

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

Section 1208(h)(1), *UIL Coaches Certification Program*, currently requires coaches to complete the UIL Coaches Certification Program (CCP) prior to the start of their season. This amendment would require that coaches complete CCP prior to the first day of school if their sport is not in season.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Currently, coaches are required to complete the UIL Coaches Certification Program prior to their season. The amendment would extend the requirement beyond the start of their season and include the requirement of all coaches completing CCP prior to the first day of school. This will ensure that the CCP requirement is satisfied by all coaches prior to coaching athletes both in-season and in off-season athletic periods.

C. Proposed Amendment

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

Section 1208: ATHLETIC REGULATIONS

(h) UIL COACHES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

- (1) All coaches shall annually complete the UIL Coaches Certification Program prescribed by the UIL prior to their sport season OR PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IF THEIR SPORT IS NOT IN SEASON. A COACH WHO IS HIRED LESS THAN ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SPORT SEASON OR AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (WHICHEVER IS EARLIER) MUST COMPLETE THE CCP WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF BEING HIRED.

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

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2020.