

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

OCTOBER 17, 2022

ON OCTOBER 16, 2022, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN IN GEORGETOWN, TEXAS. BASED UPON ITEMS CONSIDERED, THE COMMITTEE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS DURING ITS BUSINESS MEETING.



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

- a. A proposal to allow students in 1A and 2A schools to participate in both Lincoln-Douglas and Cross-Examination Debate
- b. A proposal to develop and pilot a Drone Competition

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS**  
**Authorized the Staff to Monitor the Following Proposals and Approve Changes as Warranted by School Participation**

- a. A proposal to expand UIL BEST Robotics from two divisions to three
- b. A proposal to expand Theatrical Design from two divisions to three

REPORT OF  
THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC**

OCTOBER 17, 2022

ON OCTOBER 16, 2022, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN IN GEORGETOWN, 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 1102, *General Regulations*, would increase a music region committee's maximum fund balance percentage from 25% to 50% of the prior two years average annual operating budget expenditures.

**B. Factual and Policy Justifications**

The music region executive committees and region executive secretaries recommended this proposal. When the pandemic began in 2020 most music regions had lowered entry fees to meet compliance with the fund balance cap, which was instituted a few years prior. Since few events were held in 2020 and modified events were held in 2021, many regions were unable to pay all debts. Increasing the fund balance percentage from 25% to 50% would allow the music regions to retain more reserve funds to be better prepared for any unforeseen circumstances in future years.

**C. Proposed Recommendation**

Section 1102(f)(6) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1102: GENERAL REGULATIONS.

(f) DUTIES AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS FOR THE REGION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- (6) Management of Funds. By June 30th each even numbered year the committee's account shall be settled as follows: A committee may not retain more than ~~25%~~ 50% of the prior two years average annual operating budget expenditures in an account holding region executive committee funds. However, in no event may the retained amount exceed a cap amount determined in even numbered years by the Legislative Council. After all of the region's debts have been paid, any remaining funds greater than the allowed retention amount shall be equitably divided and distributed amongst the schools that have paid funds to the region executive committee during the preceding two-year period. By June 30th prior to the start of a new UIL music alignment and after all the region's debts have been paid, any school that will not remain in a region and that paid funds to the region executive committee during the alignment period shall receive an equitable refund from the region's remaining funds. After a UIL music realignment process is complete and the makeup of a region has been determined, funds to finance a region's activities may be assessed to schools that make up a region in the regular course of the region executive committee's regular business meetings.

**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, 2023, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

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

This amendment to Section 1102, *General Regulations*, would change a music region committee's deadline to submit the required financial report from June 30th to July 31st.

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

The music region executive committees and region executive secretaries recommended this proposal. Some regions' fiscal years do not end until June 30th. Changing the financial report date to July 31st would allow every region time to complete their fiscal year, complete the required audit, and submit the financial report to UIL in ample time for the end of the UIL fiscal year on August 31st.

***C. Proposed Recommendation***

Section 1102(f)(10) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1102: GENERAL REGULATIONS.

(f) DUTIES AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS FOR THE REGION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- (10) Financial Report. Each region executive committee shall by ~~June 30th~~ JULY 31st of each year submit a financial report to the UIL office on a form approved by the executive director and the chair of the legislative council. The report shall contain information showing receipts and disbursements for each region contest or event that was held over the course of the school year along with any account balances and other pertinent financial information. The UIL staff shall review all submitted reports, conducting any analysis the executive director deems appropriate and report any relevant information or findings to the legislative council at its fall meeting.

***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, 2023, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

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

This amendment to Section 1106, *Area Marching Band Contest*, would reduce the number of bands necessary to have a second round at the area contest from fourteen to ten.

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

Current rule requires that an area contest have at least fourteen bands to have a second round of competition, eliminating the opportunity for bands at smaller contests to have a preliminary round and final round to determine results. The marching band rules advisory committee has recommended a proposal to reduce the number of bands required to have two rounds to provide more bands the opportunity at a smaller contest to have two performances, which would create more competitive equity across all area sites.

***C. Proposed Recommendation***

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.

