

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment adds language to the Constitution and Contest Rules in order to comply with a new state law regarding assault of an official and the length of suspension for participants.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This is required in order to comply with state law.

C. Proposed Amendment

Sections 26(c), 27(a), b and 29(a) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 26: STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(c) JURISDICTION.

New 9 (renumber remaining) – A REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 33.081 E-2 THROUGH E-4 OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE.

Section 27: PENALTIES THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CAN IMPOSE

(a) FOR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES.

(2) Individual Suspension. If the State Executive Committee finds that a student has failed to comply with the rules it may suspend the student from competition, including practices, in all germane activities for one (1) day to three (3) years. Suspension may include a probationary period of up to three (3) years, and may include any reasonable conditions, which, if not fulfilled, may result in additional suspension. SEE SECTION 33.081 E-1 OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE.

(b) STUDENT PENALTY GUIDELINES.

(3) Enhanced Penalty Factors

(C) Intent/Harm - In cases where a Category A violation is found to be deliberate and to have provided a competitive advantage to the student violator or the violation caused physical harm to a person or property, the penalty for a Category A violation may be enhanced. An enhanced penalty for such violators may include reasonable conditions and/or the imposition of a probation period of up to three (3) years and may also include a period of suspension from competition, including practices, in all germane activities for a period of one (1) day to three (3) years. SEE SECTION 33.081 E-1 OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE.

Section 29: PENALTIES THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CAN IMPOSE

(a) FOR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES.

(2) Individual Suspension. If a District Executive Committee finds that a student has failed to comply with the rules it may suspend the participant student from competition, including practice, in all germane activities for up to three (3) years. Suspension may include a probationary period of up to three (3) years, and may include any reasonable conditions, which, if not fulfilled, may result in additional suspension. For students found to have changed schools for athletic purposes, [Refer to Section 443 (f) (3)]. SEE SECTION 33.081 E-1 OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE.

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

Minimal fiscal impact is expected as a result of this proposal.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2021.