

REPORT OF
THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

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ON OCTOBER 18, 2015, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE AUSTIN MARRIOTT NORTH HOTEL IN ROUND ROCK, TEXAS. BASED UPON ITEMS CONSIDERED, THE COMMITTEE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS DURING ITS BUSINESS MEETING.



THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

Moves that the Legislative Council

Pass the following proposals.

**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

The following recommendation would amend Section 441, *Amateur Athletic Status*.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

These edits would clarify the current rules regarding athletic amateur status, and ease restrictions on athletes being able to receive reasonable fees for coaching, teaching, or officiating. The edits remove the official interpretations #11 and 12 along with language preventing parents or guardians from accepting tickets. Language is added to allow schools the choice of how and when students can receive meals. **This recommendation has been recommended to the Legislative Council by the UIL Review Advisory Committee.**

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 441 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2016, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 441: AMATEUR ATHLETIC STATUS

THE AMATEUR RULE STARTS THE FIRST CLASS DAY OF A STUDENT'S 9TH GRADE YEAR, AND IS IN CONTINUOUS EFFECT DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR AND SUMMER MONTHS UNTIL ALL ATHLETIC COMPETITION IS COMPLETED IN THE 12TH GRADE. ~~An amateur participates in athletics for the aesthetic, physical, mental, and social benefits to be derived. Therefore, the purpose of such participation is playing for the intrinsic rewards rather than for valuable consideration. The amateur rule is a safeguard against exploitation and commercialization of high school students. It poses a responsibility on~~ The student at all times (whether in school or outside school) ~~to~~ SHALL abide by the letter and intent of amateurism. Schools are charged with the responsibility of informing students of all applicable subsections of this rule and enforcing this rule. Administrators and coaches must insure that athletes receive only services specifically permitted by written rule. Any breach of the rule undermines the educational goals of interscholastic athletics.

- (a) NOT AN AMATEUR. For purposes of competing in an athletic contest, a student in grades 9-12 is not an amateur if that individual, within the preceding 12 months: (INSERT BREAK & NUMBER)
- (1) received money or other valuable consideration for teaching or participating in a League sponsored school sport; or
 - (2) received valuable consideration for allowing his or her name to be used in promoting a product, plan or service related to a League contest; or
 - (3) accepted money or other valuable consideration from school booster club funds for any non-school purpose;
 - (4) ~~PARENTS OR GUARDIANS It is a violation of the athletic amateur rule for parents of student athletes to acceptED tickets to athletic contests where their children are participating. THE STUDENT PARTICIPATED; OR~~
 - (5) ~~It is also a violation for parents OR GUARDIANS of student athletes to acceptED free pass gate admission to athletic contests where THE STUDENT PARTICIPATED their children are participating unless they are at the contest in another capacity, i.e., if the parent is an employee of the school or a board member, or working at a concession~~

~~booth, etc. (See Official Interpretations #11 and 12, Appendix I.)~~

- (b) EXCEPTIONS:
- (1) STUDENTS MAY ACCEPT REASONABLE FEES THAT DO NOT EXCEED PREVAILING RATES FOR TEACHING OR COACHING ACTIVITIES PROVIDED THEY CONFINE THE WORK TO TEACHING OR COACHING SKILLS.
 - (2) STUDENTS MAY ACCEPT REASONABLE FEES THAT DO NOT EXCEED PREVAILING RATES FOR OFFICIATING ATHLETIC CONTESTS.
 - (3) Seniors may sign a letter of intent or scholarship agreement which contains the conditions of a scholarship with postsecondary institution.
 - (4) For purposes of competing in an athletic contest, the participant school, school district or a student's parent(s) may provide medical examination and services, athletic insurance, transportation and other travel expenses incurred in competing away from home, or supplies and services during and in connection with a game or practice period. Jerseys or game shirts may be worn on game day as well as during practice or competition, with school district approval.
 - (5) Participant schools and member school districts may permit student athletes to attend contests
by permit admission through a pass gate.
 - (6) A student-athlete in grades 9-12 may accept funds that are administered by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) OR OTHER NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY. ~~pursuant to its Operation Gold program.~~
 - (7) Student athletes may accept small "goodie bags" consisting of cookies, candy and symbolic gifts from their classmates, if allowed by local school policy.
 - (8) Student athletes may accept travel expenses and attend free banquets in connection with an awards ceremony to accept a national and/or state-wide award, after completing their eligibility in that sport.
 - (9) MEALS. THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DETERMINES WHEN, HOW AND FROM WHOM STUDENT ATHLETES CAN RECEIVE MEALS AND SNACKS.
 - (10) This rule is sport-specific. For example if a student violates the rule in one sport, such as accepting a prize for winning a hole-in-one contest in golf, that student would be ineligible only for golf.
- ~~(c) INAPPLICABILITY TO LOWER GRADES. The amateur rule applies only to student athletes in grades 9-12. This rule does not apply to students until the first class day of their 9th grade year. From that day it is in continuous effect during the school year and summer months until all athletic competition is completed in the 12th grade.~~
- ~~(d) INAPPLICABILITY TO SWIMMING. Athletes may be paid for teaching beginning swimming and lifesaving, provided the fees do not exceed the prevailing rates for those services.~~
- (e) STATUS REGAINED. If a student did not realize that accepting the valuable consideration was a violation of the amateur rule and returns the valuable consideration within 30 days after being informed of the violation, that student may regain athletic eligibility as of the date the valuable consideration is returned. If a student fails to return it within 30 days, that student remains ineligible for one year from when he or she accepted it. During the period of time a student is in possession of valuable consideration, he or she is ineligible for varsity athletic competition in the sport in which the violation occurred. Any games or contests in which the student participated during that time would be forfeited as the minimum penalty.
- (f) TEAM VIOLATION. If the team violates this section, the penalty shall be assessed against the team and not against each individual.

