Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This proposal informs Council of alterations and clarifications made by UIL staff related to non-school activities. Additionally, this proposal outlines conversation topics for Council to consider as potential changes to these rules and interpretations of them.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Non-school activities have been an ongoing topic for UIL member schools for some time. With the increase in the types of non-school athletics, and the increase in the number of students participating in them, UIL staff has identified some staff interpretations of rules that, after reexamination, can be easily viewed differently and adjusted accordingly. Those areas shaded are not intended to be interpreted as staff recommendations; rather, these are simply included to highlight areas of discussion for Council to consider and, if the Council chooses, to alter in some way.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1209(f) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows:

Section 1209: NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

(f) OFF-SEASON PARTICIPATION IN NON-SCHOOL TEAM SPORTS.

(2) School equipment shall not be used for non-school teams/leagues. EXCEPTION: WITH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVAL, UIL APPROVED SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL PLAYER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT MAY BE USED IN NON-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

The Off Season and Non-School Participation Regulations document would be amended as follows:

II. Team Sports

Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, Softball

In accordance to Section 1201, 1206 and 1209 regarding non-school competition (leagues, camps, clinics, clubs, tournaments, 7 on 7, lineman challenges) coaches:

The C&CR prohibits the following:

1) Shall not instruct any student in 7th – 12th grade from his/her own attendance zone unless the student is his/her own biological or adopted child.

2) Shall not schedule matched games/scrimmages, practices, or contests.

3) Shall not transport students.

4) Shall not use school athletic equipment or school uniforms, and school health/first aid supplies. EXCEPTION: WITH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVAL, UIL APPROVED SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL PLAYER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT MAY BE USED IN NON-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

5) Shall not use school or booster funds for any expenses associated with the activity, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TRANSPORTATION.

6) Shall not be the primary director.

7) Shall abstain from any practice which would bring financial gain to the coach by using a student’s participation in a camp, clinic, league, or other non-school athletic event, such as a rebate for each player sent to a particular camp or from each player using a particular product (Section 1201 [b, 9]).

8) Shall abstain from any practice that makes a student feel pressured to participate in non-school activities (Section 1201 [b, 10]).

9) Should not participate with their athletes in the athlete’s sport (Section 1206 [i]).
In accordance to Section 1209 regarding non-school competition (leagues, camps, clinics, clubs, tournaments, 7 on 7) coaches or a group of coaches:
The C&CR allows the following:

1) Can supervise facilities.
2) Can assist with organization to include, but not limited to: assignment of officials, helping to secure facilities, development of schedules, scheduling of facilities, assisting with registration process, helping to secure equipment.
3) Can assist the primary coordinator or point of contact with the selection of coaches, but cannot assign coaches to teams.
4) Can assist the primary coordinator or point of contact with the selection of players, but cannot determine who can play on what teams.
5) Can distribute information regarding the details of the non-school event for informational purposes. Distribution of such materials should be in accordance to the policies and procedures of the local school district regarding non-school activities.
6) Can collect registration fees for coordination purposes only. No checks may be made payable to the school or the coach and no funds shall be deposited in any school or coaches account.

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

The fiscal impact to schools related to this proposal depends on the final action taken by Council. No changes direct schools to take actions that will result in a fiscal impact; however, if a school chooses locally to utilize any changes made, the fiscal impact will be determined by that choice.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2018.