

2025-2026



VOLLEYBALL
COACHES' MANUAL



Conference 1A – Harrold



**Conference 2A-DI – Johnson City
LBJ**



Conference 2A-DII – Crawford



Conference 3A-DI – Bushland



Conference 3A-DII - Stockdale



Conference 4A-DI – Decatur



Conference 4A-DII – Wimberley



Conference 5A-DI – CC Flour Bluff



**Conference 5A-DII – Frisco
Wakeland**



Conference 6A-DI – Conroe Grand Oaks



Conference 6A-DII – Northwest Nelson

Volleyball Calendar | 2024-2025

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| August 1 | First Day to issue equipment & conduct workouts |
| August 8 | First Day for scrimmages |
| August 11 | First Day for matches |
| October 28 | District Certification |

1A Playoff Dates

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| October 31-November 1 | Bi-District |
| November 3-4 | Area |
| November 6-8 | Regional Quarterfinal |
| November 10-11 | Regional Semifinals |
| November 14-16 | Regional Finals/State Semifinals |
| November 20-22 | State Finals |

2A-6A Playoff Dates

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| October 31-November 1 | Bi-District |
| November 3-4 | Area |
| November 6-8 | Regional Semifinals |
| November 10-11 | Regional Finals |
| November 15 | State Semifinals |
| November 20-22 | State Finals |

Volleyball Coaches' Checklist

UIL Rules & Guidelines

UIL Rule Amendments & Sport Plan

Section 1330: GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL PLAN

(a) ATHLETIC PURPOSES, CODES, PLAN APPLICABLE.

Rules in Sections 1200-1209 also apply to the Girls' Volleyball Plan.

(b) DATES FOR PRACTICES, MATCHES AND CERTIFICATIONS.

(1) Practice Dates.

(A) There shall be no high school volleyball practice for a contestant or a team until the first week in August as determined by the UIL calendar. Refer to Section 1478 for seventh and eighth grade restrictions.

(2) School Practice Regulations Outside the School Year.

(A) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than three hours of practice activities on those days during which one practice is conducted.

(B) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than five hours of practice activities on those days during which more than one practice is conducted.

(C) The maximum length of any single practice session shall be three hours.

(D) On days when more than one practice is conducted, there shall be, at a minimum, two hours of rest/recovery time between the end of one practice and the beginning of the next practice.

(3) Scrimmage Dates. Schools shall not scrimmage until the first date allowed on the UIL calendar. Teams and schools may participate in an unlimited number of scrimmages prior to the first day of school. After the first match, scrimmages are not permitted.

(4) Matches. Schools shall not participate in a match until the first date allowed on the UIL calendar or after the last date for certifying district representatives, except for teams who have not been eliminated in playoffs.

(5) First Two Weeks of Season. During each of the first two calendar weeks allowed for matches on the UIL Official Calendar, teams or students shall participate in no more than three matches (or dual matches) plus one tournament. The second and third match of the calendar week shall be after the last instructional day of the school week if school is in session.

(6) Remainder of Season. After the first two calendar weeks allowed for matches, teams or students are limited to no more than two matches (or dual matches) during each calendar week, plus one tournament. The second match of the calendar week shall be after the last instructional day of the school week.

(7) Beginning First Day of School. On and after the first day of school, teams are limited to no more than one scrimmage, match or dual match during the school week. School week means the week beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first instructional day of a calendar week and ending at the close of instruction on the last instructional day of the calendar week, excluding holidays.

(c) NUMBER OF SCRIMMAGES, MATCHES, TOURNAMENTS.

(1) Violations/Penalties. The District Executive Committee shall determine the penalty for violations of the following regulations.

(2) Game-Matches Defined. A game shall be defined as when a team has scored 25 points and is at least two points ahead. A match shall be defined as when a team has won three games out of five.

(3) Total Number of Games, Matches, Tournaments. No team or student shall compete in more than three invitational tournaments plus 23 matches in a season, including all matches prior to the first playoff match. This shall include non-district and district matches. If the district champions have a bye for the first round of the play-offs, those schools may schedule a warm-up match in addition to the match limits. This additional match shall be played on a non-school night with no loss of school time. Two matches may be substituted in place of a tournament.

