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Academics

1. Adds 6th grade to the grade levels officially eligible to participate in the A+ Editorial Writing, Impromptu Speaking and Modern Oratory contests.

Sections 1424(a)(1), 1426(a)(1) and 1442(a)(1) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows, pending approval by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1424: EDITORIAL WRITING CONTEST

(a) REPRESENTATION.

- (1) *Contestants.* Students in the SIXTH, seventh and eighth grades who are eligible under Section 1400 AND 1405 may enter this contest.

Section 1426: IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

(a) REPRESENTATION.

- (1) *Contestants.* Students in the SIXTH, seventh and eighth grades who are eligible under Section 1400 AND 1405 may enter this contest. A student may enter no more than two speech events.

Section 1442: MODERN ORATORY

(a) REPRESENTATION.

- (1) *Contestants.* Students in the SIXTH, seventh and eighth grades who are eligible under Section 1400 AND 1405 may enter this contest. A student may enter no more than two speech events.

2. Adds a Chess Puzzle solving competition to A+ Academics for grades 2-8.

Sections 1401(d), 1408(f)(3) and 1408(i) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows, and Section 1416 will be added, to be effective August 1, 2013, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1401: A+ PROGRAM ACADEMIC PLAN

(d) CONTESTS. THE ACADEMIC MEET PLAN COVERS THESE A+ ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:

- (1) Art (4-8)
- (2) Calculator Applications (6-8)
- (3) ~~Creative Writing (2)~~ CHESS PUZZLE (2-8)
- (4) ~~Dictionary Skills (5-8)~~ CREATIVE WRITING (2)
- (5) ~~Editorial Writing (7-8)~~ DICTIONARY SKILLS (5-8)
- (6) ~~Impromptu Speaking (7-8)~~ EDITORIAL WRITING (7-8)
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- (14) ~~Oral Reading (4-9)~~ **ONE-ACT PLAY (6-8)**
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- (17) ~~Social Studies (5-8)~~ **SCIENCE I AND II (7-8)**
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- (19) ~~Storytelling (2-3)~~ **SPELLING (3-8)**
- (20) **STORYTELLING (2-3)**

Section 1408: INVITATIONAL/DISTRICT MEETS

(f) CONTEST MATERIALS.

- (3) *District Contest Materials.* District contest materials for A+ activities will be available for fall/winter district meets held between December 1 and January 31, and

for spring district meets held between February 1 and the Saturday prior to Memorial Day. It is permissible for districts to schedule meets outside those time frames, but tests will not be available from the League office for those meets. Materials necessary for conducting district meets shall be requisitioned from the League office by the district director for the following events.

Event	Test/ Key	Ballot/ Eval. Sheet	Topic/ Scripts
Art*	x		
Calculator Applications	x		
CHESS PUZZLE	x		
Creative Writing		x	x
Dictionary Skills	x		
Editorial Writing		x	x
Impromptu Speaking		x	x
Listening	x		x
Maps, Graphs & Charts	x		
Mathematics	x		
Modern Oratory		x	
Music Memory**	x		
Number Sense	x		
Oral Reading		x	
Ready Writing		x	x
Science I and II	x		
Social Studies	x		
Spelling	x		
Storytelling		x	x

*Prints are not provided by the UIL.

**Contest CD is provided by the UIL.

- (i) **POINTS.** In determining the overall championship, points shall be awarded according to the following chart. Points shall be awarded for all places in which a contestant participated. For example, if only two contestants participate in an event, both contestants receive points according to the results of the event.

CONTESTS

PLACES AND POINTS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	
Art	15	12	10	8	6	4

Team Art	8	6	4	0	0	0
Calculator Applications	15	12	10	8	6	4
Team Calculator Applications	8	6	4	0	0	0
CHESS PUZZLE	15	12	10	8	6	4
TEAM CHESS PUZZLE	8	6	4	0	0	0
Creative Writing	15	12	10	8	6	4

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SECTION 1416: CHESS PUZZLE

a) REPRESENTATION

- (1) *CONTESTANTS*. STUDENTS IN SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES WHO ARE ELIGIBLE UNDER SECTIONS 1400 AND 1405 MAY ENTER THIS CONTEST.
- (2) *DIVISIONS*. THIS CONTEST WILL CONSIST OF THREE DIVISIONS: (2ND AND 3RD), (4TH AND 5TH), (6TH, 7TH AND 8TH). WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, A DISTRICT MAY HAVE SEPARATE DIVISIONS FOR EACH GRADE.
- (3) *INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION*. FOR EACH DIVISION, EACH PARTICIPANT SCHOOL MAY ENTER AS MANY AS THREE CONTESTANTS IN THE DISTRICT MEET.
- (4) *TEAM COMPETITION*. IF THE DISTRICT HAS ELECTED TO INCLUDE TEAM COMPETITION, THE COMBINED SCORES OF THE THREE CONTESTANTS IN EACH DIVISION FROM A SCHOOL SHALL CONSTITUTE THE SCHOOL'S TEAM SCORE. A TEAM SHALL HAVE THREE CONTESTANTS COMPETE TO PARTICIPATE IN TEAM COMPETITION.

b) NATURE OF CONTEST

- (1) *SUMMARY*. THE STUDY OF CHESS TEACHES ANALYTICAL THINKING, PATTERN RECOGNITION AND CREATIVITY, WHICH IN TURN IMPROVE STUDENT PERFORMANCE IN READING, WRITING, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, AND MATH.
- (2) *CONTEST FORMAT*. STUDENTS WILL TAKE A 30-MINUTE OBJECTIVE TEST CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 20 CHESS PUZZLES, PLUS A SEPARATE TIEBREAKER SECTION. ANSWER FORMATS MAY INCLUDE FILL-IN-THE-BLANK, MULTIPLE CHOICE AND/OR TRUE/FALSE.
- (3) *TEST*. THE LEAGUE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE SETS OF TEST QUESTIONS, ONE TEST FOR EACH DIVISION FOR INVITATIONAL MEETS, ONE TEST FOR EACH DIVISION FOR FALL/WINTER DISTRICT MEETS, AND ONE TEST FOR EACH DIVISION FOR SPRING DISTRICT MEETS.

c) CONTEST ADMINISTRATION

- (1) *PERSONNEL*. ALL PERSONNEL IN THE CONTEST MAY BE COACHES OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS.
 - (A) *CONTEST DIRECTOR*. THE CONTEST DIRECTOR WILL BE IN CHARGE OF RUNNING THE CONTEST AND RESOLVING ANY PROBLEMS THAT ARISE. THE DIRECTOR MAY APPOINT AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.
 - (B) *TIMEKEEPER*. THE CONTEST DIRECTOR WILL SERVE AS OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPER AND WILL GIVE ONLY A START AND STOP SIGNAL. A CLOCK SHOULD BE VISIBLE TO ALL CONTESTANTS.
 - (C) *GRADERS*. AT LEAST THREE GRADERS SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRADING AND CONTEST RULES. THE CONTEST DIRECTOR MAY RECRUIT MORE THAN THREE GRADERS.

- (2) *TIME*. FOR ALL DIVISIONS, CONTESTANTS WILL BE GIVEN 30 MINUTES TO ANSWER ALL TEST QUESTIONS AND AN ADDITIONAL FIVE MINUTES FOR THE TIEBREAKER SECTION.
- (3) *MATERIALS*.
 - (A) *PROVIDED BY UIL*. COPIES OF TEST, ANSWER KEY AND ANSWER SHEET.
 - (B) *PROVIDED BY SCHOOL OR STUDENT*. PENS OR PENCILS.
 - (C) *OTHER*. NO OTHER MATERIALS OR NOTES MAY BE USED IN THE CONTEST.

