

**Proposed Amendment to the  
University Interscholastic League Contest Procedures**

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

This amendment would allow one-act play directors to use a maximum of 20 students as cast and crew, removing the distinctions for the maximum numbers of 15 cast and 5 crew members. Schools will still be limited to a maximum of 4 alternates.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

The *Handbook for One-Act Play* defines the student company size as a maximum of 24 students and limits play casts to a maximum of 15 cast members, a maximum of 5 crew members and a maximum of 4 alternates. This change would remove the distinction between cast and crew to allow directors to use a company of 20 students as they deem necessary, but does not change the number or how alternates can be used in the contest.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

The Contest Structure, Participation and Eligibility section of the *Handbook for One-Act Play* would be amended as follows, pending approval of the Commissioner of Education:

The Contest Structure  
Participation and Eligibility

Student Company Size

The Company may include a maximum of 24 students and may include the following:

- ~~1. a maximum of 15 cast members;~~
- ~~2. a maximum of 5- 20 CAST AND~~ crew members and
- ~~3. a maximum of 4 alternates.~~

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2019.

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

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

This amendment to Section 902, *General Regulations*, Section 1033, *One-Act Play*, and Section 1408, *Invitational/District Meets*, would change the individual acting awards designation for best actor and actress in the one-act play contest.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

This amendment would allow one-act play adjudicators to identify the two best performers in the contest rather than requiring a best actor and best actress to be selected.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Sections 902, 1033 and 1408 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 902: GENERAL REGULATIONS

(k) POINTS.

(3) Schedule Of Points.

Note: One-Act Play Points. The three unranked plays advancing from district (two from region) each receive 20 points. The alternate play receives 15 points. At State One-Act Play, points are awarded through sixth place. Points for individual acting awards are: each best ~~actor and actress~~ PERFORMER receives 10 points; each all-star cast receives eight points; and each honorable mention all-star cast receives six points. An individual acting award assigned to a chorus or other group of players counts as only one individual award and shall be allocated the appropriate points. One-Act Play points shall not be awarded for zone, bi-district or area contests.

Section 1033: ONE-ACT PLAY

(c) CONTEST ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES

(8) Awards.

(B) Individual awards shall include the ~~best actress, best actor~~ TWO BEST PERFORMERS, all-star cast and honorable mention all-star cast. An honorable mention all-star cast, not to exceed the size of the all-star cast, may be selected at the discretion of the judge or judges.

Section 1408: INVITATIONAL/DISTRICT MEETS

(i) POINTS.

(1) *One-Act Play Points*. The first place play receives 22 points, the second place play receives 18 points and the third place play receives 15 points. Individual awards shall consist of first place (each best ~~actor and actress~~ PERFORMER), second place (each all-star cast) and third place (each honorable mention all-star cast).

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2019.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS**

**Ask the Council to pass this proposal**

- a.** A proposal to remove the distinctions between cast, crew and alternates without changing the number of participants in the One-Act Play contest
- b.** A proposal to change the individual acting awards designation for best actor and actress in the one-act play contest

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS**

**Referred this proposal to entire Council for future consideration in October**

- a.** A proposal to allow additional entries in Lincoln Douglas Debate at the district level when there are less than eight debaters entered in the district competition

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS**

**Ask the Staff to Study this proposal**

- a.** A proposal to re-evaluate the Computer Applications UIL test
- b.** A proposal for a change in the selection of OAP adjudicators for area, region and state
- c.** A proposal to adopt a conflict of interest policy and procedures by UIL and TTAO
- d.** A proposal to officially recognize a Top Technician and Top Crew Team (as in other Academic events) at all levels of the One-Act Play contest

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS**

**Authorized the Staff to Monitor The Following Proposals**

- a.** A proposal to expand UIL Chess Puzzle Solving to high school, grades 9-12
- b.** A proposal to prohibit TTAO Board of Directors from serving as a UIL OAP judge or director

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS**  
**Rejected or Took No Action on the Following Proposals**

- a.** A proposal to change Congress ballots
- b.** A proposal to require definitive guidelines for parliamentary procedure in UIL Congress
- c.** A proposal to rotate the UIL Regional One-Act Play Contest within the region
- d.** A proposal to add a play to the approved list of plays if it has been approved for any school to produce through the play approval process

**This concludes the report of the Academic Standing Committee.**

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

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

This amendment to Section 1106(h), *Preliminary Round and Final Round*, would advance 12 bands to the area finals should 30 or more bands qualify for the contest.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