~~11. Section 441—Athletic Amateur Rule: The following are interpretations of the amateur rule:~~

~~(a) VALUABLE CONSIDERATION SCHOOL TEAMS AND ATHLETES MAY ACCEPT:~~

- ~~1. Pre-Season. School athletic teams may be given pre-season meals, if approved by the school.~~
- ~~2. Post-Season. School athletic teams may be given post-season meals, if approved by the school. — Banquet favors or gifts are considered valuable consideration and are subject to the Awards and Amateur Rules if they are given to a student athlete at any time.~~
- ~~3. Other. If approved by the school, school athletic teams and athletes may be invited to and may attend functions where free admission is offered, or where refreshments and/or meals are served. Athletes or athletic teams may be recognized at these functions, but may not accept anything, other than food items, that is not given to all other students.~~

~~(b) ADDITIONAL VALUABLE CONSIDERATION THAT SCHOOL TEAMS AND ATHLETES MAY ACCEPT: Examples of items deemed allowable under this interpretation if approved by the school, include but are not limited to:~~

- ~~1. meals, snacks or snack foods during or after practices;~~
- ~~2. parties provided by parents or other students that are strictly for a school athletic team.~~

~~12. Section 441— Athletic Amateur Rule: Students are in violation of the athletic amateur rule if they accept valuable consideration (including transportation or lodging for the student or their family) based on their participation in a UIL sponsored sport. It does not create a violation for covered school district personnel to provide occasional transportation to athletes in an emergency situation, provided it is not a habitual practice.~~

D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools

There should be no fiscal impact to member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2016, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This proposed recommendation amends Subchapter M, *Changing Schools for Athletic Purposes*, UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This amendment would allow intra-district transfer students immediate eligibility for one sport not offered at their previous school when transferring for athletic purposes. They would remain ineligible for all other sports for one year. **This recommendation has been recommended to the Legislative Council by the UIL Review Advisory Committee.**

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 443 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2016, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 443: CHANGING SCHOOLS FOR ATHLETIC PURPOSES

- (c) INELIGIBLE. A student who changes schools for athletic purposes is not eligible to compete in varsity League athletic contest(s) at the school to which he or she moves for at least one calendar year, even if both parents move to the new school district attendance zone. See (e) below.

(1) EXCEPTION:

- (A) ONE TIME ONLY, INTRA-DISTRICT TRANSFER STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE VARSITY ATHLETIC ACTIVITY THAT WAS NOT OFFERED AT THEIR PREVIOUS SCHOOL. THE STUDENT MUST WAIT ONE CALENDAR YEAR BEFORE GAINING ELIGIBILITY FOR ANY OTHER VARSITY ATHLETIC CONTEST. IF A STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN GRANTED PARTICIPATION UNDER THIS SECTION RETURNS TO THE SCHOOL IN THE ATTENDANCE ZONE WHERE THE PARENTS RESIDE, A PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM SHALL BE FURNISHED TO THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHO WILL RULE ON THE STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY AT THAT SCHOOL.

D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools

There should be no fiscal impact to member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, for placement on a referendum ballot with a favorable recommendation, to be effective August 1, 2016, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment presents edits to the high school and junior high athletic plans as recommended by the Athletic Contest Rules Committee.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

The Athletic Contest Rules Committee determined that the changes suggested below should be proposed to the UIL Review Advisory Committee and the UIL Legislative Council. **This recommendation has been recommended to the Legislative Council by the UIL Review Advisory Committee.**

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1200-1478 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2016, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 1200: PURPOSES OF HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

- (a) to assist, advise and aid the ~~public~~ MEMBER schools in organizing and conducting interschool athletics;

Section 1203: DUTIES OF ATHLETIC DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (d) SCHEDULING. The district executive committee shall arrange a schedule to determine district representatives prior to the deadline specified in the Official Calendar. NONDISTRICT GAMES SHALL NOT COUNT ON A TEAM'S DISTRICT WIN/LOSS PERCENTAGE.