(4) Substituting Dual Matches for Regular Matches. Dual matches consisting of two or more teams may be played. A team may play two other teams or play the same team twice at the same site. The second match shall be played as soon following the first match as possibly can be scheduled. A dual match will count as one of the two contests allowed per calendar week (in addition to a tournament) and will count as two of the 23 total matches allowed per season.

(5) Exception To Resolve District Ties.

(A) Two Schools Tied. To resolve a two-way tie, the District Executive Committee may authorize a single elimination match, provided only one other match is played that calendar week. The tie-breaking match may be in addition to the 23 allowed matches. It may not be played as an exception to the school week limitation.

(B) Three or More Schools Tied. If three or more schools are tied, the District Executive Committee may authorize a tournament provided only two matches have been played that week, using the procedure in Section 1203. These tournament matches may be played in addition to the total number of matches and tournaments allowed for the season.

(6) Exception for Rescheduled Matches. District varsity volleyball matches postponed by weather or public disaster (not including illness) shall be rescheduled on the next date, other than Sunday, on which another district match is not scheduled. In the event weather or public disaster forces the makeup match to be rescheduled, it shall be rescheduled on the next date as described

earlier. These makeup matches may be played as exceptions to the school week and calendar week limitations. District varsity games that are postponed by weather or public disaster, and not played on the next available date, shall be rescheduled and played on a date determined by the District Executive Committee.

(7) Invitational Tournament Restriction. No team shall participate in an invitational volleyball tournament held on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, except on school holidays. However, matches or games in tournaments may be played after school on the last day of the school week prior to holidays.

(8) Invitational Tournament Exception. Volleyball tournaments may be scheduled on non-consecutive days. A two-day tournament shall not be scheduled on Thursday and Friday. A one-day tournament shall be scheduled on Saturday.

(9) Number of Matches Per Day in Tournaments. No team or student shall compete in more than three matches per day in tournament play. Exception: Contestants or teams may play in four matches per calendar day in a one-day tournament scheduled on a Saturday, and contestants or teams may play in four matches per day during a two-day tournament.

(d) SITE OF MATCH.

The District Executive Committee in arranging a schedule within the district shall determine the site of matches in case of disagreement between two teams.

(e) BOYS PROHIBITED.

Boys shall not compete on girls' teams.

(f) OFF SEASON PARTICIPATION.

See Section 1209.

(g) GATE RECEIPTS FROM STATE TOURNAMENT.

The UIL office retains an annually determined percentage of gate receipts from the state volleyball tournament.

2024-2025 UIL Rule Changes & Amendments

UIL Resources for Game Administrators (pdf)

Ineligible Player and Unattached Participation

- (c) MINIMUM PENALTY FOR USING INELIGIBLE PLAYER. In the event an ineligible contestant is used in any UIL game or contest, knowingly or unknowingly, the minimum penalty shall be forfeiture of the game, contest or event. Refer to Section 27 (c)(3).
- (d) UNATTACHED PARTICIPATION. In any UIL member school sponsored athletic contest, meet or tournament, UIL member high school students shall not be permitted to enter unattached. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be assessed against the member school(s) in violation. This provision applies to a non-enrolled (home schooled) student participating in accordance with section 33.0832 of the Texas Education Code.

Ejections

Coach Ejections

Section 1208 (i): MINIMUM PENALTY FOR MISCONDUCT

(1) Automatic Minimum Penalty. Any coach who is ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, or any football coach who is given two or more 15-yard

unsportsmanlike penalties during a contest may accept an automatic penalty for their ejection or appeal the ejection. A coach who appeals their ejection is required to appear before the State Executive Committee. If the coach accepts their automatic penalty or their ejection is not overturned on appeal, the coach will be subject to:

(A) an automatic penalty of public reprimand (name will be published once in the Leaguer) and one year's probation in the applicable sport;

(B) completing the National Federation of State High School Associations Fundamentals of Coaching Course; and

(C) completing the National Federation of State High School Associations Teaching and Modeling Behavior Course.