Current rule advances seven bands to area finals if there are less than 20 bands, and 10 bands to area finals if there are more than 20 qualifying bands. Occasionally, an area contest can reach 30 - or slightly more than 30 - bands. When this scenario occurs the percentage of bands advancing to the area finals is much lower than at a contest with less bands. Advancing 12 bands to the area finals in contests with 30 or more qualifying bands would increase the percentage of schools advancing to the area finals at the larger contests, creating a more equitable number of schools advancing to area finals at each contest.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 1106(h) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1106: AREA MARCHING BAND CONTEST

(h) PRELIMINARY ROUND AND FINAL ROUND

- (4) *30 OR MORE BANDS*. IF THERE ARE 30 OR MORE BANDS, THE TOP 12 BANDS WILL ADVANCE FROM THE PRELIMINARY ROUND TO THE FINAL ROUND. IN ADDITION ANY BAND BELOW TWELFTH PLACE THAT RECEIVES A RANKING OF THREE OR HIGHER FROM AT LEAST TWO OF THE MUSIC JUDGES AND ONE OF THE MARCHING JUDGES WILL ALSO ADVANCE TO THE FINAL ROUND. THE TWO MARCHING JUDGES AND TWO OF THE MUSIC JUDGES WILL CHANGE CAPTIONS. THERE WILL BE A DRUM MAJOR RETREAT AT THE END OF THE PRELIMINARY ROUND TO ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS. BANDS NOT ADVANCING TO THE FINAL ROUND WILL RECEIVE A PARTICIPANT AWARD. AT THE END OF THE FINAL ROUND THERE WILL BE A DRUM MAJOR RETREAT WHERE EACH BAND WILL RECEIVE A FINALIST AWARD AND THE NAMES OF THOSE BANDS ADVANCING TO THE STATE MARCHING BAND CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED. UNDER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS SEVERE WEATHER OR LIMITED PARTICIPATION, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MAY DECLARE THE PRELIMINARY ROUND TO BE THE FINAL CONTEST.

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2019.

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

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

This amendment to Section 1113(g), *Texas State Solo-Ensemble Contest*, would change the entry deadline to a date to be determined by UIL staff that is published annually on the UIL website.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

The state solo and ensemble contest is held annually on Memorial Day weekend except when UT commencement exercises are on Memorial Day weekend, at which point the state solo and ensemble contest is held the weekend after Memorial Day due to the extensive use of UT facilities and hotel rooms in the Austin area. Allowing UIL staff to adjust the entry deadline based on when the contest is held will help facilitate an entry deadline that more closely coincides with the date of the event. Additionally, the entry deadline of April 1 as published in the C&CR can make it difficult for many schools to plan for an event that is held almost two months later.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 1113(g) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1113: TEXAS STATE SOLO-ENSEMBLE CONTEST

(g) ENTRY PROCEDURES.

- (2) *Deadline.* Entries for TSSEC shall be submitted BY THE DEADLINE SET FORTH ON THE UIL WEBSITE. ~~on or before midnight, April 1.~~
- (4) *Late Entries.* Due to the preparation necessary for the event, entries submitted after THE DEADLINE SET FORTH ON THE UIL WEBSITE ~~April 1~~ will be placed on a waiting list in the order they are received and will be scheduled only if performance times are available. A late entry fee will apply.

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2019.

**Proposed Amendment to the  
University Interscholastic League Contest Procedures**

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

This amendment to UIL contest policy would advance 12 bands to the state finals, should 30 or more bands qualify for the contest, and advance 14 bands to the state finals, should 40 or more bands qualify for the contest.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

Current contest procedure advances seven bands to state finals if there are less than 20 bands, 10 bands to state finals if there are 20 to 35 bands, and 12 bands to state finals if there are 36 or more qualifying bands. Occasionally, the state contest can reach 40 - or slightly more than 40 - bands. When this scenario occurs the percentage of bands advancing to the state finals is much lower than when there are less bands. Advancing 12 bands to state finals when there are 30 to 39 qualifying bands and advancing 14 bands to state finals when there are 40 or more qualifying bands would increase the percentage of schools advancing to state finals at the larger contests, creating a more equitable number of schools advancing to state finals in each conference.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

State marching band advancement procedures would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

If there are 20 to ~~35~~ 29 bands in a state contest the top 10 bands will advance from the preliminary round to the final round. In addition, any band below tenth place that receives a ranking of three or higher from at least two of the music judges and one of the marching judges will also advance to the final round.

If there are ~~36~~ 30 TO 39 ~~or more~~ bands in a state contest the top 12 bands will advance from the preliminary round to the final round. In addition, any band below twelfth place that receives a ranking of three or higher from at least two of the music judges and one of the marching judges will also advance to the final round.