Section 1206: SCHOOL PRACTICE AND GAME RESTRICTIONS

- (e) ATHLETIC/PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES. Student-athletes shall not be enrolled in more than one physical education and/or athletic class whether or not they are receiving credit. Exceptions (with local school approval): PE Class: adventure/outdoor education,; PE substitutes; PARTNERS PE , JROTC, cheerleading, drill team, marching band.

- ~~(n) SIXTH GRADE AND BELOW. No interscholastic athletic competition is allowed in any conference for teams in the sixth grade and below. This does not apply to annual interschool elementary field days, assuming there is no awarding of place ribbons or determination of team champions.~~

Section 1207: RULES, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

- (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 ~~high school sponsoring the meet~~ MEMBER SCHOOL(S) IN VIOLATION.
- ~~(e) INELIGIBLE VARSITY PARTICIPANTS. It is strongly recommended that no ineligible participant compete in any meet, contest or event against eligible varsity contestants.~~

Section 1208: ATHLETIC REGULATIONS

- ~~(d) WIN/LOSS PERCENTAGE. Nondistrict games shall not count on a team's district win/loss percentage.~~
- (o) TOURNAMENT DEFINITION AND LIMITATIONS FOR BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL.
- (3) *Site*. A tournament should be held at the ISD of the host school or at an adjoining ISD. ~~If the tournament does not exceed eight teams,~~ The host school may authorize additional sites for preliminary round games.

Section 1209: NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

- ~~(H) College and university tryouts. UIL member school facilities shall not be used for college/university tryouts. Neither schools nor coaches shall provide equipment or defray expenses for students who are attending college tryouts. Neither schools nor coaches shall provide transportation for students with any remaining eligibility in the involved sport who are attending college tryouts. Any contest at which a higher admission fee is charged to college coaches than is charged to parents or other adults is considered to be a college tryout.~~

Section 1220: BASEBALL PLAN

- (b) NUMBER OF GAMES, TOURNAMENTS AND SITES.
- (2) *Total Number of Games*. No team or student shall compete in more than two invitational tournaments plus 17 baseball games, in a season, including all games prior to the first playoff game. This shall include non-district and district games. If the district champions have a bye for the first round of the play-offs, those schools may schedule a warm-up game in addition to the game limits. This additional game shall be played on a non-school night with no loss of school time. THREE GAMES MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF A TOURNAMENT. A TOURNAMENT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF THREE GAMES. SCHOOLS CAN ONLY UTILIZE THIS EXCEPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT.
- ~~(4) *Substituting*. Three games may be substituted in place of a tournament. A tournament may be substituted in place of three games. Schools can only utilize this exception to participate in one additional tournament.~~
- ~~(e) PLAYOFF GAMES. In playoff games, a suspended game shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time.~~
- (h) POST SEASON PLAYOFFS.
- (1) *Day of Playoff Game*. Baseball playoff games shall not be played before Wednesday of that week unless by mutual consent.
- (3) *Two-out-of-Three Series*. If schools play a two-out-of-three elimination series, the first (and only the first) game may be played prior to Friday, ~~provided there is no loss of school time traveling to or participating in the game.~~ Games 2 and/or 3 shall not be played until Friday. If one game is played and a second game cannot be played because of weather, then the winner of the one game advances to the next round. If two games are played (and split) and the third game cannot be played on Saturday because of weather conditions, the third and deciding game should be played on Monday of the next week.

~~(5) *Day of Playoff Game.* Baseball playoff games shall not be played before Wednesday of that week unless by mutual consent.~~

(6) PLAYOFF GAMES. IN PLAYOFF GAMES, A SUSPENDED GAME SHALL BE CONTINUED FROM THE POINT OF SUSPENSION AT A LATER TIME.

Section 1230: BASKETBALL PLAN

(3) *Interschool Games.* No interschool games in girls basketball shall be played until the 17th ~~Monday~~ FRIDAY prior to the Girls State Basketball Tournament. No interschool games in boys basketball shall be played until the 17th ~~Monday~~ FRIDAY prior to the Boys State Basketball Tournament. Schools may not play games during the five day Holiday Restriction. Except for teams in the playoffs, schools may not play games after the last date for certifying district champions.

(c) NUMBER OF GAMES, TOURNAMENTS AND SITES.

(3) *Total Number of Games.* No team or student shall compete in more than two invitational tournaments plus 21 basketball games in a season, including all games prior to the first playoff game. This shall include non-district and district games and games played in pre-scheduled district tournaments. If the district champions have a bye for the first round of the play-offs, those schools may schedule a warm-up game in addition to the game limits. This additional game shall be played on a non-school night with no loss of school time. TWO GAMES MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF A TOURNAMENT. A TOURNAMENT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF TWO GAMES. SCHOOLS CAN ONLY UTILIZE THIS EXCEPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT.