- (1) ~~13~~ 9 or Fewer Bands. If there are ~~13~~ 9 or fewer bands, the preliminary round will stand as the final round. The top 50% of the competing bands will be recognized as finalists and will receive a finalist award, while the remaining bands will receive a participant award. There will be a drum major retreat held at the end of the competition to announce the results. The names of those bands advancing to the state marching band contest will be announced.
- (2) ~~14~~ 10 to 19 Bands. If there are ~~14~~ 10 to 19 bands, the top 7 bands will advance from the preliminary round to the final round. In addition, any band below seventh 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 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***

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

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

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

This amendment to Section 1107, *State Marching Band Contest*, would change 4A bands from being evaluated utilizing the five-judge system to being evaluated utilizing the seven-judge system.

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

The marching band rules advisory committee recommended this proposal. 4A bands currently utilize the five-judge system at the state contest. Changing 4A bands to utilize the seven-judge system at the state contest to align with 5A and 6A would allow a more comprehensive performance evaluation for state qualifying 4A bands.

***C. Proposed Recommendation***

Section 1107(g) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1107: STATE MARCHING BAND CONTEST.

- (g) ADJUDICATION. For conferences A, 2A AND 3A ~~and 4A~~ the UIL shall assign five judges consisting of three music judges and two visual judges. For conferences 4A, 5A and 6A the UIL shall assign seven judges consisting of four music judges, two visual judges, and one content/design judge.

***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, 2023, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

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

This amendment to Section 1111, *Sight-Reading Evaluation*, would extend the two-part sight-reading option that exists for middle school and junior high choirs to high school choirs.

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

The Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) UIL Music Advisory Committee and the UIL Choir Sight-Reading Committee recommended this proposal. To assist schools with facilitating more participation during the pandemic UIL implemented a temporary adjustment allowing high school choirs (like middle school and junior high choirs) to sight-read in two parts (either soprano/alto or tenor/bass) rather than the required minimum of three parts, thus, reducing the level of difficulty. Choir stakeholders collectively feel that making this adjustment permanent to include high school choirs will continue to encourage UIL participation from high school choirs that do not have singers with prior formal training.

***C. Proposed Recommendation***

Section 1111(f) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1111: SIGHT-READING EVALUATION.

(f) PROCEDURES FOR CHOIR SIGHT-READING EVALUATION.

(9) SA and TB Music Selection. ~~In all middle school conferences, as well as junior high B and 2B conferences,~~ e-Choirs performing a majority of SA or TB music in their concert performance may elect to sight-read SA or TB music selected for that conference.

***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 immediately, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.



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

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

This amendment to Section 1112, *Adjudication*, would remove the word *maximum* from the honorarium language.

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

The music region executive committees and region executive secretaries recommended this proposal. While the word *maximum* implies that a judge cannot be paid more than the listed honorarium, it also implies that a judge can be paid less. The intent of the statement was not for a judge to be paid less than the listed honorarium. By deleting the word *maximum*, the rule simply states what the judge is to be paid.

***C. Proposed Recommendation***

Section 1112(a) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1112: ADJUDICATION.

(a) SELECTION OF JUDGES.

(11) Honorarium. The ~~maximum~~ honorarium for each judge will be as follows:

- (A) for organization events, \$300 per day, plus \$60 for each hour over a scheduled eight-hour day; and
- (B) for solo and ensemble events, \$250 per day, plus \$50 for each hour over a scheduled eight-hour day.
- (C) Travel and per diem shall be paid on a schedule as prescribed by the region executive committee.

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

This proposed amendment may have a fiscal impact only on member schools in regions that have not been paying the maximum honorarium.

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

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

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

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

This amendment to Section 1107, *State Marching Band Contest*, would change the contest from an alternating-year format to an every-year format.

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

The state marching contest is currently held in alternating years with 1A/3A/5A conferences competing in odd years and 2A/4A/6A conferences competing in even years. This is the only UIL contest across all divisions – athletics, academics, and music – that is held in an alternating year format. Statewide band director survey has indicated support for holding the contest every year for all conferences and the marching band rules advisory committee has passed a proposal recommending that the contest be held every year for all conferences. Superintendent survey would provide more input to determine the level of member school support for this rule change. This proposal could become effective either in the 2023-24 or 2024-25 school year, pending all logistics being determined.

***C. Proposed Recommendation***

Section 1107(a) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1107: STATE MARCHING BAND CONTEST.