IF THERE ARE 40 OR MORE BANDS IN A STATE CONTEST, THE TOP 14 BANDS WILL ADVANCE FROM THE PRELIMINARY ROUND TO THE FINAL ROUND. IN ADDITION, ANY BAND BELOW FOURTEENTH PLACE THAT RECEIVES A RANKING OF THREE OR HIGHER FROM AT LEAST TWO OF THE MUSIC JUDGES AND ONE OF THE MARCHING JUDGES WILL ALSO ADVANCE TO THE FINAL ROUND.

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2019.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC  
Passed the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to adjust the number of finalists at area marching band contests
- b. A proposal to adjust the number of finalists at state marching band contests
- c. A proposal to move the state solo and ensemble entry deadline from the C&CR to the UIL calendar

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC  
Approved the Following in Concept for Approval in October**

- a. Increase the number of judges from five to seven at state marching band contests
- b. Establish a pilot utilizing amended rules for the sight-reading evaluation instruction period

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC  
Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to limit the number of wind instruments amplified in a small ensemble in the marching band to ten

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC  
Denied, Rejected, or Took No Action on the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to limit all band rehearsal time to 60 minutes per school day



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

**A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation**

This amendment to Sections 1270(c) and 1270(d)(1), *Soccer Plan*, would alter the first day for scrimmages for the soccer season to be more consistent with the first day for scrimmages in other team sports.

**B. Factual and Policy Justifications**

This amendment would allow schools to participate in soccer scrimmages 10 days from the first practice date, putting them on the same timeline as other team sports. The current rule has 31 days between the first day of soccer practice and when schools are allowed to participate in their first scrimmage. As the calendar sits now, teams only have six available days to participate in three scrimmages.

**C. Proposed Recommendation**

Sections 1270(c) and 1270(d)(1) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

- (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 (l).~~

(d) NUMBER OF GAMES, SCRIMMAGES AND TOURNAMENTS.

- (1) Scrimmages. ~~No team or student shall participate in more than three total scrimmages. No team or student shall participate in more than two scrimmages per calendar week. Only one scrimmage is permitted between Monday and the end of the school day Friday.~~ SCHOOLS SHALL NOT SCRIMMAGE PRIOR TO THE DATE SET FORTH BY THE UIL CALENDAR, NOT TO EXCEED TWO SCRIMMAGES PER WEEK, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY. SCRIMMAGES ARE SUBJECT TO THE ONE CONTEST PER SCHOOL WEEK LIMITATION.

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

**E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2019.

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

**A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation**

This amendment to Section 1320(m)(4), *Invitational Track and Field Meets*, would alter the regulations for invitational track & field meets to be more consistent with the regulations of other individual sports. In the October Legislative Council meeting, the Texas High School Coaches Association proposed a change to allow for track and field to conduct meets during the school week.

**B. Factual and Policy Justifications**

This amendment, proposed by Texas High School Coaches Association and supported by the Texas Girls Coaches Association, would allow schools to participate in invitational track & field meets on a school day similar to other UIL individual sports. The current rule does not allow for schools to miss any school time (including travel) for meets held during the school week.

**C. Proposed Recommendation**

Section 1320(m)(4) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

- (4) Day of Week and Starting Time. Students or teams representing a member school are permitted to participate in an invitational track and field meet only as listed below:
- (A) After 2:30, on Friday or the last day of the school week, or as early as the end of the academic school day for all participating schools on a day preceding a holiday or break. Exception: A student representing a member school may participate in a maximum of THREE ~~two~~ meets on THURSDAY OR Friday, OR THE LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL WEEK WITH NO RESTRICTION ON START TIME. ~~which start no earlier than 12:00 noon on Friday or the last day of the school week.~~
  - (B) Or on Saturday or school holidays;
  - (C) Or on any school day other than the last day of the school week with the following conditions:
    - ~~(i) Students shall not miss any school time other than the in-school athletic class period.~~
    - ~~(ii)~~ (i) Events shall not begin until after the end of the academic school day for all schools involved.
    - ~~(iii)~~ (ii) Schools utilizing this option are limited to a one-day meet.
    - ~~(iv)~~ (iii) A school or student participating in this type of meet shall not enter another track and field meet during the same school week, Monday through Friday.
    - ~~(v)~~ (iv) No event shall start after 10:00 p.m.

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

**E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2019.

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

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation***

This amendment to Section 1209(c), *Non-School Participation* would allow students in grades six and below to participate in two school sponsored camps per sport during the school year. Additionally, the proposed change would also allow for all students other than students who will be in their second, third, or fourth year of high school to attend two camps (rather than one) in each team sport during the summer where instruction is provided by a school coach in grades 7-12.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

Currently, team sport camps, where instruction is provided by a school coach in grades 7-12, are limited to one camp per sport during the summer, outside the school year. School sponsored camps are not allowed during the school year. This amendment would allow for students grade six and below to attend two camps in each team sport, during the school year, sponsored by the school. This amendment would also allow for students to attend two camps, rather than one, in each team sport during the summer, where instruction is provided by a school coach in grades 7-12.