~~(6) *Substituting.* Two games may be substituted in place of a tournament. A tournament may be substituted in place of two games. Schools can only utilize this exception to participate in one additional tournament.~~

Section 1250: FOOTBALL PLAN

(e) NUMBER OF GAMES; TIME BETWEEN GAMES.

(4) *Minimum Time Between Playoff Games.* No team or student in any conference shall be permitted to take part in more than one playoff game within six calendar days, unless mutually agreeable to play within five calendar days. THIS RULE ALSO APPLIES TO THE FIRST PLAYOFF GAME.

(i) SITE AND DAY OF GAME.

(7) *Day of Game.* The home team may designate the day of the game FOR NON DISTRICT GAMES DURING THE REGULAR SEASON ONLY. Exception: If the visiting school has to miss class time to travel to the game, the game shall be played on a non-school day unless mutually agreed otherwise.

(p) GAME TAPES VIDEOS. Playoff teams are required to exchange two game tapes VIDEOS. The opposing school selects the two tapes VIDEOS desired from all previous games of the current season.

Section 1270: SOCCER PLAN

- (c) DATES FOR PRACTICE AND GAMES. There shall be no school soccer practices for a contestant or team before or after school from the first day of school until the first Monday after Thanksgiving, and after the date for certifying district representatives, except for teams that have not been eliminated in the playoffs. See Official Calendar for practice and playing dates, and certification deadlines. Schools shall not scrimmage until complying with the holiday restrictions in accordance with Section 1206 (1).
- (d) NUMBER OF GAMES, SCRIMMAGES AND TOURNAMENTS.
- (3) *Total Number of Games.* No team or student shall compete in more than two invitational tournaments plus 15 soccer games in a season, including all games prior to the first playoff game. This shall include non-district and district games and games played in pre-scheduled district tournaments. If the district champion has a bye for the first round of the play-offs, that school may schedule a warm-up game in addition to the game limits. This additional game shall be played on a non-school night with no loss of school time. TWO GAMES MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF A TOURNAMENT. A TOURNAMENT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF TWO GAMES. SCHOOLS CAN ONLY UTILIZE THIS EXCEPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT.
- ~~(5) *Substituting.* Two games may be substituted in place of a tournament. A tournament may be substituted in place of two games. Schools can only utilize this exception to participate in one additional tournament.~~

Section 1280: GIRLS' SOFTBALL PLAN

- (c) NUMBER OF GAMES, TOURNAMENTS AND SITES.
- (2) *Total Number of Games.* No team or student shall compete in more than two invitational tournaments plus 17 softball games in a season, including all games prior to the first playoff game. This shall include non-district and district games. If the district champions have a bye for the first round of the play-offs, those schools may schedule a warm-up game in addition to the game limits. This additional game shall be played on a non-school night with no loss of school time, but may not be played as an exception to the school week limitation. THREE GAMES MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF A TOURNAMENT. A TOURNAMENT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF THREE GAMES. SCHOOLS CAN ONLY UTILIZE THIS EXCEPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT.
- ~~(4) *Substituting.* Three games may be substituted in place of a tournament. A tournament may be substituted in place of three games. Schools can only utilize this exception to participate in one additional tournament.~~
- ~~(f) PLAYOFF GAMES. In playoff games beyond district, a suspended game shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time.~~

(i) POST SEASON PLAYOFFS.

- (1) *Day of Playoff Game.* Playoff games shall not be played before Wednesday of that week unless by mutual consent.
- (3) *Two-out-of-Three Series.* If schools play a two-out-of-three elimination series, the first (and only the first) game may be played prior to Friday, ~~provided there is no loss of school time traveling to or participating in the game.~~ Games 2 and/or 3 shall not be played until Friday. If one game is played and a second game cannot be played because of weather, then the winner of the one game advances to the next round. If two games are played (and split) and the third game cannot be played on Saturday because of weather conditions, the third and deciding game should be played on Monday of the next week.
- ~~(5) *Day of Playoff Game.* Playoff games shall not be played before Wednesday of that week unless by mutual consent.~~
- (6) PLAYOFF GAMES. IN PLAYOFF GAMES BEYOND DISTRICT, A SUSPENDED GAME SHALL BE CONTINUED FROM THE POINT OF SUSPENSION AT A LATER TIME.

Section 1290: SWIMMING PLAN

(h) CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE.

- (6) *Ties.* If ties occur for positions to the ~~regional or~~ state competitions, the times of the competitors from the ~~district or~~ regional preliminary competition will be considered first with the competitor with the fastest preliminary time advancing to the ~~regional or~~ state meet. If a tie should still exist, then decision as to which qualifier will advance will be made by ~~flipping~~ a coin TOSS.

Section 1310: TEAM TENNIS PLAN

(c) REPRESENTATION AND TEAM COMPOSITION.

- (1) *Composition.* At the district level each school may enter one team consisting of a minimum of ~~seven~~ SIX boys and ~~seven~~ SIX girls.

Section 1320: TRACK AND FIELD PLAN.

(i) AREA, REGIONAL AND STATE MEET ALTERNATES.

