

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

JUNE 14, 2022

ON JUNE 14, 2022, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE AUSTIN MARRIOTT NORTH IN ROUND ROCK, TEXAS. BASED UPON ITEMS CONSIDERED, THE COMMITTEE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS DURING ITS BUSINESS MEETING.



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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 1033, *One-Act Play Contests*, would remove the requirement that critiques must follow the awards announcement in the One-Act Play competition. This change would allow the oral critiques to be given before results are announced.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

A study on One-Act Play critiques was held during the 2021-2022 season, following a popular adaptation of the 2020-2021 contest schedule. Feedback from directors, educators and contest managers have supported the option of holding critiques before results are announced. This change allows for a shorter contest day while focusing on the educational value of the contest and not the outcome. The zone, district and bi-district sites will have the option to schedule critiques before or after awards are announced to best fit their schedule. Critiques will be held before results at area and region levels of competition and following announcement of awards at state.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1033(c)(9) of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1033: ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST

(c) CONTEST ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES.

(9) Judges.

(B) Judges AND CRITIQUES. Judging shall be by an odd number of judges or by a single critic judge. A critique of each play shall be presented orally to all entries and interested audience members BEFORE OR after the contest manager has announced results of the contest. AT THE AREA, REGIONAL AND STATE LEVELS, CRITIQUES WILL BE PRESENTED AS DETERMINED BY THE UIL STATE THEATRE DIRECTOR.

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

The Standing Committee on Academics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2022, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
Passed the following Proposal

- a. A proposal to remove the requirement that critiques must follow the awards announcement in the One-Act Play competition.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
Directed the Staff to make the following change in the contest Handbook

- a. An update to the CX and LD Debate guidelines to allow the use of the Internet during Cross-Examination Debate and Lincoln Douglas Debate competition

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

- a. A proposal to change who is considered eligible participants in the Young Filmmakers Contest
- b. A proposal that requires host sites have computers and printers available to contestants, along with a person to assist with technology issues, during events that allow computers to be used

This concludes the report of the Academic Standing Committee.

REPORT OF
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC

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ON JUNE 14, 2022, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE AUSTIN MARRIOTT NORTH IN ROUND ROCK, TEXAS. BASED UPON ITEMS CONSIDERED, THE COMMITTEE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS DURING ITS BUSINESS MEETING.



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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment to Section 1105, *Region Marching Band Contest*, would allow a non-student to intervene should an amplification equipment failure occur and would clarify cable placement to ensure safety and flexibility.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

During a marching band contest a failure of amplification equipment detrimental to the quality of a performance can occur. Allowing a non-student to intervene under these circumstances would preserve the integrity of the performance, while still ensuring all show contributions are made by the students. Allowing electronics cables to be safely utilized on field and off field provides more flexibility for performance and show design.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1105(h) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1105: REGION MARCHING BAND CONTEST

(h) PERFORMANCE REGULATIONS.

(5) *Amplification.*

(A) All equipment must be operated by eligible students. EXCEPTION: A NON-STUDENT MAY INTERVENE SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING AN EQUIPMENT FAILURE AND MUST SUBMIT A WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION FOR DOING SO TO THE CONTEST CHAIR AFTER THE PERFORMANCE.

(B) ~~AC power cords and AC supplied amplification units must be located outside the sidelines and endlines.~~ ALL CABLES MUST BE SAFELY PLACED ON THE FIELD AND/OR SIDELINES. STUDENTS MAY NOT CROSS OVER ON-FIELD CABLES, COVERED OR NOT, DURING A PERFORMANCE.

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

The Standing Committee on Music moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2022, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

- a. A proposal to allow a non-student to intervene due to amplification failure at a marching band contest and to clarify cable placement

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

- a. A proposal to hold the state marching band contest annually for every conference
- b. A proposal to add a new division for cheerleaders with live pep band at the spirit state championships

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC
Approved the Following Proposals in Concept**

- a. A proposal to reduce the number of bands necessary at an area marching band contest to have a preliminary and final round
- b. A proposal to change 4A bands from utilizing the five-judge adjudication system at the state marching band contest to the seven-judge adjudication system

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

- a. A proposal to ensure there are at least four competing 1A bands at a region marching band contest
- b. A proposal to add a Division 1 and Division 2 for marching band competition