- (a) CONTEST SCHEDULE. The state marching band contest will be held ANNUALLY FOR EACH CONFERENCE. ~~on the following schedule:~~
- ~~(1) Odd Numbered Years: Conferences 5A, 3A and 1A~~
  - ~~(2) Even Numbered Years: Conferences 6A, 4A and 2A~~

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

Participating schools would incur related expenses.

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

The Standing Committee on Music 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 MUSIC**  
**Passed the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to hold the state marching band contest annually for every conference
- b. A proposal to reduce the number of bands necessary at an area marching band contest to have a preliminary and final round
- c. 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
- d. A proposal to change the region music committee annual financial report deadline
- e. A proposal to increase the region music committee maximum fund balance
- f. A proposal to extend the middle school choir two-part sight-reading option to include high school choirs
- g. A proposal to remove the word maximum from the judge honorarium language

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

- a. A proposal to remove sub non-varsity language from music events
- b. A proposal to create a state jazz festival

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC**  
**Rejected or Took No Action on the Following Proposal**

- a. A proposal to add a division of the spirit state championships that includes a live pep band

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

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

This amendment to the *UIL Golf Manual*, would allow for two coaches to coach at district, regional, and state competition.

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

With the growth of the sport of golf across the state, many schools have more than one golf coach. The current rule for district, regional, and state competition does not allow coaching from more than one coach. This rule amendment would allow for two coaches to coach during district, regional and state competition.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

The Golf Tournament Regulations section of the *UIL Golf Manual* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Golf Tournament Regulations

**Coaching Rule:** A coach may engage (coach) with the player(s) from tee to green. Once a player steps onto the green, no coaching is allowed until all participants have finished the hole.

- At district, regional and state competition, only ~~one~~ TWO coachES ~~is~~ ARE allowed to coach that team/individual once play has begun that day for that team or player(s).
- The intent of the ~~one~~ TWO coach rule per team or individual is not to limit a coach from coaching but rather limit the amount of coaches per school.
  - Penalty Structure:
  - First Offense - Warning
  - Second Offense - Stroke penalty for player and loss of coaching privileges for the coach
  - Third Offense - Disqualification of the player for the entire tournament

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

This proposed amendment may have 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, 2023, 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 1220, *Baseball Plan*, would allow a pilot for post season in Conference 5A and 6A requiring a two-out-of-three series unless both schools agree to a single game. This amendment would apply to all post-season rounds prior to the state tournament.

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

In Conferences 5A and 6A, some schools perceive some coaches as employing gamesmanship while negotiating playoff series details. According to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association, there has been an increased number of instances of schools threatening to invoke a coin flip to determine whether the series will include the best of three games or a single game if other demands, such as requiring the opponent to play at their home field or to travel great distances, are not met. This proposal to pilot a rule requiring a best of three series unless both schools agree to a one game series eliminates that negotiating tactic in Conferences 5A and 6A.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 1220 (f) (2) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1220: BASEBALL PLAN

(f) POST SEASON PLAYOFFS.

- (2) Playoffs. Playoffs may be single elimination or two-out-of-three from bi-district to state. If neither method is mutually agreeable, a coin flip shall determine play-off format. Exception: In the first round of the playoffs only, the district champion will have the choice of a single game or two-out-of-three series. EXCEPTION: STARTING IN THE 2023-2024 BASEBALL SEASON, AS A PILOT IN CONFERENCE 5A AND 6A, PLAYOFFS WILL BE TWO-OUT-OF-THREE UNLESS MUTUALLY AGREED TO PLAY A SINGLE GAME.

***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, 2023, 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 1478, *7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Athletic Plan*, would allow for a pilot program in Conference 1A to field as many as two teams when 6<sup>th</sup> grade participation is vital to baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball or volleyball. This amendment would also allow for participation in individual sports in Conference 1A.

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

Under current rule, 6<sup>th</sup> grade participation is allowed in Conference 1A when their participation is vital to field one combined seventh and eighth grade baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball or volleyball team on the first day of the season. The UIL Constitution and Contest Rules provides a prescribed number of participants per sport that schools must fall below in order for 6<sup>th</sup> grade participation to be allowed. This amendment would allow for a pilot program in Conference 1A schools to field as many as two teams under this rule as well allowing participation in individual sports.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 1478 (c) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1478: 7-8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Athletic Plan

(c) SIXTH GRADE PARTICIPATION.