***C. Proposed Recommendation***

Section 1209(c) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

(c) CAMPS

(1) CAMPS AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR: BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL CAMPS WHERE SCHOOL PERSONNEL WORK WITH THEIR OWN STUDENTS. After the last day of the school year in May, June, July and prior to the second Monday in August, on non-school days, all students other than students who will be in their second, third or fourth year of high school may attend ~~one~~ TWO campS in each team sport, held within the boundaries of their school district, in which instruction is given in that team sport, and in which a 7th-12th grade coach from their school district attendance zone works with them. ~~under the following conditions:~~

(2) CAMPS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR: A MEMBER SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ALLOWED TO SPONSOR CAMPS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DAY. FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX GRADE AND BELOW, A STUDENT IS ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN TWO SCHOOL SPONSORED CAMPS PER SPORT / ACTIVITY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

(3) CAMPS DESCRIBED ABOVE SHALL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

(1) Number of Days. Attendance at each type of sports camp is limited to no more than six consecutive days.

(2) Prohibited Activities. Students shall not attend football camps where contact activities are permitted.

(3) Fees. The superintendent or a designee shall approve the schedule of fees prior to the announcement or release of any information about the camp. The Texas Education Code requires school districts to adopt procedures for waiving fees charged for participation if a student is unable to pay the fee, and the procedures should be made known to the public. Fees for all other students shall be paid by the students and/or their parents.

(4) School Equipment. Schools may furnish, in accordance with local school district policies, school-owned equipment, with the following restrictions.

(A) Schools may not furnish any individual baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball or volleyball player equipment, including uniforms, shoes, caps, gloves, etc., but may furnish balls and court equipment including nets, standards, goals, etc., for volleyball, basketball and soccer camps.

(B) For football camps, schools may furnish hand dummies, stand-up dummies, passing and kicking machines and footballs. Use of any other football equipment, including contact equipment, is prohibited.

(C) For baseball and softball camps, schools may furnish balls, bats, bases, pitching and batting machines, batting helmets and catcher protective equipment. Use of any other baseball and/or softball equipment is prohibited.

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

Any cost incurred as a result of this proposal would be dependent on the decision of the school district on whether or not to conduct the camps as allowed by rule.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2019.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**  
**Passed the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to revise the scrimmage date for soccer season
- b. A proposal to update meet limitations for track and field
- c. A proposal to the camp rule during the school year

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**  
**Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Proposal**

- a. Allow coaches to coach their seniors after their eligibility has expired
- b. Revise the area track rules
- c. Exchange of football game film
- d. Allow in 1A and 2A, to have more than one team when they meet the exception for sixth grade participation
- e. Allow college students to help with teams outside of student teaching
- f. Allow athletic competitions between elementary schools in a district

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**  
**Will Continue to Monitor the Following Proposals**

- a. 4A and below home field advantage for football

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**  
**Denied, Rejected, or Took No Action on the Following Proposals**

- b. Two-hour character development for coaches
- c. Add area round to the playoff golf structure
- d. Require game administrators at all events
- e. Eliminate the chop block in football
- f. Allow seniors that transfer to participate in varsity athletics
- g. Replace tackle football with 7 on 7
- h. Instant replay at regional and state soccer
- i. Publish all district and area track dates and locations
- j. Allow 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> golf finishers to advance to state
- k. 4 regional finishers and top 9 to qualify for the state track meet
- l. Change the baseball coaches in uniform policy

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY**  
**Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to add eSports as a UIL sanctioned activity

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY**  
**Authorized the Staff to Survey the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to add Water Polo as a UIL sanctioned activity

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY**  
**Authorized the Staff to Monitor the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to add lacrosse as a UIL sanctioned activity
- b. A proposal to add a Step Season as a UIL sanctioned activity

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY**  
**Denied, Rejected, or Took No Action on the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to change the age rule
- b. A proposal to have small school and large school classifications in all sports
- c. A proposal to add sand volleyball as a UIL sanctioned activity
- d. Proposals to add disc golf as a UIL sanctioned activity
- e. A proposal to add Contract Bridge in Competitive Tournament Form as a UIL sanctioned activity
- f. A proposal to allow the public to request a DEC hearing with evidence of transferring for athletic purposes
- g. Proposals to add boys volleyball as a UIL sanctioned activity

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY**  
**Passed the Following Proposal for Consideration in October**

- a. A proposal to make the separated parents rule consistent with the guardianship rule