

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 1207, *Rules, Violations and Penalties*, clarifies the authority of the UIL State Executive Committee and District Executive Committee when an assault of a sports official occurs by a student and requires schools to develop a policy for preventing a spectator who commits an assault of a sports official from attending future UIL events.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This proposed amendment from the UIL Sports Officials Committee (SOC) more clearly states the authority of the UIL State Executive Committee and District Executive Committee to suspend a school or team when a member of that team commits an assault on a sports official. This amendment would also require schools to develop policies for suspending a spectator who commits an assault on a sports official from future events.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1207(a) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1207: RULES, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

- (a) RULE VIOLATIONS. Students who violate the rules in the specific athletic plans shall be subject to the penalty in the specific athletic plan, or subject to the range of penalties applicable to student representatives in Sections 27 and 29. The regulations in the athletic plans govern all varsity and sub-varsity contestants. Ninth grade (whether in junior high, on a separate campus or with other high school grades) and other sub-varsity teams and contestants are restricted to the same game limitations, season, etc. as the varsity team.
- (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO COMMITS AN OFFENSE UNDER SECTION 22.01 C 2 OF THE TEXAS PENAL CODE (ASSAULT OF A SPORTS PARTICIPANT) WHILE PARTICIPATING IN UIL CONTESTS WILL SUBJECT THEMSELVES AND ANY SCHOOL WITH WHICH THEY ARE AFFILIATED TO THE FULL RANGE OF PENALTIES IN SECTIONS 27 AND 29 OF THE CONSTITUTION, UP TO AND INCLUDING DISQUALIFICATION AND SUSPENSION.
 - (2) SCHOOLS SHALL DEVELOP POLICIES FOR PREVENTING ANY SPECTATOR WHO COMMITS AN OFFENSE UNDER SECTION 22.01 C 2 OF THE TEXAS PENAL CODE (ASSAULT OF A SPORTS PARTICIPANT) FROM ATTENDING FUTURE EVENTS IN ACTIVITIES SANCTIONED BY THE LEAGUE. THE POLICY SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE SCHOOL TO CONSIDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH INCIDENT WHEN DETERMINING THE LENGTH OF SUSPENSION FROM FUTURE EVENTS IN ACTIVITIES SANCTIONED BY THE LEAGUE.

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact to 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.