(D) CONDUCTING THE CONTEST.

- (1) *NUMBERING OF CONTESTANTS*. DISTRIBUTE A COPY OF THE TEST AND ANSWER SHEET TO EACH CONTESTANT, INSTRUCTING THEM NOT TO OPEN TEST UNTIL THE START SIGNAL IS GIVEN. AS ROLL IS CALLED, INSTRUCT STUDENTS TO WRITE THEIR ASSIGNED NUMBER IN THE SPACE PROVIDED ON THEIR ANSWER SHEETS.
- (2) *CLEAR ROOM*. CONTESTANTS AND COACHES SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE VERIFICATION PERIOD. COACHES WHO ARE NOT ASSIGNED A SPECIFIC DUTY IN ADMINISTERING THE CONTEST SHOULD BE DISMISSED FROM THE CONTEST ROOM BEFORE THE CONTEST BEGINS.
- (3) *TESTING*. INFORM CONTESTANTS THAT ANSWERS MUST BE RECORDED ON THE ANSWER SHEETS ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN. CONTESTANTS MAY WRITE OR MARK ON THE PUZZLE SHEET. CONTESTANTS SHOULD REMAIN IN THEIR SEATS THROUGHOUT THE TESTING PERIOD. WHEN THE 30-MINUTE CONTEST PERIOD HAS ENDED, GIVE THE STOP SIGNAL AND ASK ALL CONTESTANTS TO PUT THEIR PENS/PENCILS DOWN. COLLECT ALL TESTS AND ANSWER SHEETS, AND DISTRIBUTE A TIEBREAKER SECTION AND ANSWER SHEET TO EACH CONTESTANT.
- (4) *TIEBREAKER*. WHEN TIEBREAKER TEST PAPERS AND ANSWER SHEETS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED, INSTRUCT CONTESTANTS TO RECORD ALL ANSWERS ON THE ANSWER SHEET. GIVE THE SIGNAL TO START. WHEN THE FIVE-MINUTE TIEBREAKER PERIOD HAS ENDED, GIVE THE STOP SIGNAL AND ASK ALL CONTESTANTS TO PUT THEIR PENS/PENCILS DOWN. COLLECT ALL TIEBREAKER TEST PAPERS AND ANSWER SHEETS.

(E) GRADING.

- (1) *BRIEFING GRADERS*. BRIEF GRADERS ON THE PROCEDURE TO BE USED FOR GRADING AND EXPLAIN SCORING PROCESS.
- (2) *CRITERIA*. THE TEST IS GRADED OBJECTIVELY.
- (3) *SCORING*. EACH TEST SHALL BE SCORED ACCORDING TO THE GRADING INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED. EACH TEST SHOULD BE INDEPENDENTLY SCORED TWICE, AND PAPERS CONTENDING TO PLACE SHOULD BE SCORED A THIRD TIME.
- (4) *TIES*. FOR ALL CONTESTANTS INVOLVED IN A TIE, GRADE THE FIVE-MINUTE TIEBREAKER SECTION ACCORDING TO THE GRADING INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED. IN INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION, IF TWO OR MORE CONTESTANTS TIE, THE CONTESTANT WITH THE BEST TIEBREAKER SCORE RECEIVES THE HIGHER PLACE. IN TEAM COMPETITION, IF TWO OR MORE TEAMS TIE, THE TEAM WITH THE BEST COMBINED TIEBREAKER SCORE FOR ALL TEAM MEMBERS WINS THE TIEBREAKER AND RECEIVES THE HIGHER PLACE. IF TWO OR MORE INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS HAVE BOTH THE SAME OBJECTIVE SCORE AND THE SAME TIEBREAKER SCORE, THE TIE STANDS AND WILL NOT BE BROKEN. IF THERE IS TIE FOR FIRST

PLACE, THERE IS NO SECOND PLACE. IF THERE IS A TIE FOR SECOND PLACE, THERE IS NO THIRD PLACE, ETC.

(5) *POINTS*. POINTS ARE AWARDED THROUGH SIXTH PLACE. TEAM POINTS ARE AWARDED THROUGH THIRD PLACE. SEE SECTION 1408 (I). TIED CONTESTANTS OR TEAMS SPLIT THE TOTAL POINTS EQUALLY FOR THE TWO OR MORE PLACES IN WHICH THE TIE EXISTS.

(F) *VERIFICATION PERIOD*. THE CONTEST DIRECTOR SHOULD DESIGNATE A TIME AND PLACE FOR A 15-MINUTE VERIFICATION PERIOD AT WHICH TIME CONTESTANTS AND/OR COACHES ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THEIR TEST PAPERS WITH OFFICIAL ANSWER KEYS. UNOFFICIAL RESULTS SHOULD BE POSTED. QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE CONTEST DIRECTOR, WHOSE DECISION WILL BE FINAL.

(G) *OFFICIAL RESULTS*. AFTER THE VERIFICATION PERIOD HAS ENDED AND ALL TEST PAPERS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED, THE CONTEST DIRECTOR SHALL ANNOUNCE THE OFFICIAL RESULTS. OFFICIAL RESULTS, ONCE ANNOUNCED, ARE FINAL.

(H) *RETURNING MATERIALS*. NO MATERIALS FROM THE FALL/WINTER DISTRICT CONTEST MAY BE RETURNED TO CONTESTANTS BEFORE JANUARY 31. NO MATERIALS FROM THE SPRING DISTRICT CONTEST MAY BE RETURNED TO CONTESTANTS BEFORE THE SATURDAY PRIOR TO MEMORIAL DAY.

3. Increase the number of participating schools advancing from each level of competition from two to three. Two plays would continue to advance from region to state.

This would necessitate the creation of a bi-district level of competition like those used in athletics. This would increase the number of schools in post-district competition from sixteen to twenty-four.

The number of centrally located area contests would be reduced from three to two per region. The number of area participants would be reduced from sixteen to twelve.

Section 1033 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2014, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

1033: ONE ACT PLAY

(b) CONTEST ENTRY PROCEDURES.

(5) *Zones, BI-DISTRICT and Areas.*

(A) When eight or more schools are participating in the district one-act play contest, the district executive committee should divide the district into zones consisting of ~~three~~ FOUR or more participating schools. Zoning may only be determined by random draw or geographical boundaries.

(B) BI-DISTRICT CONTESTS SHALL BE ORGANIZED BY THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.

~~(B)~~ (C) Area assignments shall be made when more than four districts of a conference in any region have entries in one-act play.

(6) *Awards and Qualification for Participation in a Higher Contest.*

(A) *Team Awards.* ~~Two~~ THREE unranked advancing plays and an alternate shall be selected at zone, district, BI-DISTRICT AND area ~~and regional~~ levels.

TWO UNRANKED ADVANCING PLAYS AND AN ALTERNATE SHALL BE SELECTED AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL. Plays at the state level shall be ranked through third place.

(7) *Dates and Deadlines.*

(E) Zone, district, BI-DISTRICT, area or regional play contests may be scheduled at

times separate from other League contests as long as they do not deviate from the official calendar's designated weeks for One-Act Play meets. Early scheduling requires written approval from the UIL Director of Speech and Debate. Dates conflicting with State Cross-Examination Debate shall not be approved.

