

**Minutes of  
The University Interscholastic League  
Legislative Council Meeting  
June 12, 2018**

**Business Meeting (A - E)**

The summer meeting of the Legislative Council of the University Interscholastic League convened at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at the Austin Marriott North Hotel, Round Rock, Texas. The following were present:

Council Members: Shannon Holmes, Hardin Jefferson ISD, Chair; Bobby Azam, Andrews ISD; Jo Ann Bludau, Hallettsville ISD; James Brewer, Longview ISD; Keith Bryant, Lubbock Cooper ISD; Greg Enis, Slidell ISD; Shane Fields, Albany ISD; Steve Flores, Round Rock ISD; Mark Henry, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD; Roland Hernandez, Corpus Christi ISD; Aaron Hood, Robert Lee ISD; Mary Huckabay, Hull-Daisetta ISD; Walter Jackson, Brenham ISD; Trey Lawrence, Shiner ISD; Russell Marshall, Mabank ISD; Cody Moree, Apple Springs ISD; Todd Morrison, Honey Grove ISD; Greg Poole, Barbers Hill ISD; Thomas Randle, Lamar Consolidated ISD; Curtis Rhodes, Needville ISD; John Rouse, Rains ISD; Robin Ryan, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD; Dan Troxell, Leander ISD; Karl Vaughn, White Deer ISD; Jim Vaszauskas, Mansfield ISD and Jim Waller, Idalu ISD.

UIL Staff: Charles Breithaupt, Executive Director; Jeanne Acton, Darryl Beasley, Brandy Belk, Kim Carmichael, Mark Cousins, Susan Doherty, Susan Elza, Arlo Flores, Nakita Guillory; Jamey Harrison, Kate Hector, Kevin Jones, Brad Kent, Rebecca Kinz, Jessica Lane, Logan Lawrence, A.J. Martinez, Lisa Parker, Brian Polk, Jana Riggins, Chris Schmidt, Elisabeth Sikes, David Stevens, David Trussell, Caroline Walls and Eddie Wolski

Chairman Holmes called the business meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 8:05 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Jim Waller gave the invocation.

(A) Chairman Holmes announced that a quorum of the Legislative Council was present.

(B) He announced that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the UIL *2017-2018 Constitution and Contest Rules*. Jana Riggins was appointed parliamentarian.

(C) The printed agenda was adopted by consensus. (The lettering and numbering of the paragraphs of the minutes follow the order of the agenda.)

(D) The minutes of the October 15 & 16, 2017 meeting were approved by consensus.

At 8:10 a.m. the business meeting was recessed, and the Legislative Council proceeded to its public hearing.

**Public Hearing (AA - BB)**

Chairman Holmes welcomed everyone in attendance on behalf of the Legislative Council representatives, the UIL staff and the participant schools and member school districts. He then introduced the new members of the Legislative Council: Region I, Conference 5A, Keith Bryant, Lubbock Cooper ISD; Region III, Conference, 3A, Kevin Noack, Palmer ISD; Region II, Conference 3A, John Rouse, Rains ISD and Roland Hernandez, RegionIV, Conference 5A, Corpus Christi ISD. Dr. Holmes also congratulated Dr. Steve Flores, Curtis Rhodes, Todd Morrison and Aaron Hood for being re-elected as their region representative. Chairman Holmes asked the remaining Legislative Council members to introduce themselves to the audience.

**AA. Scheduled Speakers**

Chairman Holmes asked speakers to limit their remarks to five minutes. He said the meeting was open, questions could be asked, and members of the Council or staff would be recognized to speak. He recognized the following people who made proposals (summarized from oral and written comments) to the Council.

**DW Rutledge, Executive Director, Texas High School Coaches Association**, announced he would be retiring in December and introduced Joe Martin as the new Executive Director and Glen West as the new Assistant Director of THSCA. THSCA has no new proposals. THSCA will hold their 86<sup>th</sup> coaching school on July 21-24<sup>th</sup>. They will have Professional Development Lecture Series and CCP Courses available that will count for UIL CCP Course credit.

**Sam Tipton, Executive Director, Texas Girls' Coaches Association**, introduced his Executive Committee and stated TGCA's Summer Coaches Clinic will be held July 9-12th. The will host 6 All-Star games as well as join forces with THSCA and UIL to offer CCP training. TGCA will be the first organization to implement the program. TGCA has no new proposals but asked UIL to study the language of cross country participation from district to regionals compared to participation from regionals to state. He also asked the UIL to study the double elimination pilot program for the softball and baseball state tournament.