- (1) *Alternates.* In the event a qualified contestant is unable to compete, AREA, regional and State Meet directors may permit the next highest place finisher to compete. Relays qualify by schools. Relay team members may be changed according to rule.
- (j) AREA, REGIONAL AND/OR STATE QUALIFIERS MEETS. All AREA, regional and/or state qualifiers, including alternates in individual events and relays, shall be eligible to participate in any event at the applicable AREA, regional and/or state qualifiers meet(s).

Section 1330: GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL PLAN.

(c) NUMBER OF SCRIMMAGES, MATCHES, TOURNAMENTS.

- (3) *Total Number of Games, Matches, Tournaments.* No team or student shall compete in more than two 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. A TOURNAMENT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF TWO MATCHES. SCHOOLS CAN ONLY UTILIZE THIS EXCEPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT.

~~(4) *Substituting.* Two matches may be substituted in place of a tournament. A tournament may be substituted in place of two matches. Schools can only utilize this exception to participate in one additional tournament.~~

(7) *Playing Dates for PRACTICE, Scrimmages and Matches.*

(A) ~~*Scrimmages Prior to the First Day of School*~~ DATES. SCHOOLS SHALL NOT PRACTICE UNTIL THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST. Schools shall not scrimmage until the ~~Friday~~ following the first Monday in August. 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. Schools shall not participate in a match until the THURSDAY FOLLOWING THE ~~second~~ FIRST Monday in August.

Section 1478: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE ATHLETIC PLAN

(f) BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL.

(4) Season for Workouts and Games. Schools shall have 97 consecutive calendar days to practice outside the school day; ~~76 of the 97 consecutive calendar days may be used~~ AND to complete scrimmages and games. The season can be held anytime during the school year, provided it does not exceed the number of consecutive calendar days listed above.

(g) BASKETBALL.

(4) Season for Workouts and Games. Schools shall have 121 consecutive calendar days to practice outside the school day; ~~93 of the 121 consecutive calendar days may be used~~ AND to complete scrimmages and games. The season can be held anytime during the school year, provided it does not exceed the number of consecutive calendar days listed above.

(h) FOOTBALL

(3) Season for Workouts and Games

(B) From the first day of school, schools shall have 80 consecutive calendar days to practice outside the school day; ~~63 of the 80 consecutive calendar days may be used~~ AND to complete scrimmages and games.

(i) SOCCER.

(4) Season for Workouts and Games. Schools shall have 86 consecutive calendar days to practice outside the school day; ~~76 of the 86 consecutive calendar days may be used~~ AND to complete scrimmages and games. The season can be held anytime during the school year, provided it does not exceed the number of consecutive calendar days listed above.

(j) VOLLEYBALL.

(4) Season for Workouts and Matches.

(A) Traditional School Years. Practice shall not begin prior to the first day of school. Schools shall have 86 consecutive calendar days to practice outside the school day; ~~79 of the 86 consecutive calendar days may be used~~ AND

to complete scrimmages and games. Volleyball equipment may be

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checked out to the players on any one day during the week preceding the first day of school. The season can be held anytime during the school year, provided it does not exceed the number of consecutive calendar days listed above

D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools

With the exception of the possible requirement for utilization of a double first base in softball, the recommendations above should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2016, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment would increase the number of qualifiers from 16 to 24 total participants from each event in the regional swimming meet to the state meet.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This amendment would create the opportunity for eight (8) additional participants per event to qualify for the state meet. The twenty-four (24) qualifiers in swimming events will consist of the top two (2) place finishers from each of the eight regions and the next eight (8) best performances from any region. The twenty-four (24) qualifiers in the diving event will consist of the top three (3) finishers from each of the eight regions.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1290(h) CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

(3) Qualifiers to State. The first place AND SECOND PLACE in each of the eight regional swimming meets and the next eight swimmers with the best regional final times overall will advance to the state meet.

4) Diving. In diving, two THREE divers will qualify at each of the eight regional meets.

D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools

The potential for fiscal impact to schools could occur with additional state meet qualifiers.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2016, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment would drop the track entry restriction of only two events for a contestant in a 400 meter race and beyond.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

The amendment will allow the contestant to choose from any three running events entry without restrictions to the distance of the races.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1320(f) EVENT LIMITATIONS

~~(2) Selections. No contestant shall be allowed to enter more than two of the following events: 440-yard or 400-meter dash, 880-yard run or 800-meter run, 1600-meter run, 3200-meter run. This does not prevent a 400, 800, 1600 or 3200-meter contestant from running in the relays provided he/she is entered in no more than 3 total running events.~~

D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools

There will be no fiscal impact to the UIL member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2016, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This proposed recommendation amends Chapter 2, Subchapter C, Section 1204, *Officials*. This proposal provides increases in fees for sports officials.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This proposed recommendation by the Sports Officials Committee would increase the fee schedule for officials. Section 1204(n) states that game fees and possible increases will be reviewed every two years. The current fee schedule was drafted in 2009 and implemented in 2013. A Section 1204 working committee, which included representation of all sports official associations along with school administrators, proposed a fee increase to the UIL Sports Officials Committee (SOC). The SOC vetted the proposal. **This recommendation has been recommended to the Legislative Council by the UIL Sports Officials Committee.**

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1204 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2016, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 1204: SPORTS OFFICIALS

(a) AGREEMENT. All officials must be satisfactory to both parties and agreed upon in advance. However, beginning a game with an official constitutes agreement.