(2) Automatic Greater Penalty. If a coach so penalized has no proof of having completed the UIL Coaches Certification Program prior to the sports season, that coach shall also be automatically suspended from the next game/contest.

(3) Subsequent Violations. Any further ejection or accumulation of two 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalties during a football game while on probation, will require the coach to appear before the State Executive Committee for consideration of penalty.

(4) Notification. Schools shall notify the UIL within three school days if a coach has been ejected from a game or received two 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalties.

Player Ejections

Player Ejection – Section 1208 (i) (5):

(5) Player Ejection. Any player ejected from a contest is subject to an automatic penalty.

The automatic penalty for such an ejection is as follows:

(A) Football. Ejected player misses the rest of the game in which they were ejected plus the first half of the following game. (Exception: Disqualification/ejection as a result of a targeting foul does not require the player to miss the first half of the following game.)

(B) Other Team Sports. Ejected player misses the rest of the game in which they were ejected plus all of the following game. Soccer exception. This Section does not alter the current point penalty structure for soccer player ejections, as required by National Federation of State High School Associations soccer playing rules, that is outlined in the soccer coaches' manual.

(C) Appeals. The UIL Executive Director may develop a process for appealing student ejections.

**Player ejections cannot be overturned by a game official and/or chapter. If a coach has a question following a contest with a player ejection, the coach should contact UIL.*

LIMITATION OF AWARDS

(a) LIMIT.

(1) Awards Schools May Give. A member school or member school district may give one major award not to exceed \$70 in value to a student during that student's high school enrollment at the same school for participation in UIL interschool competition(s) listed in Section 380. Each year a member school or member school district may give one additional award per student per interschool activity listed in Section 380, not to exceed \$20 each. Schools may give a student the \$20 minor award for an activity during the same school year the \$70 major award is given for that activity. A school may contribute to major awards in honor of winning a UIL State Championship event.

(2) Awards Students May Receive. A student may not accept from any source other than

the school attended or the school district, any award in money, product or service for competing in an interschool contest except as follows.

(A) A certificate, medal, trophy, ring, or other symbolic award for participating in any UIL activity which counts on UIL standing, if it is given:

- (i) by the school, or school district in accordance to the limitations in Section 480 (a)(1);
- (ii) the District Executive Committee or the entity that organized the competition (i.e., the regional director or zone director;
- (iii) the UIL or one of the professional, education organizations sanctioned by the UIL; or
- (iv) an outside source approved by the school or school district.

(B) A medal, trophy, patch or other symbolic award for participating in an invitational athletic contest which does not count on UIL standing, in an activity which the UIL sponsors as listed in Section 380, if it is given by the organization conducting the contest or competition (Sports which are not sanctioned by the UIL, such as bowling, motorcycle racing or rodeo do not come under this rule).

(C) Unlimited awards for participating in an invitational academic or fine arts contest which does not count on UIL standing, whether or not it is an activity which the UIL sponsors.

(D) Educational trips sponsored by the school.

(E) Scholarships for college or university enrollment if awarded at or after graduation from high school.

(3) Awards Students May Receive for Intraschool Competition. A student may accept unlimited awards for participating in intraschool competition.

(b) LEAGUE STANDING DEFINED. For purposes of this rule, “counts on UIL standing” means any contest that causes an individual or team to advance toward a UIL district, bi-district, area, zone, regional or state championship.

(c) AMATEUR STATUS. Refer to Section 441 for rules governing amateur athletic status.

(d) INDIRECT AWARD. An award given to a second party to be held for later delivery to the student is considered received by the student when the award is given to the second party. This conduct is a violation by the member school or school district.

Section 481: GIFTS OR AWARDS TO SPONSOR OR COACH

Individuals who coach, direct or sponsor UIL activities in grades 9-12 may be suspended if:

- (a) they accept more than \$500 in money, product or service from any source, over and above the stipend paid by the school district, in recognition of or appreciation for coaching, directing or sponsorship of UIL activities. (Refer to Section 1202). The \$500 limit is cumulative for a calendar year and is not specific to any one particular gift;
- (b) they accept money, product or service for entering their student(s) in a contest or other activity;
- (c) this section includes, but is not limited to, money, gifts, use of automobiles, insurance, club privileges and any funds tendered by booster clubs for other services; and
- (d) it is a violation if coaches and/or their attorney(s) accept money or other valuable consideration for payment of legal expenses incurred to file suit or take other legal action against a school, school district or the UIL.