**Rick Sherley, Executive Director, Texas Association of Basketball Coaches**, TABC has no new proposals however he discussed upcoming items, a) shot clock, TABC is excited about this trial program for use in pre-season tournaments; b) State Tournament, each year basketball is getting better, TABC is happy to be in San Antonio for the State Tournament; c) TABC is hearing questions as to why basketball does divide conferences like football? Mr. Sherley feels this would be horrible for basketball.

**Rusty Dowling, Executive Director of Texas High School Athletic Directors Association**, THSADA had no proposals but stated THSADA will offer Texas Athletic Administrator Certification (TAAC), at their summer clinic. This Texas-based curriculum will consist of those courses that will enhance the ability of the athletic administrator to successfully perform the duties and responsibilities of an Athletic Administrator in the State of Texas. Mr. Dowling congratulated Marmion Dambrino, AD for Houston ISD, on her retirement.

**John Carter, Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association**, thanked Dr. Elza, Brian Polk and the staff for the great weekend of baseball at the State Tournament. THSBCA supports the study on softball and baseball's double elimination. He also stated he feels 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in bi-district should have the option of choosing a best of 3 series or a 1 game series.

**Jay Gorman, Vice-President of Texas Tennis Coaches Association**, TISCA thanks the council for the 4A-6A format. TTCA would like to meet with UIL to discuss advancing 3 instead of 2 to playoffs. Playback is needed as there is an unfair advantage.

**Mike Fitch, Executive Director of TASO**, briefly explained their proposed recommendation requiring a game administrator at all UIL athletic events. Their amendment would ensure that every game/match at all levels have a game administrator. TASO also supports the player ejection proposal.

**Terry Crawford, and Randall Ballew, Texas Six-Man Coaches Association**, had no new proposal, thanked Dr. Elza and her staff and also reminded everyone that Texas Six-Man Coaches Association also represents the special needs of small schools not just football, other sports as well.

**Kyle Stevens, President Elect, Texas High School Wrestling Coaches Association**, discussed how UIL wrestling has grown. They were sanctioned in 1999, 10 years later the 2<sup>nd</sup> classification was added. In 2017-18, 6A grew by 10% adding 15 new teams and 5A grew by 31% adding 42 new teams, they foresee the sports continued growth.

**Eddie Hopkins, Texas High School Basketball Officials Association**, thanked Marmion Dambrino for her service to SOC. He also thanked Bree Davis, Susan Elza and the athletic staff. He requested notification if the shot clock goes into effect as chapters will need to do training. He stated his concerns with spectators at events not just varsity but sub-varsity games as well and agrees there needs to be game administrators at all games. THSBOA is in support of putting more teeth into ejections due to the bad behavior and fighting that is prevalent. He thanked UIL for allowing him to serve on SOC.

**Chris Cullen, Texas Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association**, proposed adding water polo as a UIL sanctioned event. Water polo would follow swim season. He stated he believes more schools will add the sport when it is sanctioned by UIL.

**Rod Sheffield, UIL Theatre Advisory Committee, Chair**, thanked the council for supporting theatre. Theatre debuted five years ago and currently has 700 entries with their state event being held at the Paramount Theatre. Theatrical Design's gallery was hosted at Round Rock Event Center with 550 entries, OAP has 25,00 students and 1,227 schools participating. TAC thanks Luis Munoz for all he has done for Theatre and OAP and wishes him well in retirement. They are looking forward to working with Paula Rodriguez.

**Justin Bruce**, proposed adding Disc golf as a UIL sanctioned sport. He explained there are 478 disc golf courses in Texas and 40 courses on education campuses. Adding this sport would allow for more students to receive scholarships and disc golf offers opportunity for student athletes of all economic status and physical aptitudes to play. This sport is one that can be continued through life.

**Eric Fajardo**, failed to attend the meeting. His proposed rule change, pertaining to UIL sponsoring an athletic training and sports medicine competition, was referred to the Standing Committee on Policy.

**Chad Massey**, petitioned the council to allow 3A to opt up and participate in 4A team tennis competitions. He explained 20 teams are allowed to opt up in soccer and he feels this would provide a team atmosphere for 3A's in tennis.

Chairman Holmes called for a ten-minute break at 9:10 and then resumed the meeting at 9:20.