(d) CONTESTPLANNING PROCEDURES AND JUDGING.

(1) *Planning Meeting.* One-act play directors in each district are reminded to hold a preliminary planning meeting. (See the Official Calendar.) Recommendations resulting from this meeting concerning site, judge selection and other contest procedures may be made to the district executive committee. REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH BI-DISTRICT PAIRING SHALL MEET PRIOR TO AUGUST 15 TO RECOMMEND SITE, JUDGE SELECTION AND OTHER CONTEST PROCEDURES.

(3) *Judging.*

(C) *Responsibility for Selection of Judges.* Judges for zone, ~~or~~ district OR BI-DISTRICT contestS shall be ~~selected~~ RECOMMENDED by the MEMBER SCHOOLS AND APPROVED BY THE district executive committee; judges for area contests shall be selected by the contest managers of these contests; and judges for the regional and state contest shall be selected and assigned by the State Theatre Director. A judge should not be selected that would result in any entry being evaluated by the same judge twice in the same year.

4. Creates a system of registration and certification for official contest managers in the One-Act Play Contest.

Section 1033 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2013, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1033: ONE-ACT PLAY

(d)(2) *Contest Procedures.* The one-act play contest manager, appointed by the district director AND REGISTERED WITH THE UIL, ~~should~~ SHALL not be the director of a play entered in the same contest. It is the responsibility of the one-act play contest manager to organize and conduct the contest in accordance with League rules and the "Guide for Contest Managers," in the current Handbook For One-Act Play. THE CONTEST MANAGER SHALL COMPLETE THE ONLINE RULES COMPLIANCE PROGRAM PRESCRIBED BY UIL PRIOR TO OFFICIATING ANY LEVEL OF OAP COMPETITION.

5. Creates a scale of penalties for rules violations in the One-Act Play Contest. Entries could still be disqualified for violations regarding the number in the performing company, time limits on performance and set up and strike, the use of firearms, explosives and combustible materials, prompting, use of additional unit set and the director being in the backstage areas or making contact with or communicating with the company during performance.

Section 1033 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2013, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1033: ONE-ACT PLAY

(c)(2) *Contest Play Eligibility.* The contest manager is required to declare ineligible a play that violates SECTION 1033(c)(2)(C), (D)(i and ii) I, J and K. ~~any of the following rules or Section 1033 (e) except as prescribed in (e) (1) (D) above, (e) (2) (D) (iv) and (v) below. The contest manager shall after the final curtain of the play in question, first notify the director that the play is ineligible. If there is any doubt, the State Theatre Director should be contacted for clarification. The contest manager shall then notify the judge of such ineligibility before the judge makes a decision. No play,~~

which is declared ineligible by the contest manager, shall be included in final ranking or be considered for any honors, and members of the company of an ineligible play shall not be given individual awards. VIOLATIONS OF ANY OTHER RULES SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

6. Allows the UIL to pilot a contest in student short film production. The entries would be mailed to the League and evaluated at a central location. A film festival screening the top picks would be scheduled at a venue in Austin. Attendance by competing teams would not be mandatory. If approved, the League would begin to provide workshops at the various Student Activities Conferences.

The Appendices of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2013, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

A. **Proposed Contest**

(a) Participants

1. All films must be produced solely by students currently enrolled and attending a UIL member high school.
2. Adult involvement in the project is limited to on-screen talent and/or behind the scenes in a faculty advisor capacity.
3. Student Eligibility. Only high school students eligible under Subchapter M are eligible for the high school contest. There is no amateur rule for this contest.
4. Directors in the UIL State Student Film Festival shall be full-time employees of the school districts the plays represent. Full-time means that the person is under contract to the school board for the whole scholastic or calendar year and the person has enough contractual duties to be considered a full-time employee by the Teacher Retirement System and state law.

(b) Time Limits and Entries

1. Short films are to be no longer than ten minutes (10:00) in length. There is no minimum time limit set. Projects over seven minutes will not be screened.
2. Each school may only submit three (3) films in each category. The categories are: narrative, documentary and animation.
3. Only those films produced during the current school year will be considered for submission into the Festival. Films produced during the summer months are also eligible for the Festival held the following Spring (e.g. A film produced in the summer of 2014 would be eligible for submission in the May 2015 Festival.) Entries shall be postmarked no later than March 1.

(c) Eligible Material

1. Submitted films must be original works and are required to have clearances for music or other copyrighted material featured in the project. Films containing copyrighted material used without permission will not be eligible for screening.
2. The administration of the producing school shall assure that the production does not offend the moral standards of the community. When the final edited product is examined and approved by the administration of the producing school, the production is eligible for presentation at any contest site. A "Standards Compliance Form" signed by the school's principal serves to certify that the production has been carefully examined and approved for presentation.

(d) Entry Procedures

1. Filmmakers are asked to submit two (2) DVD copies of their project to the Festival. These copies and any other material sent in to the Festival will not be returned.
2. Films submitted for consideration into the Festival must be sent on a playable DVD. This means that the DVD must be able to play in a standalone DVD player (not just in a computer)

and must be TV-ready. Note: if the project is shot in 16:9 widescreen, please provide a non-anamorphic, letterboxed version, otherwise your image may be squeezed.

(e) Evaluation

1. Films submitted to the Festival shall be previewed and scored by our Festival Selection Committee. Originality, cinematic storytelling, and technical execution are the basis of the scoring. The top five entries in each category will be screened and ranked first through third at the State Festival.

7. Amends the current rules simplifying the set rules and allowing for easier management of the contest. The rules still observe the standards of equity and safety but allow more flexibility and creativity on the part of the company and easier enforcement for the contest officials.

Section 1033 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2013, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

1033: ONE-ACT PLAY

(c) (2) (F) *Scenic Items Not Requiring Approval.* ~~The following (i) through (v) UNIT SET ELEMENTS AND ITEMS (III) AND (IV) BELOW shall be used upstage of the house curtain/proscenium UNLESS THE APRON EXCEEDS TWELVE FEET OR THE APRON DEPTH IS GREATER THAN THE STAGE AREA. The contest manager may submit a request to the State Theatre Director for permission to use the area downstage of the house curtain/proscenium for unit set or any other scenic device due to architectural necessity. The request shall include a diagram of the stage with dimensions noted. Request for a waiver due to architectural necessity shall be postmarked, sent via courier or hand delivered to the League on or before February 1. Approval of this request shall serve as a blanket approval for all schools competing at that site.~~

(i) A maximum of SIX ~~four portable, single source~~ PORTABLE lighting instruments OR PROJECTION DEVICES, ~~or two 6' strip lights, or two single source and one strip light~~ may be used. These instruments, SHALL BE provided and controlled by the performing company, ~~shall not exceed 1000 watts each~~ and may be hand-held or safely mounted from the floor on either a static light stand that does not exceed 8' in height or on any part of a unit set element. CONVENTIONAL LIGHTING INSTRUMENTS SHALL NOT EXCEED 1000 WATTS EACH. ~~No more than two portable projection sources including stage lights with static Gobos may be used with the unframed backdrops, curtains, serims, projection screens, or unit set elements to project static images. A series of static images shall not be used to create an animated effect. Intelligent/robotic lighting requires League approval.~~