(b) SPORTS OFFICIALS FOR UIL CONTESTS. UIL member schools shall use only sports officials registered with the UIL in all varsity contests including playoffs.

(1) If UIL registered sports officials are not available for a varsity contest, the involved member schools must receive prior written approval from the UIL Director of Athletics, or his or her designee, to use sports officials who are not currently registered with UIL.

(2) In cross country, golf, swimming and diving, team tennis, tennis and track and field, and wrestling, member schools may select and use non-UIL registered referees (sports officials) for contests.

(3) Unless mutually decided otherwise UIL member schools shall use UIL registered officials for non-varsity games.

(c) REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY OF SPORTS OFFICIALS. In order to officiate a UIL varsity contest a sports official must:

(1) be registered with the UIL and annually provide the UIL with directory information and submit to a criminal background check;

(2) be a member in good standing of, and assigned to the contest by, a local chapter or association of sports officials recognized by the UIL for that purpose;

(3) complete either an initial or a continuing education program regarding UIL rules as prescribed and made available by UIL (See (Q) (1) below);

- (4) agree to abide by UIL rules, including fee schedules and travel reimbursement guidelines for payment by UIL member schools to a sports officials.
- (d) **ADMINISTRATION OF REGISTRATION; FEES.** UIL shall, consistent with this section, determine and post on its website the process through which an official may annually register with UIL. UIL may charge and collect a fee from sports officials who initiate UIL's registration process in an amount that has been reasonably determined by UIL to be necessary to cover the cost of administering registration and/or the continuing education program as set forth in subsection (Q), below. This amount shall be determined annually by UIL and shall be posted on UIL's internet website and otherwise made available at other places as UIL determines appropriate.
- (e) **NEUTRAL OFFICIALS.** In all contests, schools should always attempt to secure neutral sports officials.
- (f) **HOST RESPONSIBILITY.** The responsibility to obtain satisfactory sports officials is upon the host school which shall provide names of officials to the visiting school at least 14 days prior to the contest.
- (g) **NOTIFICATION.** When names of officials are received by the visiting school, the visiting school shall immediately notify the host school if officials are not satisfactory. Failure of the visiting school to solicit names of officials from the home school within four days of the contest constitutes agreement.
- (h) **FAILURE TO SHOW; CHAPTER RULES.**
- (1) If agreed upon officials fail to show, the visiting school shall not be in violation by refusing to play. However, earnest effort should be expended to find officials so that the game may be played without additional travel expenses for teams and fans. A host school does not have to forfeit the contest unless the district executive committee rules that they have been negligent in contracting and securing officials.
 - (2) A sports official's failure to show after being assigned a contest in a manner consistent with the rules and/or policies of a recognized local chapter or association of sports officials constitutes a violation of UIL rules. Schools shall contact the UIL office and identify the officials who did not show for a contest.
 - (3) A recognized local chapter or association of sports officials shall provide UIL with a copy of their most current governing documents, such as its constitutions, rules and by-laws. Such governing documents shall include, but are not limited to, rules and/or procedures governing assignment of contests and disciplinary procedures applicable to sports officials who fail to honor a chapter assignment or otherwise violate UIL rules.
- (i) **SCRATCHES.**
- (1) After a school has accepted an official, and then scratches the official prior to a contest, the scratching must be in writing and approved by the superintendent, principal, athletic director or other designated representative. Note: Officials shall not be scratched the day of the game, except by mutual consent of both schools. A copy of the letter must be submitted to the other school and the officiating chapter.
 - (2) When officials who have been previously agreed upon by both teams are scratched, the school scratching the officials shall pay them the fee they would have received had they worked the game minus any travel expenses and shall also pay the additional travel costs in obtaining new officials. If scratched officials obtain another game, they do not have to be paid.

(3) UIL discourages indiscriminate scratching of entire chapters except in cases when potential problems could result with fans and/or school employees.

(4) Officiating chapters should be fair in their game assignments, offering smaller schools the opportunity to use higher level officials when possible.

(5) When officials do not show, or when the previously agreed upon officials do not show and the game has to be rescheduled, the chapter shall be responsible for the rescheduled game fee, unless it is determined by the school that an emergency arose beyond the control of the officials.

(j) PENALTY. The penalty for failure to provide officials is forfeiture of the game or match. The district executive committee shall determine whether or not forfeiture is applicable.