**Rocky Turner and Lauren Bridges**, proposed the UIL add a pilot program for an official competitive STOMP SEASON for high school step teams. Stomp Wars are the largest youth step movement in the country. The key elements for STOMP are traced by to African culture. There are currently 80 teams in north Texas.

**Tracy Gillespie**, failed to attend the meeting. The submitted proposed rule change, pertaining to allowing volleyball coaches to coach seniors in club play following their high school season, was referred to the Standing Committee on Athletics.

**Duke Burge and Jason, Diamond D Pyrotechnics**, proposed allowing Proximate Pyrotechnic displays to be used in conjunction with UIL sanctioned football games. They support our current rule but ask to allow professionals at our events. Pyrotechnics are currently used at other events during the national anthem, touch downs and end of games. There is no burning debris and you must have a safety license and approval from the county and/or city fire marshall.

**Angela Fazarro**, proposed the UIL allow 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers for each region enter into a preliminary heat at the state track meet and be given the opportunity to qualify for the 9<sup>th</sup> spot at the state meet do to situations at the regional UIL meet when the official fails to call back a race due to a timing system malfunction, causing the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher to have no time.

**Suzy Sanchez, Mark Henry and Ursula Garza-Papandrea**, proposed adding Olympic Style weightlifting as a UIL sanctioned sport. Olympic style weightlifting makes athletes more pliable than power lifting. Each of the presenters participated in power lifting in high school, Mark Henry was a 3-time state champ, Suzy was the champ in 08-09 and Ursula went to UT where she chose to participate in Olympic style lifting over power lifting. Their opinion is by adding Olympic style weightlifting there would be additional opportunities for athletes to compete and doors would be opened for more collegiate scholarships.

**Leal Anderson, Austin ISD**, proposed the current rule that requires a unanimous DEC vote for schools to change conferences be changed to a majority vote of the DEC of the schools in the district to which it was assigned and of the schools in the district to which it wants to be assigned.

**Kris Waugh and Meg Brown, Ann Richards School**, proposed changing the appeal process for realignment from a unanimous vote to a simple majority of the schools in the district to which it was assigned and of the schools in the district to which it wants to be assigned.

**Dan Mantz, VEX Robotics**, proposed the UIL allow VEX along with BEST and FIRST to operate in conjunction with UIL robotics competitions.

**Becky Hedges, Prosper Archery**, proposed archery be added as a UIL sanctioned sport. She explained adding archery to UIL will provide an opportunity for thousands of students to become engaged in a team activity within their district, learning competition and potentially earning a scholarship.

### **BB. Speakers Previously Unscheduled**

Chairman Holmes recognized the following unscheduled speakers.

**Suzy Sanchez**, proposed adding Olympic weight lifting as a UIL sanctioned sport. She suggested a separate women's and men's season with the women's season running August through December and the men's season running January through April. Olympic weight lifting is a low-cost sport, most schools already have the equipment, they offer grants to help schools cover the cost, schools can use their strength and conditioning coach and their association will cover the grant to get coaches certified.

**Bill Theodore, TASO, Assistant Director**, asked the standing committee on athletics to consider guidelines for airhorns to be used during football games. TASO officials are concerned with: the sound, the close proximity to the fields and the fact that they are 6 feet from the field with 150-200 decibels of noise.

Chairman Holmes recessed the public hearing at 10:12 a.m.

### **Business Meeting (F - K) Continued**

#### **F. Standing Committee Meetings**

The standing committees convened on following the unscheduled speakers to act on items presented to the Council. The business meeting of the Legislative Council reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

### **G. Old Business**

Chairman Holmes recognized Jamey Harrison, UIL Deputy Director to present Old Business. Being none, Chairman Holmes moved on to New Business.

### **H. New Business**

#### **Policy Committee Reports and Council Action**

##### **1. Standing Committee Reports**

**a.** Chairman Holmes recognized Dr. Dan Troxell, Chair of the Academic Committee and Dr. David Stevens, UIL Director of Academics. Dr. Troxell thanked the members of the Academic Committee: Thomas Randle, Lamar Consolidated ISD; Keith Bryant, Lubbock Cooper ISD; Shane Fields, Albany ISD; Greg Enis, Slidell ISD; Juan Martinez, Clint ISD; Bobby Azam, Andrews ISD and Kevin Noack, Palmer ISD for their work for the students of Texas.

Dr. Troxell thanked Dr. Stevens for his work. The Standing Committee on Academics met, there were no new academic proposals.