(ii) 160 SQUARE FEET OF softgoods/cloth-type trim elements, ~~including flags, cloth/floral trim, clotheslines and banners,~~ may be hand-held, used on fence and railing (see [v] below) or used on or with unit set elements but shall not exceed the square footage described below. ~~Unframed softgoods/cloth type backdrops, serims, curtains or projection screens, used in separate locations and hand-held or suspended on a single batten between two unit set elements may be used. No one unframed unit may exceed 8' x 10'. Backdrops shall not be used to extend unit set flats as walls. Hand-held poles for flags or banners are limited to 8' tall with a crossbeam not to exceed 4' on either side. Such goods shall not cover more than 50% of the visible~~

~~surface of any unit set element, or fence and railing (see [v] below), and shall not be used as downstage masking of unit set platforms. No combination of the above unframed units or softgoods/cloth type trim elements shall exceed 160 square feet, nor shall any piece of trim exceed ten linear feet.~~

- (iii) Lightweight capitals AND BASES may be used on unit set pylons. They shall not exceed more than one foot in any direction from the top or bottom edge of the pylon. Extensions attached to or supported by the capitals OR BASES become part of the capitals OR BASES. BASES SHALL NOT BE USED TO SUPPORT OR ELEVATE UNIT SET ELEMENTS.
- (iv) TWELVE SELF-SUPPORTED, LIGHTWEIGHT AND NON-METALLIC TREES, SHRUBS OR PLANTS ARE PERMISSIBLE. SIX SHALL NOT EXCEED 2' WIDE BY 3' HIGH. SIX SHALL NOT EXCEED 4' WIDE BY 8' HIGH. ~~Six self-supported lightweight non-metallic trees and six self-supported lightweight non-metallic bushes may be used. Trees shall not exceed 4' wide by 8' high. Bushes shall not exceed 2' wide by 3' high. Two-dimensional cutout trees or bushes MAY BE suspended from unit set ELEMENTS pylons may cover the entire visible surface. Two dimensional cutout trees or bushes suspended from unit set elements, other than pylons, shall not cover more than 50% of the visible surface of each element.~~
- (v) Twelve linear feet of lightweight, self-supported, non-metallic fence or railing may be used. Sections shall not exceed 4' high by 8' long by 6" 8" wide, including supports. ~~Lattice shall not be used. Sections may be used in conjunction with unit set elements, and softgoods/cloth type trim elements in (ii) above. Such sections shall not be used to elevate unit set elements.~~
- (VI) STANDARD STAGE PROPERTIES MAY BE USED. ACTORS MAY STAND ON STAGE PROPERTIES AS A NATURAL CHARACTER ACTION OR WHEN SCRIPT-DRIVEN.

~~1033 (c)(2) (H) Properties. Standard stage, hand, trim and unusual properties do not require approval (Refer to "Supplements" in the current Handbook for One Act Play for definitions of the different types of properties.) Individual play directors should furnish all properties. No stage properties shall be used as substitutes for platforms or step units; however, actors may stand on stage properties as a natural character action or when script driven.~~

8. Allows UIL to pilot a contest in student congress for grades nine through twelve. The League will begin to provide workshops at the various Student Activities Conferences.

The Appendices of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2013, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

C. Proposed Contest

Rules and guidelines will be developed to pilot a contest that models the legislative process of democracy, specifically the United States Congress. The pilot contest would require contestants to draft legislation (proposed laws and position statements), research real-world social and political policies, caucus in committees, deliver formal discourse on the merits and disadvantages of legislation, and conduct voting within the structure of parliamentary procedure.

Music

1. Affords UIL music regions the option to impose performance time limits for UIL concert performance in band, choir and orchestra.

Section 1110 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2013 pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1110 (g)(7)

(7) *Performing Time.*

(A) Bands and orchestras shall be limited to not more than 45 minutes, including performance, entering and clearing the stage.

(B) Choirs shall be limited to not more than 20 minutes, including performance, entering and clearing the stage.

(C) **WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE REGION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, INDIVIDUAL REGIONS MAY IMPOSE MORE RESTRICTIVE PERFORMANCE TIME LIMITS.**

2. Deletes the requirement that choral groups close their music while the tonic chord and starting pitches are given prior to the first reading of the sight-reading selection.

Section 1111 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective immediately, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1111 (g)(4)

- (4) *First Reading.* At the completion of the instruction period ~~the music will be closed and~~ choral groups will be given the tonic chord, in broken chord style. At that time, the students may reproduce the tonic chord, utilizing their preferred method of sight-reading (numbers, syllables, etc.). The accompanist will then give the starting pitches, which each section may sing, again utilizing their preferred method. The director may sing the starting pitch with each section. After the choir has sung its starting pitches no further warm-up or musical instruction of any kind is permitted by the director, including the use of verbal counting to initiate the reading. The music will then be ~~opened and~~ sung without piano accompaniment and using the group's preferred method of sight-reading. The director may choose to read the piece in the printed key or any other key suitable for the group.

3. Extends to string students the option to play a keyboard instrument or harp in another orchestra representing the same school. This option currently exists for wind and percussion instruments

Section 1102 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2013 pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1102 (b)(1)(C)

(b) STUDENT ELIGIBILITY. Eligibility regulations as outlined in Subchapter M shall apply to League music competition. The superintendent or a designee shall certify the eligibility of contestants at the time of their entry into the region or area competition.

(1) *Limited Competition.* No student shall compete in more than one group in each organization event. (Section 1110).

(C) EXCEPTION: A STUDENT PLAYING A STRING INSTRUMENT IN A VARSITY OR NON-VARSITY FULL OR STRING ORCHESTRA MAY PLAY A KEYBOARD INSTRUMENT (PIANO, CELESTE, SYNTHESIZER, ETC.) OR HARP IN ANOTHER COMPETING ORCHESTRA REPRESENTING THE SAME SCHOOL.

Athletics

1. Adds a fourth playoff team advancing from each district in team sport activities in conferences 2A and 3A.

The language below would be added to the applicable UIL team sport Coaches Manual as follows effective August 1, 2013, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

POST SEASON REGULATIONS FOR BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, SOCCER, SOFTBALL, AND VOLLEYBALL

TEAMS ADVANCING TO THE PLAYOFFS:

CONFERENCE 1A: THE TOP THREE TEAMS FROM EACH DISTRICT ADVANCE TO THE PLAYOFFS.

CONFERENCE 2A, 3A, 4A AND 5A: THE TOP FOUR TEAMS FROM EACH DISTRICT ADVANCE TO THE PLAYOFFS.

The UIL team sport Coaches Manual language for Football would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2013, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Teams Advancing to the Playoffs

Conference 1A six-man Division I and II: the top two teams from each district advance to the playoffs. One state champion is crowned in Conference 1A six-man Division I and one state champion is crowned in 1A six-man Division II.

Conference 1A 11-man Division I and II: ~~and 2A Division I and II~~, the top three teams from each district advance to the playoffs. The district winner will receive a bye in the first round of the football playoffs. One state champion is crowned in 1A 11-man ~~and 2A~~ Division I and one state champion is crowned in 1A 11-man ~~and 2A~~ Division II.

2A DIVISION I AND II: THE TOP FOUR TEAMS FROM EACH DISTRICT ADVANCE TO THE PLAYOFFS. ONE STATE CHAMPION IS CROWNED IN 2A DIVISION I AND ONE STATE CHAMPION IS CROWNED IN 2A DIVISION II.