(3) Exceptions. A sixth grader may also participate in UIL competition or contests as a representative of a participant school under the following circumstances.

(A) In Conference 1A and 2A schools or in small junior high schools whose enrollment corresponds to Conference 1A and 2A enrollment, sixth graders may be used when their participation is vital to field one combined seventh and eighth grade baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball or volleyball team on the first day of the season. Sixth graders may not be used on either team when a school has more than one team playing baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball or volleyball team on the first day of the season. (EXCEPTION: PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR: 1A SCHOOLS ARE ALLOWED TO USE SIXTH GRADERS TO FIELD AS MANY AS TWO (2) TEAMS UNDER THIS RULE.)

The first day of the season is defined as the first day of practice outside the school day or the day of the first competition, whichever occurs sooner. If fewer than the below listed number of seventh and eighth grade students report the first day of the season, then sixth graders shall be notified the next day that they may try out for the combined seventh and eighth grade team and may participate for the entire season. If the number of seventh and eighth graders reporting the first day of the season meets or exceeds the number listed below, then sixth graders shall not be used anytime during the entire season.

Baseball-18  
Basketball-10  
Football:6-man-12  
Football:11-man-22  
Soccer-22  
Softball-18  
Volleyball -12

If a coach intentionally prevents seventh or eighth graders from reporting at the beginning of the season (so as to permit sixth graders to participate) it will be considered a violation of the Athletic Codes and subject to penalty.

- (B) Individual Sports. Sixth graders shall not represent a UIL seventh and eighth school in individual sports (cross country, golf, swimming, tennis, track and field and wrestling), except students with disabilities who meet the criteria of the provisions of Section 1478 (c) (2). ((EXCEPTION: PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR: SIXTH GRADERS ARE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN INDIVIDUAL SPORTS IN CONFERENCE 1A IF THEY PARTICIPATED IN ANY TEAM SPORT UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF SECTION 1478(c)(3)(A).))

***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, 2023, 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 1478, *7-8th Grade Athletic Plan*, would allow for two of the allowable six junior high meets to start no earlier than 2:00 p.m.

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

Under current rule for junior high track meets, students or teams representing a participant school in track and field may only do so after the end of the academic day for all participants. The end of the junior high academic day varies across the state making it challenging to complete a track meet by a reasonable time of night. This amendment would allow for two of the allowable six meets to start no earlier than 2:00 p.m.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 1478(1)(4) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1478: 7-8th Grade Athletic Plan

(1) TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS.

(4) Day of Week and Starting Time. Students or teams representing a participant school are permitted to participate in a track and field meet only after the end of the academic day for all participants.  
EXCEPTION: TWO OF THE SIX ALLOWABLE MEETS MAY START NO EARLIER THAN 2:00 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***

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 allow 6<sup>th</sup> grade participation at the 1A level
- b. 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.
- c. A proposal to allow the head golf coach and the assistant golf coach to actively coach during the course of play for all tournaments.
- d. A proposal to amend junior high track meet start times

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

- a. A proposal to allow coaches to coach in the All-Star game

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**  
**Will Continue the Pilot Program of the Following Proposal**

- a. A proposal to extend the pilot program to allow both girls' and boys' high school basketball coaches to be able to coach their students during the June TABC showcase event

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

- a. A proposal to adjust the process of a PAPF if the previous school is a private school
- b. A proposal to change the requirement of retired coaches
- c. A proposal to add gymnastics as a recognized sport

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY**

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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 related to the conference placement of UIL member charter schools and traditional high schools in school districts with high schools in more than three conferences. The language aligns with current practice for placing charter schools in conferences and allows staff the option to place charter schools as much as one (1) conference above the conference for which their enrollment qualifies if specific criteria exist. The amendment proposes to better align policy for traditional high schools and charter schools in similar circumstances.

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

Current policy does not align the placement of charter schools in large metropolitan areas with the placement of traditional high schools in those same area. In limited cases, the impact of the population centers in which these schools are located in the same for traditional high schools as it is for charter schools. Current policy also 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. Also, when an ISD has schools in more than three (3) conferences, this amendment provides more options for staff to place those schools into conferences.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

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

II. UIL CONFERENCES; B. Conference Determination

1. MULTI-SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- a. NOT INCLUDING ANY NON DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL(S) (NDAS), AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH SCHOOLS IN MORE THAN THREE (3) CONFERENCES, MAY HAVE THEIR SCHOOLS PLACED ONLY IN THE THREE (3) LARGEST CONFERENCES FOR WHICH THEIR SCHOOLS QUALIFY.