(e) EXCEPTIONS:

(1) Scholarships. A sponsor or coach may accept from any source in any amount a postsecondary institution scholarship.

(2) Retirement. Upon retirement from the profession, sponsors or coaches may accept money or other valuable consideration in any amount from any source.

(3) Annual UIL Award for Excellence. A sponsor or coach may accept the Annual UIL Award for Excellence sanctioned by the UIL.

Charitable Cause Guidelines. The UIL has received numerous requests from member schools to support various charitable causes in conjunction with high school athletic events. The UIL is supportive of these initiatives and has developed guidelines in regard to an athletic competition being held in the name of a charitable cause.

Schools may host a contest in recognition of a charitable cause under the following conditions:

1. The contest of competition may be held during any one week of the designated sport season (to be determined by each individual school).
2. If NFHS or NCAA rules allow, non-school colors can be worn upon mutual agreement between opponents. (ex: pink uniforms)
3. A commemorative ribbon of non-school color may be worn on the jersey or school-issued uniform.
4. Officials may be allowed to use a colored whistle or modified uniform in accordance with UIL guidelines.
5. Colored game balls will not be allowed, however they may be used during any warm-up period prior to the contest.

NFHS Rules & Rule Changes

- [NFHS Volleyball Rule Changes](#)
- [NFHS Volleyball Information](#)

Pre-Season Regulations (see Team Sport General Manual)

- Employment of Coaches
- Texas Education Code Requirements (State Law)
- Coaches Certification Program (CCP)
- UIL Eligibility for Athletic Contests
- Student Participation Required Forms

REGULAR SEASON

Contest Scheduling

Contest Scheduling Rules

The following section combines State Law, State Board of Education regulations, and UIL rules regarding scheduling and participation in a contest.

- **One contest per school week:** According to State Board of Education mandates, students may only participate on one day per activity during the school week. School districts shall ensure no more than one contest or performance per activity is scheduled per student.
***Exception:** Tournaments and post-season competition may be scheduled as an exception to the school week limit. As well, district varsity contests postponed by weather or public disaster, if they are rescheduled and played on the next available date, other than Sunday, on which another district match is not scheduled. Junior varsity, freshman and junior high teams may not play postponed matches as an exception.

- **TEA and Participation:** The Texas Education Agency defines participation as being involved with the activity, traveling with the team, or sitting on the bench. Example: On a Tuesday night, the student's name is on the scorebook, but she remains on the bench and does not actually enter the game. This counts as participation for TEA but not UIL, this student would not be able to participate again until after school on Friday, per TEA regulations.
- **UIL and Participation:** UIL defines participation if a student athlete entered the contest as a player. In the example above, the contest does not count as one of the allowable games as determined by UIL policy.

Definitions:

- **Calendar week** means 12:01 a.m. on Sunday through midnight on Saturday.
- **School week** means the week beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first instructional day of a calendar week and ends at the close of instruction on the last instructional day of the calendar week, excluding holidays.
- **Post-district play** means competition in UIL playoff series or contests such as bi-district, area, regional, etc.

Scrimmages. A scrimmage is a meeting of no more than four teams for practice purposes, which does not count as a match for any of the teams. Admission may be charged. Officials may be paid in accordance with the schedule in Section 1204 (m) and may, by prior agreement with the school, be reimbursed for mileage and meals.

- Volleyball teams may play unlimited scrimmages, with no more than four teams, prior to school starting.
- Once school begins teams are limited to one scrimmage during the school week. Schools may also participate in an additional scrimmage, with no more than four teams, at the end of the school week (Friday after school or Saturday).
- No scrimmages may be played after a team's first interschool game.
- If more than four teams are invited to a scrimmage, each team may only scrimmage three different teams.