~~Conference 3A the top three teams from each district advance to the playoffs. The school with the largest enrollment in the district automatically advances to Division I bracket and the remaining two schools advance into the Division II bracket. There are two state champions in Conference 3A.~~

Conference 3A, 4A and 5A: the top four teams from each district advance to the playoffs. The two schools with the largest enrollments automatically advance to the Division I bracket. The remaining two schools advance into the Division II bracket. There are two state champions per conference in Conference 3A, 4A and 5A.

2. Limits the total number of scrimmages allowed prior to the start of the regular season in soccer to three.

Section 1270 (d) (1) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2013, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

- (1) *Scrimmages.* NO TEAM OR STUDENT SHALL PARTICIPATE N MORE THAN THREE TOTAL SCRIMMAGES. No team or student shall participate in more than two scrimmages per week. Only one scrimmage is permitted between Monday and the end of the school day on Friday.

3. Modifies the existing penalty structure for coaches' ejections.

Section 1208 (j) (1) (B) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2013, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

- (B) ~~completing an additional UIL Rules Compliance Program; and~~ COMPLETING THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING COURSE; AND

4. Increases the number of qualifiers from district to regionals from two to four in wrestling.

The UIL Wrestling Coaches Manual would be amended as follows effective immediately, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Boys and Girls. In district tournaments, the top two FOUR wrestlers in each weight class will advance to the regional tournament.

5. Reduces the number of tournaments or meets by one per season for all high school sports where applicable.

Section 1220 (b)(2) and (4), Section 1230 (c)(3) and (6), Section 1240 (e)(1), Section 1260 (e)(1), Section 1270 (d)(3) and (5), Section 1280 (c)(2) and (4), Section 1290 (f)(1), Section 1300 (e)(1), Section 1310 (f)(1), Section 1320 (m)(1), Section 1330 (c)(3) and (4) and Section 1340 (c)(1) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2013, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1220: BASEBALL PLAN

(b) NUMBER OF GAMES, TOURNAMENTS AND SITES.

- (2) *Total Number of Games.* No team or student shall compete in more than 2 1 invitational tournaments plus 20 baseball games or 3 2 invitational tournaments plus 17 baseball games, in a season, including all games prior to the first playoff game. This shall include

non-district and district games. If the district champions have a bye for the first round of the play-offs, those schools may schedule a warm-up game in addition to the game limits. This additional game shall be played on a non-school night with no loss of school time.

- (4) *Substituting Games for Tournaments.* Three games may be substituted in place of a tournament. If a team or student does not play in any invitational tournaments, a total of ~~26~~ 23 games may be played.

Section 1230 BASKETBALL PLAN

(c) NUMBER OF GAMES, TOURNAMENTS AND SITES.

- (3) *Total Number of Games.* No team or student shall compete in more than ~~three~~-TWO invitational tournaments plus 21 basketball games in a season, including all games prior to the first playoff game. This shall include non-district and district games and games played in pre-scheduled district tournaments. If the district champions have a bye for the first round of the play-offs, those schools may schedule a warm-up game in addition to the game limits. This additional game shall be played on a non-school night with no loss of school time.
- (6) *Substituting Games for Tournaments.* Two games may be substituted in place of a tournament. If a team or student does not play in any invitational tournaments, ~~six~~ FOUR additional games (total of ~~27~~ 25) may be played.

Section 1240: CROSS COUNTRY PLAN

(e) MEET LIMITATIONS.

- (1) *Number of Meets.* No student representing a participant school shall participate in more than ~~eight~~ SEVEN meets during the school year, excluding one district meet, the regional meet and the state meet. Each meet a school team enters counts as one meet for each participating individual. Students are considered to be representing their school if they are wearing and/or using school equipment or being directed or transported by a school employee. Meets which are limited to three or fewer schools, do not count as a meet for participants, provided there is no loss of school time.

Section 1260: GOLF PLAN

(e) INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS.

- (1) *Number of Meets.* No student representing a participant school shall participate in more than ~~eight~~ SEVEN tournaments during the school year, excluding one 36-hole maximum district tournament, the regional tournament and the state tournament. Each tournament a school team enters counts as one tournament for each participating individual. Students are considered to be representing their school if they are wearing and/or using school equipment or being directed or transported by a school employee. Tournaments which are limited to three or fewer schools, do not count as a tournament for participants, provided there is no loss of school time.

Section 1270: SOCCER PLAN

(d) NUMBER OF GAMES, SCRIMMAGES AND TOURNAMENTS

- (3) *Total Number of Games.* No team or student shall compete in more than ~~three~~ TWO invitational tournaments plus 15 soccer games in a season, including all games prior to the first playoff game. This shall include non-district and district games and games played in pre-scheduled district tournaments. If the district champion has a bye for the first round of the play-offs, that school may schedule a warm-up game in addition to the game limits. This additional game shall be played on a non-school night with no loss of school time.
- (5) *Substituting Games for Tournaments.* Two games may be substituted in place of a tournament. If a team or student does not play in any invitational tournaments, ~~six~~ FOUR additional games (total of ~~24~~ 19) may be played.

Section 1280: GIRLS' SOFTBALL PLAN

(c) NUMBER OF GAMES, TOURNAMENTS AND SITES.

- (2) *Total Number of Games.* No team or student shall compete in more than ~~two~~ ONE invitational tournaments plus 20 softball games or ~~three~~ TWO invitational tournaments plus 17 softball games in a season, including all games prior to the first playoff game. This shall include non-district and district games. If the district champions have a bye for the first round of the play-offs, those schools may schedule a warm-up game in addition to the game limits. This additional game shall be played on a non-school night with no loss of school time, but may not be played as an exception to the school week limitation.
- (4) *Substituting Games for Tournaments.* Three games may be substituted in place of a tournament. If a team or student does not play in any invitational tournaments, a total of ~~26~~ 23 games may be played.

Section 1290: SWIMMING PLAN

(f) NUMBER OF MEETS.

- (1) *Number of Meets.* No student representing a participant school shall participate in more than ~~eight~~ SEVEN meets during the school year, excluding one district meet, the regional meet and the state meet. Each meet a school team enters counts as one meet for each participating individual. Students are considered to be representing their school if they are wearing and/or using school equipment or being directed or transported by a school employee. Meets which are limited to three or fewer schools, do not count as a meet for participants, provided there is no loss of school time.

Section 1300: TENNIS PLAN (INDIVIDUALS AND DOUBLES)

(e) INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS.

- (1) *Number of Tournaments.* No student representing a participant school shall participate in more than ~~eight~~ SEVEN tournaments (total for tennis and team tennis combined) during the school year, excluding one district tennis tournament, the regional tournaments and the state tournament. (Note: The team tennis district tournament counts as one of the ~~eight~~ SEVEN

allowable tournaments if school time is lost.) Each tournament a school team enters counts as one tournament for each participating individual. Students are considered to be representing their school if they are wearing and/or using school equipment or being directed or transported by a school employee.

Section 1310: TEAM TENNIS PLAN

(f) NUMBER OF MATCHES AND TOURNAMENTS.

- (1) *Number of Tournaments.* No student or team representing a participant school shall participate in more than ~~eight~~ SEVEN tournaments (total for tennis and team tennis combined) during the school year, excluding one district tennis tournament, the regional tournaments and the state tournament. Note: The team tennis district tournament counts as one of the ~~eight~~ SEVEN allowable tournaments if school time is lost. Each tournament a school team enters counts as one tournament for the team and one tournament for each participating individual. Students are considered to be representing their school if they are wearing and/or using school equipment or being directed or transported by a school employee.