I. A SCHOOL ELEVATED IN CONFERENCE UNDER THIS RULE SHALL RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC APPEAL TO UIL STAFF RELATED TO CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENT.

II. DECISIONS OF UIL STAFF MAY BE APPEALED TO THE DISTRICT ASSIGNMENT APPEALS COMMITTEE.

2. ~~4.~~ 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~~ MAY be assigned up to the same conference as the high school in that school district with the lowest enrollment. IF THE CHARTER SCHOOL IS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH SCHOOLS IN MORE THAN TWO (2) CONFERENCES, AND THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S ENROLLMENT QUALIFIES IT FOR AT LEAST THE CONFERENCE OF THE SMALLEST SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE

CHARTER SCHOOL MAY BE PLACED NO MORE THAN ONE CONFERENCE HIGHER THAN THE CONFERENCE FOR WHICH THE SCHOOL'S ENROLLMENT QUALIFIES.

- 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.

3. 2. Alternative Schools For purposes of UIL Reclassification and Realignment, generally, alternative schools are schools without defined attendance zones. Alternative schools include (but may not be limited to): discipline alternative education programs, juvenile justice alternative education programs, juvenile detention centers, county jails, drop-out prevention and drop-out recovery schools, credit recovery schools, schools of choice, ISD charters, high school equivalency (GED) programs, career and technical education campuses, early college campuses, T-STEM campuses, men's/women's leadership academies, multiple school district cooperative schools, or other ISD schools that do not have defined attendance zones from which they draw their students.

- a. For school districts with multiple traditional high schools, nondisciplinary alternative schools that are participating members in UIL ~~shall~~ MAY be placed in the same conference as the traditional high school in that school district with the largest enrollment.
  - i. A non-disciplinary alternative school elevated in conference under this rule shall receive an automatic appeal to UIL staff related to conference assignment.
  - ii. A non-disciplinary alternative 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.

4. 3. A new school may be assigned to a conference, based on enrollment, on a nonhonors basis in football for one (1) two-year alignment period.

5. 4. Any school may request to be elevated one (1) conference, or one (1) division for football, provided notification is submitted to the League office simultaneously with enrollment figures.

***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***

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective for the 2024-26 alignment, 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 1208, *Athletic Regulations*, would allow 2A schools the option to play 'up' into 4A soccer, as 3A schools can do currently.

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

Currently UIL has three (3) conferences for Soccer – 4A, 5A and 6A. Conference 3A schools are already allowed to opt to participate in 4A Soccer. This amendment would expand that opportunity to Conference 2A schools as well.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 1208(a)(2) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1208: ATHLETIC REGULATIONS

- (a) ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS. A school shall not participate in a sports activity unless its varsity acceptance for that sport, signed by the superintendent or designated administrator, is on file in the UIL office by January 15 of the preceding school year (September 1 for football). If a school wants to register for a sport after the filing deadline, it may do so if approved by a majority of the District Executive Committee.
  
- (2) Only schools in Conferences 4A, 5A and 6A are eligible to participate in UIL soccer. Exception: 2A AND 3A schools who sign up as noted above for participation in soccer will be placed in a 4A district for competition.

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

This amendment would only impact schools fiscally if they chose on the local level to add a soccer program when they do not currently participate in soccer.

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

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective for the 2023-24 school year, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

- a. A proposal to allow 2A schools to compete for district honors in soccer
- b. 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  
Passed the Following Proposal for Consideration in June**

- a. A proposal to update UIL rules in section 442 regarding students in custodial placements

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY  
Authorized the Staff to Study with a Survey**

- a. Proposals to add esports as a UIL activity

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

- a. A proposal to alter 5A football realignment structure

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

- a. A proposal to survey superintendents regarding eligibility of foreign exchange students
- b. A proposal to change the scheduling of UIL competitions to Sundays, weekdays or alternating Saturdays
- c. A proposal to stream and record for educational purposes
- d. A proposal to include Game Day Dance Division to Spirit State Championships