Allowable Contests & Match Regulations

Number of Contests allowed (2025-26)

- 0 Tournaments and 29 Matches or
- 1 Tournament and 27 Matches or
- 2 Tournaments and 25 Matches or
- 3 Tournaments and 23 Matches

Matches.

- A team or individual may only play one match (or dual match) during the school week Monday (12:01 am) through Friday (after school). This means that if a team competes once Monday through Thursday, the second competition must be after school Friday or Saturday.
EXCEPTION: See exception under Contest Scheduling Rules.
- Teams or individual(s) are limited to two matches (or dual matches) per calendar week (Monday through Saturday) plus an invitational tournament.
- Three matches may be played during the first two calendar weeks allowed for matches (according to the official UIL calendar). If school is in session, the one contest per school week rule must be followed.

- A team or individual may play up to, but not exceed, three matches per day. There is no required rest break between matches. EXCEPTION: Tournaments – teams may play four matches in a 2 or 1-day tournament.
- Two matches may be substituted in place of a tournament. Pre-scheduled district tournaments must count as one of the invitational tournaments unless all matches played in the district tournament are counted in the season match limitation for all schools in the district.

Playing Rules. The current National Federation Volleyball Rules shall govern League volleyball. Rulebooks may be ordered from the National Federation customer service office (800-776-3462) or www.nfhs.org. Schools may obtain scorebooks, court diagrams, lineup sheets, and libero tracking sheets from the National Federation.

Single Match. A single match shall be defined as: NFHS Rule 1-2-1, 2, 3

- Art. 1...A match shall consist of the best three-out-of-five sets. The first team to win three sets shall be the winner of the match. The fourth and fifth sets shall not be played unless it is necessary to determine the winner of the match.
- Art. 2...A match shall include a let serve.
- Art. 3...A match shall entitle each team a maximum of two time-outs per set.

Dual Match.

- In a dual match, a team plays two other teams or plays the same team twice (same competition level). At the same site, the same day.
- A dual match counts one of the two matches UIL permits students per calendar week and counts as two of the total matches for the student per season.
- **Example:** A team could play a dual match (two varsity matches) on Tuesday and then again on Friday, in addition to a tournament on Thursday-Saturday or Friday-Saturday.

Rally Scoring Regulations.

Double Header.

- In a double header a student may play in a varsity and a junior varsity match (or a ninth grade and a varsity match) at the same site the same night.
- A double header counts as the two allowable matches UIL permits the student for the calendar week and counts as two of the total matches for the season.
- Students could also play in a tournament the same week they participate in a single match or double header.
- **Example:** If a student plays a double header on Tuesday, they would be finished with their matches for the calendar week and would only be allowed to participate in an invitational tournament the remainder of that week.
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Volleyball Tournament Regulations

Tournaments. A tournament consists of at least three teams assembled at one site for competition.

- Schools shall not schedule tournaments on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, unless school is not in session. Schools may schedule tournaments on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
- Tournaments may be scheduled on non-consecutive days. A two-day tournament shall not be scheduled on Thursday and Friday. A one-day tournament must be held on a Saturday.
- Three matches per calendar day are allowed in a three-day tournament.

- Four matches per calendar day are allowed in a one-day tournament scheduled on a Saturday only or a two-day tournament scheduled for Thursday/Saturday or Friday/Saturday.
- A tournament may be played during the week in which there are two matched contests being played (ie. matches on Tuesday/Friday and a tournament on Thursday/Saturday).
- A double round robin elimination tournament shall not be used in any League contest except by unanimous consent of participating schools.
- A tournament must be held at the ISD of the host school, or at an adjoining ISD. Host schools may authorize additional sites other than same or adjoining ISD for preliminary round games.

Pool Play. A team may play in pool play during the first rounds of a tournament provided the pool games consist of two "mini games" using rally scoring 0-15 (cap at 20) OR regulation and modified regulation 2-out-of-3 matches using rally scoring 0-25 (cap at 30).