Section 1320: TRACK AND FIELD PLAN.

(m) INVITATIONAL TRACK AND FIELD MEETS.

- (1) *Number of Meets.* No student representing a participant school shall participate in more than ~~eight~~ SEVEN meets during the school year, excluding one district meet, the area meet, the regional meet, a regional qualifiers meet and the State Meet. Meets which are limited to three or fewer schools, do not count as a meet for participants, provided there is no loss of school time. Each meet a school enters counts as one meet for each participating individual. Students are considered to be representing their school if they are wearing and/or using school equipment or being directed or transported by a school employee.

Section 1330: GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL PLAN.

(c) NUMBER OF SCRIMMAGES, MATCHES, TOURNAMENTS.

- (3) *Total Number of Games, Matches, Tournaments.* No team or student shall compete in more than ~~three~~ TWO invitational tournaments plus 23 matches in a season, including all matches prior to the first playoff match. This shall include non-district and district matches. If the district champions have a bye for the first round of the play-offs, those schools may schedule a warm-up match in addition to the match limits. This additional match shall be played on a non-school night with no loss of school time.
- (4) *Substituting Matches for Tournaments.* Two matches may be substituted in place of a tournament. If a team or student does not play in any invitational tournaments, ~~six~~ FOUR additional matches (total of ~~29~~ 27) may be played.

Section 1340: WRESTLING PLAN.

(c) MEETS AND TOURNAMENTS.

- (1) *Number of Tournaments.* No student representing a participant school shall participate in

more than eight SEVEN tournaments during the school season excluding one district tournament and the regional and state tournaments. Each tournament the school team enters counts as one meet for each participating individual. Students are considered to be representing their school if they are wearing and/or using school equipment or being directed or transported by a school employee.

6. Allows the advancement of four teams from each district to an area tournament in Team Tennis.

Section 1310 (g)(1)(C), (g)(2)(A-D), AND (g)(3)(A) and (B) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2013, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

(g) CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE.

(1) *District Tournaments.*

(C) ~~Regional Qualifiers.~~ AREA QUALIFIERS. THE TOP FOUR TEAMS FROM EACH DISTRICT SHALL ADVANCE TO THE AREA TOURNAMENT. THE DISTRICT MEET DIRECTOR SHALL CERTIFY AREA TOURNAMENT ENTRIES.

~~(C)~~ (D) *Regional Qualifiers.* The winners of first and second place in each district shall advance to the regional tournament. The third place school from each district shall be the alternate. Regional tournament entries shall be certified by the district meet director. THE FIRST AND SECOND PLACE TEAM FINISHERS IN EACH AREA TOURNAMENT SHALL ADVANCE TO THE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT. THE THIRD PLACE SCHOOL FROM EACH AREA SHALL BE THE ALTERNATE. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRIES SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY THE AREA MEET DIRECTOR.

(2) ~~Regional Tournaments.~~ AREA TOURNAMENTS.

(A) DISTRICT WINNERS SHALL BE MATCHED AGAINST FOURTH PLACE FINISHERS FROM CORRESPONDING DISTRICT; SECOND PLACE SHALL BE MATCHED AGAINST THE THIRD PLACE FINISHERS FROM CORRESPONDING DISTRICT.

(B) RESULTS OF THE FINAL MATCH SHALL DETERMINE AREA WINNERS, RUNNERS-UP AND ALTERNATES.

(C) REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRIES SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY THE AREA MEET DIRECTOR

(3) ~~State Tournament.~~ REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS.

(A) Each regional director shall be authorized to use a seeding procedure.

(B) ~~District~~ AREA winners shall be matched against ~~district~~ runners-up from another ~~district~~ AREA.

(C) Results of the final match shall determine regional winners, runners-up and alternates.

(D) State tournament entries shall be certified by the regional meet director.

(4) STATE TOURNAMENT

(A) The first place team from each region will advance to the state tournament.

(B) Pairings will be made based on season records.

7. Allow schools to substitute tournaments for games in their overall season limits for team sports.

Section 1220 (b) (4), Section 1230 (c) (6), Section 1270 (d) (5), Section 1280 (c) (4), and Section 1330 (c) (4) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2013, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1220: BASEBALL PLAN

(b) NUMBER OF GAMES, TOURNAMENTS AND SITES.

- (4) Substituting ~~Games for Tournaments~~. Three games may be substituted in place of a tournament. A TOURNAMENT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF THREE GAMES. SCHOOLS CAN ONLY UTILIZE THIS EXCEPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT. ~~If a team or student does not play in any invitational tournaments, a total of 26 games may be played.~~

Section 1230 BASKETBALL PLAN

(c) NUMBER OF GAMES, TOURNAMENTS AND SITES.

- (6) Substituting ~~Games for Tournaments~~. Two games may be substituted in place of a tournament. A TOURNAMENT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF TWO GAMES. SCHOOLS CAN ONLY UTILIZE THIS EXCEPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT. ~~If a team or student does not play in any invitational tournaments, six additional games (total of 27) may be played.~~

Section 1270: SOCCER PLAN

(d) NUMBER OF GAMES, SCRIMMAGES AND TOURNAMENTS

- (5) Substituting ~~Games for Tournaments~~. Two games may be substituted in place of a tournament. A TOURNAMENT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF TWO GAMES. SCHOOLS CAN ONLY UTILIZE THIS EXCEPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT. ~~If a team or student does not play in any invitational tournaments, six additional games (total of 21) may be played.~~

Section 1280: GIRLS' SOFTBALL PLAN

(c) NUMBER OF GAMES, TOURNAMENTS AND SITES.

- (4) Substituting ~~Games for Tournaments~~. Three games may be substituted in place of a tournament. A TOURNAMENT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF THREE GAMES. SCHOOLS CAN ONLY UTILIZE THIS EXCEPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT. ~~If a team or student does not play in any invitational tournaments, a total of 26 games may be played.~~

Section 1330: GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL PLAN

(c) NUMBER OF SCRIMMAGES, MATCHES, TOURNAMENTS.

- (4) Substituting ~~Matches for Tournaments~~. Two matches may be substituted in place of a tournament. A TOURNAMENT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF TWO MATCHES. SCHOOLS CAN ONLY UTILIZE THIS EXCEPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN

ONE ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT. ~~If a team or student does not play in any invitational tournaments, six additional matches (total of 29) may be played.~~

Policy

1. Create a 3A Conference for Soccer.

Section 1270 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, to be effective August 1, 2013 for the 2014-2016 alignment, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1270: SOCCER PLAN

(a) ATHLETIC PURPOSES, CODES, PLAN APPLICABLE. Rules in Sections 1200-1209 also apply to the Soccer Plan. (b) DIVISIONS. There shall be ~~two~~ **THREE** divisions for high school boys and ~~two~~ **THREE** divisions for high school girls, in Conferences 3A, 4A and 5A only. ~~Conference 3A teams may play for full honors and will be bracketed with Conference 4A.~~

2. Requires a referendum ballot vote of Conference 3A superintendents to create a split conference format for Conference 3A Football. (Special Note: This proposal refers to schools in Conference 3A for the 2012-2014 alignment).