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

- a. A proposal to add VEX robotics to UIL Robotics

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

- a. A proposal to change the conflict pattern to separate speech and debate events from general academic events at the district and regional levels.
- b. A proposal to award team sweepstakes prints for A+ speaking events (Modern Oratory, Impromptu and Oral Reading) in addition to individual points
- c. A proposal to award medals to UIL state film participants who place first through sixth at the state competition

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

- a. A proposal to modify exceptions to the Sunday Participation Rule to a maximum of four
- b. A proposal to expand participation in A+ Music Memory to include grades two, seven and eight

b. Chairman Holmes recognized Dr. Russell Marshall, Chair of the Music Committee and Dr. Brad Kent, UIL Director of Music. Dr. Marshall introduced the Standing Committee on Music members: Kevin Worthy, Royse City ISD; Gonzalo Salazar, Los Fresnos CISD; LaTonya Goffney, Aldine ISD; Karl Vaughn, White Deer ISD; Arturo Cavazos, Harlingen ISD; John Rouse, Rains ISD and Roland Hernandez, Corpus Christi ISD.

Dr. Russell Marshall thanked Dr. Brad Kent, Becca Kinz and George Strickland and the board. The Standing Committee on Music met and took the following actions:

**1. The Standing Committee on Music moved and John Rouse seconded the motion to allow marching bands at schools that start their school year prior to the fourth Monday in August to have more rehearsal time early in the season by being under the 8-hour per school week, rather than calendar week, practice time limit until after Labor Day.**

Section 1105(e) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2018, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1105: REGION MARCHING BAND CONTEST

- (e) MARCHING BAND REHEARSALS DURING SEASON. Effective the ~~first day of instruction of the school year~~ FOURTH MONDAY IN AUGUST a marching band and its auxiliary components are limited to a maximum of eight hours of rehearsal outside of the academic school day per calendar week. EXCEPTION: FOR SCHOOLS THAT BEGIN INSTRUCTION PRIOR TO THE FOURTH MONDAY IN AUGUST THE LIMIT OF EIGHT HOURS OF REHEARSAL OUTSIDE OF THE ACADEMIC SCHOOL DAY PER CALENDAR WEEK SHALL BEGIN ON THE TUESDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LABOR DAY. SCHOOLS UNDER THIS EXCEPTION SHALL BE LIMITED TO EIGHT HOURS OF REHEARSAL OUTSIDE OF THE ACADEMIC DAY PER SCHOOL WEEK UNTIL THE TUESDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LABOR DAY.

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

This amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

**Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Music moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2018, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

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

- a. A proposal to allow schools in Districts of Innovation that start their school year prior to the fourth Monday in August to not be under the UIL rule limiting marching bands to 8 hours of practice outside of the school day per calendar week until the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC**

**Denied, Rejected, or Took No Action on the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to change marching band alignment

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC**

**Approved the Following in Concept for Approval in October**

- a. A proposal to require a medical questionnaire and pre-participation physicals for marching band students

c. Chairman Holmes recognized Dr. Greg Poole, Chair of the Standing Committee on Athletics and Dr. Susan Elza, UIL Athletic Director. Dr. Poole introduced the Standing Committee on Athletic members: Jim Waller, Idalou ISD; Curtis Rhodes, Needville ISD; James Brewer, Longview ISD; Mary Huckabay, Hull-Daisetta ISD; Trey Lawrence, Shiner ISD; Robin Ryan, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD and Cody Moree, Apple Springs ISD. The Standing Committee on Athletics met and took the following proposals:

**1. The Standing Committee on Athletics moved and James Brewer seconded the motion to strengthen penalties for players who are ejected from a contest.**

Section 1208(i) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2018, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1208: ATHLETIC REGULATIONS

(i) MINIMUM PENALTY FOR MISCONDUCT.

(5) PLAYER EJECTION. ANY PLAYER EJECTED FROM A CONTEST IS SUBJECT TO AN AUTOMATIC PENALTY. THE AUTOMATIC PENALTY FOR SUCH AN EJECTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. *FOOTBALL*. EJECTED PLAYER MISSES THE REST OF THE GAME IN WHICH THEY WERE EJECTED PLUS THE FIRST HALF OF THE FOLLOWING GAME.

