

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment to the manual referenced in Section 1115, *State Mariachi Festival*, would increase the number of judges for all mariachis at the region contest from one to three, send all mariachis to one of five regional sites, and allow only traditional mariachis to advance to state.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

In 2020 there were one hundred and eight experimental and traditional mariachis in all conferences in the state that were assigned to eighteen different regional sites and evaluated by only one judge at each site. These groups are unevenly located across the state, creating a scenario of as many as twenty-four at one site and as few as one at other sites. Assigning every mariachi to one of five regional sites in the state, having every group evaluated by a panel of three judges, and advancing only traditional mariachis receiving a division 1 rating to state will more evenly distribute the schools to contest locations, improve the overall educational and competitive experience for all schools, and increase the quality of the state festival.

C. Proposed Recommendation

The State Mariachi Festival Manual, referenced in Section 1115 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1115: STATE MARIACHI FESTIVAL

- (a) CONTEST SCHEDULE. The State Mariachi Festival will be held annually. All rules and procedures regarding the event shall be followed, as defined in the State Mariachi Festival Manual.

From the State Mariachi Festival Manual:

ELIGIBILITY. Any high school may enter one TRADITIONAL mariachi group —~~traditional or experimental~~— in the State Mariachi Festival, provided that the group earns a Division 1 rating FROM A PANEL OF THREE ADJUDICATORS at the current year’s ASSIGNED region medium ensemble contest.

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

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