The Conference and District Assignment Policies and Procedures for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 Realignment would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

6. Conference A, AA and AAA schools will be further divided by enrollment figures for football (see (e) below). Then map pins are used to represent all schools in a conference and both divisions of Conference A, AA and AAA football. Schools are placed into districts keeping the following criteria in mind:
 - a. Group geographically contiguous schools in groups of no more than ten and place in districts with an even number of schools, except when that action causes an extreme travel hardship. Schools in a district in urban areas may not always be contiguous.
 - b. Except in Conference A, AA and AAA football, there are 32 districts to facilitate the playoff procedures (except in activities that do not have enough schools).
 - c. Multiple-high school districts with more than one school in the same conference will have those schools assigned as follows.
 - (1) Multiple High School Districts with 11 or More Schools in the Same Conference: A multiple high school district with 11 or more schools in the same conference shall have its schools assigned to two or more UIL districts. Any UIL district resulting from this division with seven or fewer schools from the same ISD in it may have additional schools assigned to the UIL district by the League office.
 - (2) Multiple High School Districts with Seven or Fewer Schools in the Same Conference: A multiple high school district with seven or fewer schools in the same conference shall have its schools assigned to the same UIL district. Other schools may also be assigned to this UIL district by the League office.
 - (3) Multiple High School Districts with Schools in Different Conferences: A multiple high school district may opt to have one or more of its schools elevated one conference if it wants its schools to be assigned to the same UIL district.
 - (4) Multiple High School Districts with schools in more than one conference, one of which is a magnet school. A multiple high school district with schools in more than one conference, one of which is a magnet school, shall have the magnet school placed in the same conference as the high school in that school district with the largest enrollment. A magnet school is defined as a high school within a multiple high school district where all students participate in the magnet curriculum.

(5) EXCEPTION: Exceptions to the above may be made when agreed upon by all participating schools and approved by the District Assignment Review Committee.

- d. If a school district with only one high school opens a second high school with the same attendance boundaries as its primary high school, the enrollment of both schools will be combined to determine conference placement for the primary school.
- e. Conference A, AA and **AAA** Football: Conference A, AA and **AAA** football schools will be divided into large schools (Division 1) and small schools (Division 2), through the state championship, with 16 districts in each division.

3. Creates a 3A Conference for Team Tennis.

Section 1208(a)(3) and Section 1310(b) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1208:ATHLETIC REGULATIONS

(3) Only schools in Conferences **3A**, 4A and 5A are eligible to participate in UIL team tennis.

Section 1310:TEAM TENNIS PLAN

(b) DIVISIONS. There shall be the following divisions: Conference 5A, and **4A**, **AND 3A**.

4. Alters the policy regarding broadcasting and telecasting UIL events. The existing policy does not include language germane to current technology capabilities. This amendment also clarifies the UIL maintains rights to all post-season UIL events and provides flexibility for broadcasting and telecasting events in larger venues which are very difficult to sell out 48 hours in advance.

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

Section 868: ~~RADIO AND TELEVISION CONTRACTS~~ BROADCASTS AND TELECASTS

- (a) CONTRACT RECOMMENDATION. The UIL director may recommend a contract to UT General Counsel for broadcasting and TELECASTING PLAYOFF AND CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL televising regional, quarter-final, semifinal and final contests FOR ALL UIL ACTIVITIES baseball, basketball, football, softball, soccer, volleyball and marching band. Broadcasting and TELECASTING televising include every nature of transmitting audio or VIDEO OF THE EVENT REGARDLESS OF THE MEANS OF TRANSMISSION ~~visual whether over the radio, television, internet, or other.~~
- (b) RIGHTS GRANTED. The broadcasting and telecasting rights granted in the contract shall be for both live and delayed broadcasts, and live and DELAYED film telecasts of the contests. Delayed broadcasts are defined for the purposes of this rule as beginning at least one hour after the completion of the contest.
- (e) ~~FOOTBALL CONFERENCES COVERED. The contract for broadcasting football games for the football season shall apply only to conferences 3A, 4A and 5A. Schools in conferences 2A, A and six man football may make their own arrangements for football broadcasts in accordance with the provisions of the contract forms supplied by the League office. The UIL retains the right to arrange for telecasts of all final football games.~~
- (d) LIVE FOOTBALL TELECASTS LIMITED. UIL MEMBER SCHOOLS SHALL NOT HAVE A LIVE TELECAST OF A FRIDAY NIGHT REGULAR SEASON FOOTBALL GAME, REGARDLESS OF THE MEANS OF TRANSMISSION.
Live telecasts of League football playoff games shall be permitted if:
 - (1) mutual consent of the participant schools is given;

- (2) ~~the games are sold out forty eight (48) hours prior to game time, IF THE GAME IS PLAYED IN A STADIUM THAT SEATS LESS THAN 12,000 PEOPLE;~~ and (3) (2) the UIL radio-television contract so permits.
- (e) RADIO BROADCASTS NOT COVERED BY STATE CONTRACT.
- (1) Participating schools shall enter into mutual agreements prior to the contest in all contests when the gate receipts are shared.
- (2) When gate receipts are not shared between participating schools, the host school may permit radio broadcasts.

5. Creates a six conference alignment by renaming the current Conference A Division II (Six Man schools) to Conference A, current Conference A Division I (11 Man schools) into Conference AA, current conference AA schools into Conference AAA, etc. This amendment also alters other provisions of the Reclassification and Realignment Policies.

The Conference and District Assignment Policies and Procedures for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 Realignment would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

1. The League office shall obtain enrollment data on participant schools (grades 9-12).
2. The League office shall verify the enrollment figures submitted by the schools.
3. CONFERENCE AAAAAA SHOULD CONSIST OF A MAXIMUM OF 245 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN FOOTBALL. CONFERENCES AA THROUGH AAAAA SHOULD CONSIST OF A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS SUCH THAT THE ENROLLMENT RATIO IN GRADES 9-12 BETWEEN THE LARGEST SCHOOL AND THE SMALLEST SCHOOL IS APPROXIMATELY 2.0. THERE SHOULD BE AT LEAST 200 SCHOOLS EACH IN CONFERENCES AA AND AAAAA. CONFERENCE A SHALL CONSIST OF ALL SCHOOLS WITH AN ENROLLMENT OF 104.9 OR LOWER.
4. SCHOOLS WITH AN ENROLLMENT OF 104.9 OR LOWER MAY CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN SIX-MAN FOOTBALL (CONFERENCE A) OR MAY OPT TO PLAY ELEVEN-MAN FOOTBALL (CONFERENCE AA) BUT REMAIN IN THE SMALLER CONFERENCE FOR OTHER APPLICABLE ACTIVITIES. Schools choosing to participate in six-man football (Conference A) may submit enrollment figures by any one of the following combinations of grades:
grades 9, 10, 11 and 12; grades 8, 9, 10 and 11; grades 7, 8, 9 and 10; or grades 9 and 10 doubled.
5. Any school may request to be elevated one conference, provided notification is submitted to the League office simultaneously with enrollment figures.
6. CONFERENCE A, AA, AAA (AND POSSIBLY AAAA DEPENDENT ON BALLOT OUTCOME) SCHOOLS WILL BE FURTHER DIVIDED BY ENROLLMENT FIGURES FOR FOOTBALL (see (e) below). Then map pins are used to represent all schools in a conference and both divisions of Conference A, AA and AAA football. Schools are placed into districts keeping the following criteria in mind:
 - a. Group geographically contiguous schools in groups of no more than ten and place in districts with an even number of schools, except when that action causes an extreme travel hardship. Schools in a district in urban areas may not always be contiguous.
 - b. Except in Conference A, AA and AAA football, there are 32 districts to facilitate the playoff procedures (except in activities that do not have enough schools).
 - c. Multiple-high school districts with more than one school in the same conference will have those schools assigned as follows.
 - (1) Multiple High School Districts with 11 or More Schools in the Same Conference: A multiple high school district with 11 or more schools in the same conference shall have its

schools assigned to two or more UIL districts. Any UIL district resulting from this division with seven or fewer schools from the same ISD in it may have additional schools assigned to the UIL district by the League office.