- B. *OTHER SPORTS.* EJECTED PLAYER MISSES THE REST OF THE GAME IN WHICH THEY WERE EJECTED PLUS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING GAME. SOCCER EXCEPTION. THIS SECTION DOES NOT ALTER THE CURRENT POINT PENALTY STRUCTURE FOR SOCCER PLAYER EJECTIONS, AS REQUIRED BY NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS SOCCER PLAYING RULES, THAT IS OUTLINED IN THE SOCCER COACHES MANUAL.
- C. *APPEALS.* THE UIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR APPEALING STUDENT EJECTIONS.

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

This amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

**Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2018, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

**2. The Standing Committee on Athletics moved and Jim Waller seconded the motion to modify Section 1220 (c)(2) and Section 1280 (d)(2) regarding scrimmage start dates for baseball and softball.**

Section 1220(c)(2) and Section 1280(d)(2) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2018, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1220: BASEBALL PLAN

(c) PLAYING DATES.

- (2) *Scrimmages.* Schools shall not scrimmage PRIOR TO ~~until the 18th Monday prior to the State Baseball Tournament~~ THE DATE SET FORTH BY THE UIL CALENDAR, not to exceed two scrimmages per calendar week, Monday through Saturday. Scrimmages are subject to the one contest per school week limitation.

Section 1280: GIRLS' SOFTBALL PLAN

(d) PLAYING DATES.

- (2) *Scrimmages.* Schools shall not scrimmage PRIOR TO ~~until the 18th Monday prior to the State Softball Tournament~~ THE DATE SET FORTH BY THE UIL CALENDAR, not to exceed two scrimmages per week, Monday through Saturday. Only one scrimmage is permitted between Monday and the end of the school day Friday.

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

This amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

**Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2018, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

**3. The Standing Committee on Athletics moved and Trey Lawrence seconded the motion to modify Section 1220 (f)(3) and Section 1280 (g)(3) regarding scheduling restrictions for two-out-of-three elimination series for baseball and softball playoffs.**

Section 1220(f)(3) and Section 1280(g)(3) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2018, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1220: BASEBALL PLAN

(f) POST SEASON PLAYOFFS.

- (3) *Two-out-of-Three Series.* If schools play a two-out-of-three elimination series, the first ~~(and only the first)~~ AND SECOND games may be played prior to Friday. Game 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.

Section 1280: GIRLS' SOFTBALL PLAN

(g) POST SEASON PLAYOFFS.

- (3) *Two-out-of-Three Series.* If schools play a two-out-of-three elimination series, the first ~~(and only the first)~~ AND SECOND games may be played prior to Friday. Game 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.

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

This amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

**Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2018, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

**4. The Standing Committee on Athletics moved and Robin Ryan seconded the motion to amend Section 1250, Football Plan and Section 1478, Seventh and Eighth Grade Athletic Plan of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules*.**

Sections 1250(b) and 1478(h) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2018, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1250: FOOTBALL PLAN

(b) DATES AND OFF-SEASON REGULATIONS.

- (1) Spring Training. There shall be no school football practice or training for a contestant or team, and no football equipment issued after the close of the regular season schedule, except as incidental to the football championship playoffs and, in Conferences 5A and 6A only, 18 spring training practice days which may be conducted in a period of ~~30~~ 34 consecutive calendar days. Exception: Conference 5A and 6A schools may choose not to conduct the 18 days of spring training, replacing said training the next school year by following the workout days as specified for



Conferences 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A.