- Pool play utilizing "mini games" format will count all mini games played in a day as one of the three (or four) allowed matches per day. "Mini games" do not count on the overall win/loss record for the season.
- Pool play utilizing regulation and modified regulation 2-out-of-3 match format, each match will count as one of allowed matches per day (3 matches in a 3-day tournament) and (4 matches in a 1 or 2-day tournament).
- Modified 2 out of 3 format – all three sets (if needed) should be played to 25 points.
- Participation in pool play is counted as a tournament. The win/loss record from pool play may be used to create a single elimination bracket.
- When two or more teams are tied in win/loss percentage, two steps should be taken to determine the winner.
 - The team that defeated the other in head-to-head competition will be the winner. If each team won one game in a two-game pool, the team that had fewer points scored against them in both games would be the winner.
 - If a tie still remains, a coin flip(s) would determine the winner(s).

Volleyball Tournament Regulations Chart

District Certification

- The DEC shall determine the place and/or time of matches in case of disagreement between two schools.
- If not previously scheduled, a district executive committee may authorize a single elimination match or tiebreaker tournament to resolve district ties. A one-match play-off could break a two-way tie. A tournament could resolve a tie between three or more schools.
- Tie-breaker matches (two teams tied) must be held in compliance with calendar week and school week restrictions.
- Tie-breaker tournaments (three or more schools tied), if held on more than one day, must be held on consecutive days. Can be played on Thursday.
- NOTE: These matches must be completed by the district certification deadline and will not count against the allowable matches if not previously scheduled.
- If the district executive committee schedules any other matches or tournaments as part of their method for determining play-off representatives, the matches played must count in the match or tournament limitation.
- The State Executive Committee shall have jurisdiction in all disputes arising between districts. Districts must be certified by 11:59 p.m. on the certification deadline date.
- [Link for instructions to certify district representatives.](#)

Miscellaneous Volleyball Regulations

Warm-Up Procedures. It is recommended that schools use the 15-minute warm-up procedure that is used at the State Championships. Each team will have the court for six minutes. Both teams will share the court for the last three minutes for serves.

Guarantees for Contests.

- In district and non-district games/matches, unless there is mutual agreement or a district executive committee ruling, the home team is entitled to 100% of the gate receipts.
- In play-off games, the visiting team shall have a sufficient guarantee to cover expenses and also 50% of the net gate receipts unless mutually agreed upon by both schools.

Videotaping/Filming.

Non-Conference and District Contests.

Videotaping/Filming by Schools.

- It is a violation to film or videotape a non-conference or district athletic contest in which your school or team is not competing unless prior consent of the two schools involved has been obtained.
- A school does not have to obtain permission to film or tape a NON-CONFERENCE OR DISTRICT contest in which it is competing. However, the film or videotape shall not be utilized until after the contest has been completed.
- Films and videotapes become the property of the school doing the filming unless by district rule or by consent of the schools involved in the contest.
- **Videotaping/Filming by Individuals.** Any individual (other than the officially designated school camera) taping or filming must have prior written permission from the schools involved in the contest and may not obstruct the view of other spectators of the contest.
- **Commercial Uses.** The use of the films or tapes for commercial purposes must be approved by all schools involved in the contest.

Pep Bands.

- The UIL does allow “pep” bands (up to 30 members) to play at volleyball games at prescribed times listed below.
 - UIL does not allow "pep" bands at the State Semifinals or State Championships.
- Musical instruments may not be used as noisemakers during the contest.
- The “pep” band shall not be located behind or near the opposition’s bench.
- If a “pep” band does perform the following guidelines should be followed to ensure a full appreciation of the group’s performance. Performances by the pep band should be limited to appropriate times listed below:
 - The band may play before the game begins. The director should coordinate the schedule so that the host school may introduce team members.
 - The band may play during time outs and in between sets of the contest.

POST-SEASON

Playoff Information

Certification of District Representatives. The last date for certifying the district representatives to the League office is October 28, 2025. It is mandatory that the District Chair certifies the district representatives on the UIL website. [Volleyball District Certification Instructions.](#)

Teams Advancing to the Playoffs.

Conference 1A - three teams will advance to the postseason

Conference 2A-6A - the top four teams from each district advance to the playoffs. The two advancing schools with the largest enrollments, as submitted in October 2023 are bracketed into Division I and the other two schools are bracketed into Division II, with both divisions playing for separate state championships.