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment to Section 1206, *School Practice and Game Restrictions*, would codify off-season and summer strength and conditioning changes implemented as a response to COVID-19.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

In response to school closures at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, schools were given additional time to work with students. These additions included allowing an additional day of summer strength and conditioning as well as allowing limited sport-specific sessions during the summer. Schools have also been allowed to conduct strength and conditioning outside the school day for one hour during the school year off-season. Feedback from school leaders and coaches suggests these allowances are very helpful and should be implemented on an ongoing basis.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1206(f) and 1206(h) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1206: SCHOOL PRACTICE AND GAME RESTRICTIONS

- (f) OFF-SEASON SCHOOL TEAM PRACTICES AND STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING ~~PROHIBITED~~. School teams shall not practice outside the specific allowable practice dates except during the one in-school day practice period.
- (1) Off-season SKILL activities before or after the school day or during the lunch periods are specifically prohibited.
 - (2) OFF-SEASON STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING SESSIONS ARE ALLOWED. A STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING SESSION SHALL BE NO MORE THAN ONE HOUR PER DAY OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DAY, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, AND A STUDENT SHALL ATTEND NO MORE THAN ONE SESSION OF SUPERVISED INSTRUCTION PER DAY. ~~This does not prevent~~ Students MAY from using USE school-issued shoes and/or clothing before or after school; ~~however, participation before or after school shall be strictly voluntary and not required, and coaches shall not instruct students in any manner. For additional restrictions, see the Football Plan.~~
- (h) SUMMER STRENGTH/CONDITIONING PROGRAMS & SPORT SPECIFIC SKILL INSTRUCTION. Summer strength and conditioning programs and sport specific skill instruction may be conducted by school coaches for students in grades 7-12 from that coach's attendance zone only under the following conditions.
- (1) Sessions may be conducted by school coaches starting on monday of the first week school is not in session and ending on a date set forth by the uil calendar. sessions may be conducted only on Monday through ~~Thursday~~ FRIDAY .
 - (a) A student may attend no more than one two-hour strength and conditioning session, conducted by a school coach or coaches, per day. Schools shall take administrative care to prohibit an athlete from working with one school coach for two hours and a separate school coach for another two hours.

- (b) a student may attend no more than ~~two hours per week of sport~~ 90 MINUTES PER DAY OF SPORT specific skill instruction WITH NO MORE THAN 60 MINUTES A DAY IN A GIVEN SPORT, ~~conducted by a school coach or coaches, with a one hour maximum in any one given day~~ MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

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

This proposed amendment should have minimal 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 immediately, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 1206, *School Practice and Game Restrictions*, updates a class and adds a class to the list of courses for which there is an exception to the UIL rule that limits enrollment in physical education (PE) courses during the school day.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

TEA has updated the name of one class and TEA has also approved an Innovative Course called Team Sports Officiating that is being added to the list of exceptions.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1206 (e) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

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~~ LIFETIME RECREATION AND OUTDOOR PURSUITS; PE substitutes: Partners PE, JROTC, cheerleading, drill team, marching band; INNOVATIVE COURSE: TEAM SPORTS OFFICIATING.

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

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2022, 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 to Section 1204(m), *Flat Fee Schedule and Travel Reimbursement*, would increase travel reimbursements for sports officials by \$5.00 beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Since implementing the flat fee schedule for sports officials, which combines the game fee and travel reimbursement, the travel reimbursement rates have been unchanged. To help account for inflation and the increased costs associated with travel over the past few school years, the UIL Sports Officials Committee (SOC) worked with various stakeholder groups to determine an increase for each mileage range.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1204(m) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1204: SPORTS OFFICIALS

(m) Flat Fee Schedule and Travel Reimbursement

- (1) The flat fee schedule and mileage reimbursement, as approved by the Legislative Council, shall be posted on the UIL website.

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

This proposed amendment will have fiscal impact on schools for payment of mileage reimbursement for officials.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2022, 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 to Section 1204(m), *Flat Fee Schedule and Travel Reimbursement* would establish a ten-year compensation plan for sports officials.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Sports officials fees are continually discussed. To date, any changes in fees have been addressed with increases applied on an irregular basis and typically with a relatively short-term application. The UIL Sports Officials Committee (SOC), working with UIL staff and a wide variety of impacted stakeholder groups, examined historical data and trends to create a long-term plan for compensating sports officials. This proposed amendment from the SOC establishes a ten-year plan for the sports officials fee schedule. These increases will take place in 2023-2024, 2026-2027, and 2029-2030.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1204(m) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1204: SPORTS OFFICIALS

(m) Flat Fee Schedule and Travel Reimbursement

(1) The flat fee schedule and mileage reimbursement, as approved by the Legislative Council, shall be posted on the UIL website.

