

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

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

This amendment to Section 868, *Broadcasts of UIL Events*, would allow for UIL member schools to permit the live webcast of a regular season football game on a Friday night.

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

A recent survey of UIL member schools showed an overwhelming majority in favor of allowing the live broadcast of Friday night football games on the internet. This amendment will allow for greater public accessibility to these games, particularly for individuals who could not otherwise attend the event in-person. This lifted restriction will apply only to webcasts streamed over the internet and [in accordance with UIL broadcast guidelines](#). Other live telecasts including over-the-air television broadcasts will still be prohibited under this rule unless already permitted under Section 868(c) PILOT PROGRAM.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 868 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 868: BROADCASTS OF UIL EVENTS

(b) RIGHTS GRANTED. The broadcast rights granted in a contract under this section may include, in whole or in part, every medium and/or visual content presently existing or that may be developed in the future. The rights granted may also provide for live and/or delayed broadcasts as well as ancillary programming, such as highlights shows.

A *delayed broadcast*, for purposes of this rule, is a broadcast of a UIL activity or event that begins at least one hour after the conclusion of the activity or event.

A *radio broadcast*, for purposes of this rule, is any live or delayed audio only broadcast of a UIL activity or event regardless of the means or medium of transmission.

A *telecast*, for purposes of this rule, is any live or delayed television or other broadcast of the visual content, images or pictures of a UIL activity or event regardless of the means or medium of transmission.

A *WEBCAST*, FOR PURPOSES OF THIS RULE, IS ANY TELECAST STREAMED OVER THE INTERNET.

(c) LIVE FOOTBALL TELECAST LIMITED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH [UIL BROADCAST GUIDELINES](#), UIL ~~member~~ schools shall not ~~MAY~~ permit the live telecast WEBCAST of a regular season football game on a Friday night. OTHER LIVE TELECASTS OF A REGULAR SEASON FOOTBALL GAME ON A FRIDAY NIGHT, INCLUDING OVER-THE-AIR TELEVISION BROADCASTS, SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED. ~~Live telecasts and other types of live broadcasts of UIL football post-regular season games shall be permitted if provided for in a UIL broadcast rights contract.~~

PILOT PROGRAM: UIL is allowed an exception to Section 868 (c) to authorize the broadcast of a live Friday game or games on one Friday night during a single football season.

***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.