***During the postseason, there is an exception to the school week limit of one game. (ie.- Teams can play Monday/Tuesday and play again on Thursday).*

UIL Playoff Reporting Forms. Coaches are required to submit playoff results immediately following their contest. The winning school should submit playoff game results and next round information via MaxPreps through the assigned coach/admin account. The score reported by a coach on a team's page will automatically fill in the bracket. The completeness of the data presented on the UIL Texas Scoreboard will be dependent upon the participation of schools and coaches. For more information, please see <https://www.uilTEXAS.org/athletics/UIL-MaxPreps>

Bi-District Match-ups. Once all DEC Chairs have submitted final district standings, bi-district playoff matchups will automatically be created and appear on the bracket once UIL publishes. Please do not create you bi-district match-up in your MaxPreps account. Once you see the match-up on your schedule in MaxPreps, please add game details (date, time & location).

Team Information & Pictures. 1A teams winning their Regional Semifinals and 2A-6A teams winning their Regional Final must submit the following materials to the UIL no later than Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

- Team Information Form (list of players, coaches, etc.; and list of all matches played) – fill out online on the UIL website at <https://www.uilTEXAS.org/forms/team-info-volleyball>.
- Photo Submissions - submitted through the following form: <https://www.uilTEXAS.org/machform/view.php?id=949239>
 - Team
 - Head Coach (headshot)
 - School Mascot/Logo

Contracts. All playoff arrangements between two schools should be made in writing and signed to protect both parties.

Sites. Sites for all rounds of playoffs prior to the regional tournament are to be selected by the teams involved. See Section 1208 (o)(p) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules. If schools cannot agree, they must flip a coin.

Neutral Sites: A site mid-point or near mid-point, or a site agreed on by both schools as neutral, is a neutral site. Unless mutually agreeable, a site cannot be neutral if its distance from either school is more than two-thirds the total distance between the schools.

Home Sites: When two schools flip for two separate sites other than their home field or court, the sites are considered home sites unless both sites are near mid-point.

Mid-Point Sites: Unless mutually agreed otherwise, post-district contests in the team sports of baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, team tennis, and volleyball shall be a mid-point site for schools located more than 100 miles apart.

Warm-up Games. Teams that have advanced to the playoffs may schedule a warm-up game after the District Certification Date that is set by the UIL calendar and before their first playoff game if a team has

not reached their allowable season limit. School week limitations still apply. Note: Prior to district certification, games left in your allowable season limit may be scheduled like any other regular season game. Exception – Warm-up games for teams who have exhausted their season limit are given a UIL exception under the following conditions:

- Teams that are district champions AND have a first-round bye
- The one game exception can be played only at the end of your school day on Friday, last day of instruction (with no loss of school time) or anytime on Saturday

Police Protection. Adequate police protection should be provided for all playoff games, whether the game is played at a neutral site or on the home court of one of the teams.

Regional Tournament. Conference 1A will have an organized Regional Tournament ([1A Regional sites](#)). Shall the 4 teams in each conference (2A-6A) advancing to the Regional Semifinals agree to an optional Regional Tournament format (one site), the Regional Tournament dates would be November 14-16.

Officials. The process for officials' selection for the regional and state semifinals and finals will be outlined in the post-season handbook.

- [Official's Assignment Request Form](#)

State Tournament

Site and Dates. Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. Garland, TX 75040; November 20-22, 2025.

State Ball. The official game ball for the State Volleyball Tournament will be the Baden 2BSFPY.

Lodging Instructions. Schools will be responsible for securing their own lodging. UIL will provide schools with a list of hotels in the area.

Rebates. Each school is responsible for paying its own tournament expenses.

State Qualifier Handbook. For those schools who qualify for the State Tournament, the UIL will send out the State Qualifier Handbook which will contain more detailed information regarding the State Tournament

Off-Season Regulations (see Team Sport General Manual)

- Summer Strength & Conditioning & Sport Specific Instruction
- Off-Season Strength & Conditioning (during the school year)
- School Sponsored Camps
- Non-school Leagues, Camps & Clinics