(k) FEE VIOLATIONS. The fee listed shall be paid to officials working varsity and sub-varsity contests. If a participant school exceeds or pays less than the fee schedule for a contest, the district executive committee shall meet as soon as possible to decide if an emergency warranted the fee violation. If the school in question proves an emergency caused the fee violation, the district executive committee does not have to assess a penalty.

(l) FEE APPROVAL/PAYMENT. Fees are to be paid by the host school or by the game management as approved by the school. Fees should be paid promptly. Schools that do not pay within 45 days of the contest are subject to the range of penalties listed in Section 29.

(m) FEE SCHEDULE.

(1) Baseball.

Each Game Per Official.

Varsity	\$60	\$70
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Sub-Varsity	\$50	
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SUB-VARISTY OPTION A		\$60
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° NO INNING STARTS AFTER 1 HOUR AND 50 MINUTES

SUB-VARSITY OPTION B		\$70
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° STARTS AN INNING AFTER 1 HOUR AND 50 MINUTES

Playoffs:

Bi-District	\$70	\$80
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Area	\$80	\$90
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Quarter-Finals	\$90	\$100
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Regional Semi-Finals	\$100	\$110
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Regional Finals	\$100	\$120
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TOURNAMENT

VARSIITY		\$70
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SUB-VARSITY		\$60
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TIME LIMIT OF 90 MINUTES OR LESS		\$50
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(2) Basketball.

Each Game Per Official.

Two or Three-Person Crew

Varsity	\$55	\$70
Sub-Varsity	\$40	\$50
Junior High (7th & 8th Grade)	\$30	
6 MINUTE QUARTER		\$35
7 MINUTE QUARTER		\$40
8 MINUTE QUARTER		\$45

Playoffs:

Bi-District	\$65	\$75
Area	\$75	\$85
Quarter-Finals	\$85	\$95
Regional Semi-Finals	\$95	\$105
Regional Finals	\$95	\$105

*(3) Football.***Varsity**

Gross Gate Receipts	1 Game	
Up to \$150	\$45	
\$150 to \$250	\$50	\$60
\$250 to \$500	\$55	\$65
\$500 to \$1,000	\$60	\$70
\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$65	\$75
\$2,000 to \$3,000	\$70	\$80
\$3,000 to \$4,000	\$75	\$85
\$4,000 to \$5,000	\$80	\$90
\$5,000 to \$7,500	\$85	\$95
\$7,500 to \$10,000	\$90	\$100
\$10,000 to \$12,500	\$95	\$105
\$12,500 to \$15,000	\$100	\$110
\$15,000 to \$17,500	\$115	\$125
\$17,500 to \$20,500	\$125	\$135
Each additional \$5,000	\$20	\$30

Sub-Varsity and Junior High (7th & 8th Grade)

12-minute quarters	\$45	\$55
10-minute quarters	\$40	\$50
8-minute quarters	\$35	\$45

*(4) Soccer.***Each Game**

Varsity/Sub-Varsity

Diagonal System – Three Officials

Length of Half	Referee		AR		Total	
25 minutes	\$40	\$50	\$25	\$35	\$90	\$120
35 minutes	\$45	\$60	\$30	\$40	\$105	\$140
40 minutes	\$50	\$60	\$35	\$40	\$120	\$140

Dual System – Two Officials

Length of Half	Referee		Total	
25 minutes	\$40	\$50	\$80	\$100
35 minutes	\$45	\$60	\$90	\$120
40 minutes	\$50	\$60	\$100	\$120

Playoffs:	Referee		AR		Total	
Bi-district	\$60	\$70	\$50	\$60	\$160	\$190
Area	\$60	\$80	\$50	\$65	\$160	\$210
Sectional	\$60	\$85	\$50	\$70	\$160	\$225
Quarter-Finals	\$60	\$100	\$50	\$80	\$160	\$260
Regional Semi-Finals	\$70	\$125	\$55	\$85	\$180	\$295
Regional Finals	\$70	\$125	\$55	\$85	\$180	\$295
STATE TOURNAMENT		\$125		\$85		\$295

(5) Softball.

Each Game Per Official.

Varsity	\$55	\$70
Sub-Varsity	\$45	
SUB-VARISTY OPTION A		\$60
° NO INNING STARTS AFTER 1 HOUR AND 50 MINUTES		
SUB-VARSITY OPTION B		\$70
° STARTS AN INNING AFTER 1 HOUR AND 50 MINUTES		

Playoffs:

Bi-District	\$65	\$80
Area	\$75	\$90
Quarter-Finals	\$85	\$100
Regional Semi-Finals	\$95	\$110
Regional Finals	\$95	\$120
TOURNAMENT		
VARISITY		\$70
SUB-VARSITY		\$60
TIME LIMIT OF 90 MINUTES OR LESS		\$50

(6) Swimming & Diving.

