating COVID-19 spread in schools. UIL guidelines *require* schools to include UIL activities for the 2020-2021 school year as part of this plan and carefully plan for mitigating risk of spread as students and staff participate in them. Schools must post these plans on the homepage of the school website or other easily accessible area of the school website. These plans do not require UIL or TEA approval. All 2020-2021 UIL COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidelines can be found at <https://www.uiltexas.org/policy/covid-19>

Face Coverings- Executive Order GA-29

Executive Order GA-29, regarding face coverings, applies to all UIL activities effective July 3, 2020. This includes the 2020-2021 school year. As the public health situation changes, and/or if subsequent Executive Orders are issued by Governor Greg Abbott, these guidelines may be further modified.

1. For the purposes of this document, face coverings include non-medical grade disposable face masks, cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth), or full-face shields to protect eyes, nose, and mouth. Face shields may be superior to cloth face coverings in many circumstances, given improved ability to see mouth movements and improved air circulation.
2. All employees, parents, visitors and students ten years of age or older must wear face coverings or face shields upon entry to an area where UIL activities are being conducted and when not actively practicing or playing in the contest, unless an exception listed below applies.
3. The face coverings requirements do not apply to a school in a county that meets the requirements of paragraph 11 of Executive Order GA-29, unless the local school system chooses to implement these requirements locally. Even in these circumstances, the wearing of face coverings or face shields is strongly encouraged.

Exceptions to the wearing of face coverings or face shields include:

- a. Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
- b. While a person is consuming food or drink;
- c. While the person is in a swimming pool, lake, or similar body of water.
- d. When a congregating group of persons maintains at least 6 feet of social distancing; or
- e. Any other reason or circumstance indicated under Executive Order GA-29.

***Competitive drills involving one or more students on offense against one or more students on defense may be conducted. While conducting these drills, schools must require all students not actively exercising and staff to wear face coverings as described above.**

Remote Learning

Students participating in remote learning offered by their school district, whether synchronous or asynchronous (as defined by TEA), may participate in UIL activities if they meet all other UIL eligibility requirements. Students must be enrolled in remote learning options through the school the student will represent. Schools may develop local policies with additional requirements for participation. You can find more information related to the full-time student rule in Section 406 UIL Constitution and Contest Rules <https://www.uiltexas.org/policy/constitution/general/eligibility>

Academic Eligibility-Credit Requirements

For the 2020-2021 school year, UIL eligibility requirements for the first six weeks of school have been modified to allow a student to be eligible for the first six weeks if they accumulated at least two and a half credits since the start of the 2019-2020 school year. Schools may impose additional requirements. <https://www.uiltexas.org/covid-19-information>

Practice Regulations

- Summer Activities
Conference 1A-4A
 - Schools may allow students to continue strength and conditioning and sport specific instruction until the first day of instruction, whether in-person or remote, or the first day of in-season activities, whichever is

earlier. Students who have not started in-season activities may continue summer workouts until the first day of instruction.

Conference 5A-6A

- For football and volleyball, schools may allow students to continue strength and conditioning and sport specific instruction through September 4, 2020, whether or not the instructional school year has started.
 - For activities other than football and volleyball, students who have not started in-season activities may continue summer workouts until the first day of instruction.
 - Beginning August 3, the time for sport specific activities will increase from sixty minutes per day to two hours per day.
 - If the school year begins prior to September 7, 2020, students may continue to engage in sport specific instruction for two hours per day. The time in the athletic period counts as part of that two hour total.
- Offseason Activities During the School Year
 - Athletics periods may not exceed 60 minutes per day, or 300 minutes per week. Local school policy will determine the students who may attend.
 - For the 2020-2021 school year only, students may participate in a maximum of 60 minutes per day of strength and conditioning activities outside the school day. Local school policy will determine the students who may attend.
 - In-Season Activities During the School Year
 - Schools may have athletics periods as described above plus a maximum of eight hours of practice outside the school day during the school week.
 - Schools utilizing an instructional model other than a traditional in-person model may hold the athletics period any time during the day. The athletics period is ***not*** required to be held during normal school hours.
 - Individual Sports:
 - Conference 1A-4A Schools
 - Meets / tournaments may begin after August 17, 2020
 - Conference 5A-6A Schools
 - Meets / tournaments may begin after September 7, 2020

Sport Specific Protocols

USGA Back to Golf Considerations:

- Face coverings do not have to be worn while actively on the golf course, face coverings are required at all other times when golfers are not able to have 6' of distance between them before or after the tournament.
- Golf Course set up should be restrictive.
 - No bunker rakes, cups modified for no contact and no on course amenities.
- Practice enhanced sanitation and social distancing protocols.
- Clubhouses should operate at a limited capacity
- No exchange of score cards between groups.