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

Member schools will be impacted by officials' fee increases in the 2023-2024, 2026-2027, and 2029-2030 school years.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2023, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Passed the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to codify off-season and summer strength and conditioning changes implemented as a response to COVID-19
- b. A proposal to update a class and add a class to the list of courses for which there is an exception to the UIL rule that limits enrollment in physical education (PE) courses during the school day
- c. A proposal to increase travel reimbursements for sports officials by \$5.00 beginning in the 2022-2023 school year
- d. A proposal to establish a ten-year compensation plan for sports officials

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

- a. A proposal to adjust the process of a PAPF if the previous school is a private school
- b. A proposal to allow 6th grade participation at the 1A level (survey)
- c. A proposal to require a best of three series in all rounds of the 5A-6A baseball post season leading up to the state tournament
- d. A proposal to allow the head golf coach and the assistant golf coach to actively coach during the course of play for all tournaments
- e. A proposal to amend junior high track meet start times

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

- a. A proposal regarding strength and conditioning for in-season athletes
- b. A proposal to study participation protocol for UIL member schools competing against non UIL schools

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

- a. A proposal to alter the language of softball scrimmages per week
- b. A proposal to allow the (15) run rule after three innings in bi-district and area softball
- c. A proposal to prohibit freshmen athletes from participating in varsity competitions
- d. Proposals to change soccer from a spring sport to a fall sport
- e. A proposal to limit or eliminate coaches scratching of officials
- f. A proposal to add a shot clock
- g. A proposal to adjust track and field scoring to include scoring through 8th place

REPORT OF
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

JUNE 14, 2022

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**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Conference and District Assignment Policies and Procedures**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment alters Reclassification and Realignment Policy as it relates to the conference placement of UIL member charter schools. The language will allow staff the option to place charter schools as much as one (1) conference above the conference for which their enrollment qualifies.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Current policy limits the options for staff to address concerns with the conference placement of charter schools in some areas, as it is tied to the lowest enrolled school of the ISD in which the charter school is located. This amendment gives staff additional options to consider when determining conference placement for charter schools. Charter schools would still have the same appeal options of staff decision on conference placement as are available now.

C. Proposed Amendment

UIL Conference and District Assignment Policies and Procedures, section II B 1 c, would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

II. UIL CONFERENCES; B. Conference Determination

1. Charter Schools

- a. Charter schools may be reassigned to a higher conference if actual enrollment is larger than the submitted enrollment projections.
- b. Charter Schools shall not be assigned to a football district unless they provide evidence to UIL staff that they have participated previously.
- c. Charters schools located within the boundaries of a school district shall be assigned to the same conference as the high school in that school district with the lowest enrollment (unless the charter school's enrollment qualifies it for a higher conference), OR NO MORE THAN ONE CONFERENCE HIGHER THAN THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S ENROLLMENT QUALIFIES, WHICHEVER IS HIGHER.
 - i. A charter school elevated in conference under this rule shall receive an automatic appeal to UIL staff related to conference assignment.
 - ii. A charter school may be assigned to different conferences for different divisions of UIL activities.
UIL divisions are academics, music and athletics
 - iii. Decisions of UIL staff may be appealed to the District Assignment Appeals Committee.

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

This amendment should have no fiscal impact on schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective for the 2024-26 alignment.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY
Passed the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to amend the Reclassification and Realignment Policy as it relates to the conference placement of UIL member charter schools

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY
Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Items

- a. A proposal to alter the 5A Football realignment structure
- b. The eligibility of varsity athletics of foreign exchange students

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

- a. A proposal to continue to webcast football as allowed by UIL guidelines
- b. A proposal to add competitive dance as a program
- c. A proposal adding boys volleyball as a sanctioned spring sport
- d. A proposal to schedule evening and morning activities a minimum of 10 hours apart
- e. A proposal for students to choose to place their academic eligibility with a Career and Technical Center
- f. A proposal to limit attendance hours for extracurricular activities