Invitational: Defined as 4 or more teams

Number of officials (5)

1-meet referee-diving per session	\$50
1-meet referee-swimming per session	\$50
1-starter-per session	\$25
2-stroke/turn officials-per session, each	\$25
Total cost-per session	\$175

District:

Number of officials (7)

1-meet referee-diving per session	\$75
1-meet referee-swimming per session	\$75
1-starter-per session	\$25
2-stroke/turn officials-per session, each	\$25
Total cost-per session	\$275

Regionals:

Number of officials (10)

1-meet referee-diving per session	\$100
1-meet referee-swimming per session	\$100
1-deck referee-per session	\$50
1-starter-per session	\$50
2-stroke/turn officials-per session, each	\$50
4-stroke/turn officials-per session, each	\$50
Total cost - \$600 per session x 2 sessions	

Travel:

All other allowable expenses may be paid.

Definition of Officials:

All registered officials who have successfully passed the required UIL test.

Definition of Meet:

4 or more teams.

Definition of Session:

Any portion of a meet distinctly separated from other portions by locale, time or type of competition, i.e., preliminaries and finals; morning and evening.

(7) Volleyball.

Each Match Per Official.

Varsity	\$50	\$60
LINE JUDGES		\$45
Sub-Varsity		
2-Out-of-3	\$30	\$40
3-Out-of-5	\$35	\$45
Junior High (7th & 8th Grade)	\$25	\$35
JR. HIGH DEVELOPMENTAL SETS		PLUS \$15
Tournaments		
Varsity		
2-Out-of-3	\$40	\$50
3-Out-of-5	\$50	\$60
Sub-Varsity		
2-Out-of-3	\$30	\$40
3-Out-of-5	\$35	\$45
Junior High (7th & 8th Grade)	\$25	\$35
Pool Play		
Mini Games/ 2 Games 0-15		
Varsity	\$25	\$35
Sub-Varsity	\$20	\$30
Junior High (7th & 8th Grade)	\$20	\$30
Playoffs:		
Bi-District	\$60	\$70
BI-DISTRICT - LINE JUDGES		\$50
Area	\$70	\$80
AREA – LINE JUDGES		\$50
Quarter-Finals	\$80	\$90
QUARTER FINALS – LINE JUDGES		\$50
Regional Semi-Final	\$90	\$100
REGIONAL SEMI-FINALS – LINE JUDGES		\$60
Regional Finals	\$90	\$100
REGIONAL FINALS – LINE JUDGES		\$60

*(8) Wrestling***Boys**

Competition	# of officials	Fee
Dual Meets	1	\$55
Multiple team duals	as needed	\$45/ Official/dual
1-day tournament	*	\$175 each
2-day tournament	*	\$210 each

Girls Competition

# of officials	Fee
Dual Meets	1
	<5 matches/\$25
	>5 matches/\$50
Multiple team duals	as needed
	<5 matches/\$20
	>5 matches/\$45
1-day tournament	*
	\$90 each
2-day tournament	*
	\$125 each

See chart in manual for number of officials and jv and junior high/middle school fees

Playoffs:

Boys 2-Day Regional	\$250
Girls 2-Day Regional	\$165

(9) Scrimmages. Chapters shall be paid for scrimmages using the following fee schedule:

Baseball	\$50.00	\$75
Basketball	\$50.00	\$75
Football	\$100.00	\$125
Soccer	\$50.00	\$75
Softball	\$50.00	\$75
Volleyball	\$50.00	\$75

(Fees are based on a three-hour scrimmage.)

NOTE: After three hours, each additional hour is ~~\$25~~ \$50 FOR ALL SPORTS EXCEPT FOOTBALL, WHICH IS \$75 EACH ADDITIONAL HOUR. The fees paid are regardless of the level of competition. The fee will be paid to the local chapter and not to the individual officials, to be used in place of assignment or service fees. A portion of these fees should be used for education, retention and recruitment of officials.

Chapters that agree to provide officials and charge for scrimmages are under obligation to provide officials for the school for the entire season, grades 7-12.

A chapter that requests a service/assignor fee from schools will not be a chapter in good standing and thus will not be eligible for post-season assignments.

(10) Sub-varsity/Varsity Gate Receipts Combined. For football games, when sub-varsity games are played prior to varsity games at the same site with the gate receipts combined, the game fees plus mileage paid to the sub-varsity football officials may be deducted from the gross gate receipts prior to calculating the varsity football officials' game fees.

(11) Other sub-varsity sports and tournaments may not exceed listed fees for respective varsity sports. In game arrangements not listed above, schools and officials shall agree on a fee not to exceed listed fees for varsity sports.

(12) *Tournament Fees.* Officials shall receive the set game fees for all tournament games in the following sports: Baseball, Basketball, Softball and Soccer.

(13) *Game Fees Review.* Game fees and possible increases for officials will be reviewed every two years.

D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools

With the increase in fees, there will be an increase in costs to the schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2016, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Recommends The Legislative Council Create An Ad Hoc Committee

- a. The Athletics Committee would like to ask that the Legislative Council create an ad hoc committee to review playoff structure