- (2) Multiple High School Districts with Seven or Fewer Schools in the Same Conference: A multiple high school district with seven or fewer schools in the same conference shall have its schools assigned to the same UIL district. Other schools may also be assigned to this UIL district by the League office.
 - (3) Multiple High School Districts with Schools in Different Conferences: A multiple high school district may opt to have one or more of its schools elevated one conference if it wants its schools to be assigned to the same UIL district.
 - (4) Multiple High School Districts with schools in more than one conference, one of which is a magnet school. A multiple high school district with schools in more than one conference, one of which is a magnet school, shall have the magnet school placed in the same conference as the high school in that school district with the largest enrollment. A magnet school is defined as a high school within a multiple high school district where all students participate in the magnet curriculum.
 - (5) EXCEPTION: Exceptions to the above may be made when agreed upon by all participating schools and approved by the District Assignment Review Committee.
- d. If a school district with only one high school opens a second high school with the same attendance boundaries as its primary high school, the enrollment of both schools will be combined to determine conference placement for the primary school.
 - e. Conference A, AA and AAA Football: Conference A, AA and AAA football schools will be divided into large schools (Division 1) and small schools (Division 2), through the state championship, with 16 districts in each division.
 - f. THERE WILL BE SIX CONFERENCES IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: CROSS COUNTRY, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND SPRING MEET (ACADEMICS [INCLUDING ONE-ACT PLAY], GOLF, TENNIS AND TRACK AND FIELD). THERE WILL BE FIVE CONFERENCES IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: VOLLEYBALL, SOFTBALL, BASEBALL, AND MUSIC. THERE WILL BE THREE CONFERENCES IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: TEAM TENNIS AND SOCCER. THERE WILL BE TWO CONFERENCES IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: SWIMMING/DIVING AND WRESTLING.
7. There shall be no attempt made to perpetuate or avoid "old rivalries." Socioeconomic and ethnicity factors are not considered.
 8. A school may be placed in different districts for different activities to alleviate extreme travel situations.
 9. If there is a clerical error in assignment or if a school has been omitted, the staff is authorized to correct the error or omission. Schools in both districts will be notified of the correction.
 10. A school may change districts with the unanimous consent of all schools in both districts. This is the first level of appeal.
 11. If the first level of appeal is denied, schools may appeal their district assignment to the District Assignment Appeals Committee. All schools will be notified of the deadline for this appeal.
 12. A school may be disqualified from district honors for up to two years in that sport for contracting games prior to finalizing the reclassification and realignment by all UIL appeal committees. Athletic schedules will not be considered official until approved by the superintendent of the member school district.

13. Schools may play their first football game the last Thursday in August. Beginning practice dates will remain the same for all conferences. Schools will be limited to no more than ten regular season games.
14. Schools shall be assigned to football districts only in even-numbered years.
15. A new school may be assigned on a non-honors basis in football for one two-year assignment period.
16. Charter Schools.
 - a. Charter schools will be assigned to districts in team sports only prior to even-numbered years.
 - b. Charter schools may be reassigned to a higher conference if actual enrollment is larger than enrollment projections.
 - c. Charter schools shall not be assigned to a football district unless they have provided evidence to the UIL staff that they have participated previously.
 - D. UNLESS ITS ENROLLMENT QUALIFIES IT FOR A HIGHER CONFERENCE, A CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL HAVE ITS CLASSIFICATION DETERMINED BY PLACING IT IN THE CONFERENCE OF THE LOWEST ENROLLED SCHOOL FROM THE ISD IN WHICH THE CHARTER SCHOOL IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED.

(The charter school classification rule change applies to charter schools located within an ISD with three or more high schools.

Any charter school that is elevated in conference will receive an automatic appeal to UIL staff regarding their conference assignment. Additionally, any charter who chooses may appeal the decision of UIL staff to the District Assignments Appeals Committee).

17. Schools gaining or losing students by consolidation may have their conference and district assignments changed during the two-year alignment period.
18. Schools will not be changed because of loss or gain within a district during growth or decline in membership after enrollment figures are certified.
19. Schools may be in different regions in different activities.
20. District numbering begins in the north or west and culminates in the southern part of the state.
21. Schools which are assigned to an athletic district and fail to participate may be suspended by the State Executive Committee in the germane activity or all activities.

FORMULAS

A participant school shall be classified for assignment to a conference on the basis of enrollment on a date from the previous October. The formulas used to determine enrollment shall be:

1. Schools with four high school grades (9-12) or three high school grades (10-12) which will receive incoming tenth graders from specific, identifiable schools:

$$\text{Enrollment} = \text{Grades } 9 + 10 + 11 + 12$$
2. Schools with only grades 10-12 when it cannot easily be determined which schools the ninth graders will attend as tenth graders:

$$\text{Enrollment} = \text{Grades } (10 + 11 + 12) \times 1.33$$
3. Schools with only grades 11-12 when it cannot easily be determined which schools the tenth graders will attend as eleventh graders:

$$\text{Enrollment} = \text{Grades } (11 + 12) \times 2$$

4. New schools:

Schools opening or entering competition in the first year of an alignment period will have their conference placement determined by the following procedure:

- a. Opening or entering with 1 grade: Enrollment (projected or actual) multiplied by 2
- b. Opening or entering with 2 grades: Enrollment (projected or actual) multiplied by 1.33
- c. Opening or entering with 3 grades: Enrollment (projected or actual) multiplied by 1.33
- d. Opening or entering with 4 grades: Enrollment (projected or actual)

Schools opening or entering competition in the second year of an alignment period will have their conference placement determined (for varsity activities in which they participate) by the enrollment (projected or actual, with no multiplier applied) with which they open.

Existing schools affected by the opening of a new school (which will open or did open in the first or second year of an alignment) will have their conference placement determined by taking the current enrollment in grades 9-11 + projected number of 8th graders entering that high school the following school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. The Standing Committee on Policy moved and Thomas Randle seconded granting staff the authority to make editorial changes to policies impacted by Legislative Council approval of a six conference alignment structure.

Section 1270 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, to be effective August 1, 2013 for the 2014-2016 alignment, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

The following sections of the *Constitution and Contest Rules* would have editorial changes made following approval by the Legislative Council of a six conference alignment structure, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 31(d) Waiver Review Board Composition

Section 351(b) CONFERENCES

Section 868(c) RADIO AND TELEVISION CONTRACTS, CONFERENCES COVERED (unless otherwise amended as proposed).

Section 900(a)(2)(E) and (F) HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COVERED UNDER SPRING MEET PLAN

Section 902(m) SCHEDULE OF POINTS

And any other sections of the *Constitution and Contest Rules* and contest manuals required by approval of a six conference alignment structure.

7. The Standing Committee on Policy approved the recommendation of the Standing Committee of Academics to approve a Chess Puzzle solving competition to A+ Academics for grades 2-8. (See Academics #2.)