- (A) THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF SPRING TRAINING SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT ANY CONTACT EQUIPMENT EXCEPT HELMETS.
  - (B) DURING SPRING TRAINING A MAXIMUM OF 12 PRACTICES MAY CONTAIN FULL CONTACT. SEE THE FOOTBALL MANUAL FOR EXPLANATIONS OF FULL CONTACT.
  - (C) DURING SPRING TRAINING, FOOTBALL PLAYERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN 90 MINUTES OF FULL CONTACT PRACTICE PER WEEK. SEE THE FOOTBALL MANUAL FOR EXPLANATIONS OF FULL CONTACT.
  - (D) DURING SPRING TRAINING A MAXIMUM OF THREE PRACTICES PER CALENDAR WEEK MAY INCLUDE FULL CONTACT.
- (5) Fall Practice, Beginning Dates.
- (A) Practice Regulations Outside The School Year. Any football practice conducted by a school outside the school year shall be in accordance with the following regulations:
    - (i) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than three hours of practice activities, WITH UP TO A ONE HOUR BREAK, on those days during which one practice is conducted. THE ONE HOUR BREAK IS NOT INCLUDED AS A PART OF THE PRACTICE TIME LIMIT. TOTAL TIME SHALL NOT EXCEED FOUR HOURS.
    - (ii) A ONE HOUR WALKTHROUGH IS ALLOWED ON DAYS DURING WHICH ONE PRACTICE IS CONDUCTED. THERE SHALL BE, AT A MINIMUM, TWO HOURS OF REST/RECOVERY TIME BETWEEN THE END OF ONE PRACTICE AND THE BEGINNING OF THE WALKTHROUGH.
    - (iii) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than five hours of practice activities on those days during which more than one practice is conducted.
    - (iv) The maximum length of any single practice session shall be three hours.
    - (v) On days when more than one practice is conducted, there shall be, at a minimum, two hours of rest/recovery time between the end of one practice and the beginning of the next practice.
    - (vi) Schools shall not schedule more than one practice on consecutive days and student-athletes shall not participate in multiple practices on consecutive days.
  - (B) In Conferences 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, AND ALL 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS IN 5A AND 6A, practice shall begin no earlier than the ~~first Monday in August~~ DATE SET FORTH BY THE UIL CALENDAR. In Conferences 5A and 6A, practice shall begin no earlier than the ~~second Monday in August~~ DATE SET FORTH BY THE UIL CALENDAR. Exception: If Conference 5A or 6A schools forego the 18 days of spring training, they may begin workout days ~~the following August~~ ON THE DATE SET FORTH BY THE UIL CALENDAR as delineated for Conferences 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A and ALL 5A AND 6A 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS. ~~No interschool scrimmages shall be allowed until after a period of at least six days of contact football.~~ INTERSCHOOL SCRIMMAGES SHALL BE ALLOWED ON THE DATE SET FORTH BY THE UIL CALENDAR.
  - (C) ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD. The first ~~four~~ TWO days of practice shall be conducted without any contact equipment except helmets. Other contact equipment may be fitted and placed in lockers ~~the first day workouts are permitted.~~ During the first ~~four~~ TWO days, however, only shoes, socks, T-shirts, shorts and helmets may be worn. ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> AND

4<sup>TH</sup> DAYS OF PRACTICE, HELMETS, SHOULDER PADS, AND PADDED GIRDLES (SHELLS) MAY BE WORN, BUT NO PLAYER TO PLAYER CONTACT IS ALLOWED. ON DAY FIVE OF THE ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD, HELMETS, SHOULDER PADS, AND PADDED GIRDLES (SHELLS) MAY BE WORN, AND PLAYER TO PLAYER CONTACT IS PERMITTED. During the ~~four~~-FIVE-day acclimatization period, no FULL-contact activities shall be permitted. All student-athletes who arrive after the first day of practice are required to undergo a ~~four~~ FIVE-day acclimatization period. During the ~~four~~-FIVE day acclimatization period and subject to the rules as noted in (A) (i-~~iv~~ VI) above, if more than one practice is conducted on the same day, the second practice shall be a teaching period/walkthrough practice only with no conditioning or contact activities/equipment permitted. AT A MINIMUM, THERE MUST BE TWO HOURS OF REST/RECOVERY TIME BETWEEN THE END OF ONE PRACTICE AND THE BEGINNING OF THE WALKTHROUGH.

- (D) Football equipment is interpreted to mean football shoulder pads, hip pads, thigh pads, shoes, helmets, football pants or any other equipment used primarily in football. Football practice or training is interpreted to mean any organized instruction in football plays, formations or team skills.
  - (E) Ninth grade football practice shall correspond with the high school dates whether the ninth grade is in high school, junior high or on a separate campus. EXCEPTION: 5A AND 6A NINTH GRADERS MAY START ON THE DATE SET FORTH BY THE UIL CALENDAR AS DELINEATED FOR CONFERENCES 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A.
  - (F) Interschool Games. With the exception of certain sub-varsity games as outlined in the Football Manual, no high school (9-12) interschool games shall be allowed until the ~~last Thursday in August~~ DAY SET FORTH BY THE UIL CALENDAR. However, schools that play prior to the first Thursday in September shall omit a scrimmage and have an open date during the season. For 7th and 8th grade regulations see Section 1478.
  - (G) During the PRE-SEASON, regular season and post season, football players are not allowed to participate in more than 90 minutes of full contact practice per week. See the Football Manual for explanations of full contact.
- (7) Spring Training For Ninth Graders Restricted. Students in the ninth grade may participate in spring training in Conference 5A and 6A schools provided:
- (A) that such participation is ~~on a site and~~ at the same time as the high school squad practices; and
  - (B) that said high school is the one which the ninth grade students will attend the following fall. Penalty for violations shall be assessed by the appropriate executive committee.

~~(k) REPORTS.~~

~~Each team shall make a complete report in duplicate (forms furnished by the UIL) of every game immediately after the game. One report shall be sent to the chair of the district committee. The other shall be filed at the school. The district committee may disqualify a team for its failure to promptly report its games. This rule gives the district committee authority to interpret the word "promptly."~~

Section 1478: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE ATHLETIC PLAN

(h) FOOTBALL

(3) Season for Workouts and Games.

- (A) PRACTICE ~~Traditional School Years~~. Practice shall not begin prior to the first day of school. Football equipment may be checked out to the players on any one day during the week preceding the first day of school. ~~The first four days of practice shall be conducted without any contact equipment except helmets. During the first four days, only shoes, socks, T-shirts,~~

~~shorts and helmets may be worn. During the four day acclimatization period, no contact activities shall be permitted.~~ THE FIRST FIVE DAYS OF PRACTICE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD. THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF PRACTICE SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT ANY CONTACT EQUIPMENT EXCEPT HELMETS. ON THE THIRD AND FOURTH DAYS OF PRACTICE, HELMETS, SHOULDER PADS, AND PADDED GIRDLES (SHELLS) MAY BE WORN, BUT NO PLAYER TO PLAYER CONTACT IS ALLOWED. ON DAY FIVE OF THE ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD, HELMETS, SHOULDER PADS, AND PADDED GIRDLES (SHELLS) MAY BE WORN, AND PLAYER TO PLAYER CONTACT IS PERMITTED. DURING THE FIVE-DAY ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD, NO FULL CONTACT ACTIVITIES SHALL BE PERMITTED. All student athletes who arrive after the first day of practice are required to undergo a FIVE ~~four~~-day acclimatization period. No interschool scrimmages or games shall be allowed until after a period of at least seven days of contact football.

- (B) ~~From the first day of school,~~ Schools shall have 80 consecutive calendar days to practice outside the school day AND TO COMPLETE SCRIMMAGES AND GAMES. SCHOOLS MUST START THEIR 80 DAYS NO LATER THAN THE DATE SET FORTH BY THE UIL CALENDAR FOR JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL START DEADLINE. ~~63 of the 80 consecutive calendar days may be used to complete scrimmages and games.~~
- (C) FOR SCHOOLS CHOOSING NOT TO START THEIR 80 DAYS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, STUDENTS MAY BE IN AN ATHLETIC PERIOD, BUT CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DAY UNTIL THE FIRST DAY OF THE 80 CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS. ~~Non-traditional School Years. The beginning date for practice outside the school day shall coincide with the day other schools in the UIL playing district begin their traditional school year.~~

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

This amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

**Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2018, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

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

- a. A proposal to strengthen penalties for players who are ejected from a contest
- b. A proposal to modify scheduling restrictions for two out of three elimination series for softball and baseball
- c. A proposal to modify scrimmage start dates for baseball and softball
- d. A proposal to modify fall practice regulations and spring training for football

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

- a. Increase the number of games for middle school basketball
- b. Change summer workouts to 24 days for flexibility
- c. Elementary athletics

- d. Request to allow the district champion an advantage to choose single or series in the first round of the playoffs in baseball
- e. 4A and below home field advantage for football
- f. 3 teams from district to regionals in 4A-6A golf
- g. Allow 3A schools the ability to opt up to 4A in team tennis
- h. Allow volleyball coaches to coach their seniors in club play after their eligibility has expired
- i. Cross Country qualifying structure
- j. Double elimination tournament for softball and baseball at the state tournament.
- k. Remove the playback at tennis regionals and advance three to state
- l. Require game administrators at all events
- m. Allow fireworks from professionals in an adjunct site at UIL events.

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

- a. Coaching outside the school year
- b. Addition of ambulatory track and field events
- c. Addition of 200 meter and discus to wheelchair track and field
- d. Modify the qualifications to the track state meet in the event of a timing malfunction
- e. Mandate participation on a team
- f. Eight place scoring at regionals and state in track and field

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS  
Referred the Following to the Policy Committee**

- a. Allow the NFHS to broadcast live Friday night football games  
Ban train horns at football games

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

- a. A proposal to require schools to create venue specific Emergency Action Plans for their venues
- b. A proposal to require schools to report catastrophic injuries that occur during UIL practices and/or competitions.

Dr. Poole thanked Dr. Elza for her leadership.

d. Chairman Holmes turned the chair responsibilities over to Dr. Thomas Randle and he recognized Dr. Shannon Holmes, Chair of the Standing Committee on Policy and Dr. Jamey Harrison, UIL Deputy Director. Dr. Holmes began by thanking his fellow committee members: Mark Henry, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD; Jo Ann Bludau, Hallettsville ISD; Jim Vaszauskas, Mansfield ISD, Todd Morrison, Honey Grove ISD; Aaron Hood, Robert Lee ISD; Steve Flores, Round Rock ISD and Walter Jackson, Brenham ISD. Dr. Holmes thanked the Policy Standing Committee.

Dr. Holmes stated the Standing Committee on Policy met and took the following actions:

**1. The Standing Committee on Policy moved and Shane Fields seconded the motion to extend the pilot program allowing an exception to Section 868(c), BROADCASTS OF UIL EVENTS, UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules*.**

Section 868(c) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2018, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 868: BROADCASTS OF UIL EVENTS

- (c) LIVE FOOTBALL TELECAST LIMITED. UIL member schools shall not permit the live telecast of a regular season football game on a Friday night. Live telecasts and other types of live broadcasts of UIL football post-regular season games shall be permitted if provided for in a UIL broadcast rights contract.

PILOT PROGRAM: UIL IS ALLOWED AN EXCEPTION TO SECTION 868(C) TO AUTHORIZE THE BROADCAST OF A LIVE FRIDAY GAME OR GAMES ON ONE FRIDAY NIGHT DURING A SINGLE FOOTBALL SEASON.

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

This should have no fiscal impact to member schools, with those involved in any broadcast potentially being compensated.

**Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2018, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

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

- a. A proposal to extend the pilot program that allows an exception to Section 868(c), Broadcasts of UIL Events

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY  
Authorized the Staff to Create an Ad Hoc Committee**

- a. An Ad Hoc Committee on Reclassification and Realignment Policies.

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

- a. A proposal to add Water Polo as a UIL sanctioned activity, to be surveyed in Fall 2018
- b. A proposal to add disc golf as a UIL sanctioned activity
- c. A proposal to add sports medicine as a UIL sanctioned activity
- d. A proposal to add a competitive Stomp Season for Step Teams as a UIL sanctioned activity
- e. A proposal to add Olympic Style weightlifting as a UIL sanctioned activity

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

- a. A proposal to create a Class A 11-man football playoff bracket
- b. Proposals to implement Division I and II for all UIL sports
- c. A proposal to refrain from scheduling UIL competitions on Saturdays
- d. Proposals to allow homeschool students to participate in UIL activities
- e. A proposal to allow NFHS to broadcast live Friday night football games
- f. A proposal to add archery as a UIL sanctioned activity

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY  
Approved UIL Staff to draft Language for Review in October**

- a. Allow biological girls to participate in boys athletic activities

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

- a. A proposal to require schools to report any time an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is utilized in conjunction with a UIL event, practice or competition

Dr. Holmes returned as chair and thanked Dr. Randle for filling in as chair.

2. Dr. Harrison presented the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget and UIL Membership Fees previously approved by the UIL Standing Committee on Finance in March and presented the following to the Legislative Council for approval.

Conference	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
6A	\$1,900.00	\$2,050.00
5A	\$1,800.00	\$1,950.00
4A	\$1,600.00	\$1,750.00
3A	\$1,500.00	\$1,600.00
2A	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00
1A	\$1,300.00	\$1,400.00
K-8	\$600.00	\$700.00

Mark Henry moved and James Brewer second the motion to approve the 2018-19 UIL Budget and membership fee increase. Chairman Holmes asked for discussion, there was none.

**Motion Passed.**

**I. Announcements**

Dr. Breithaupt thanked the council, staff and all those in attendance for caring so much about UIL activities. He thanked Richard Kilgore who served on the council representing Region III-3A, due to R&R went from 3A to 2A and is unable to fill out his term. He also thanked Karl Vaughn for his service to the council and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement. He expressed thanks to all the state associations directors for their guidance and leadership.

**K. Adjournment**

Chairman Holmes reminded the committee the October meeting will be held on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> and Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. He recessed the Legislative Council at 2:20 p.m.

