

REPORT OF
THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS

OCTOBER 18, 2021

ON OCTOBER 17, 2021, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN IN GEORGETOWN, TEXAS. BASED UPON ITEMS CONSIDERED, THE COMMITTEE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS DURING ITS BUSINESS MEETING.



THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS

Moves that the Legislative Council

Pass the following proposals.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 380, *Annual Contests*, Section 900, *High School Academic Contests*, Section 902, *General Regulations* and Section 926, *High School Computer Applications Contest* would phase out Computer Applications as a contest over a period of three years.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

The Computer Applications contest has declined in participation over the past 10 years with only 38% participation in 2019 at district competition. Apple and Google hardware and software that are used by many school districts are not compatible with the requirements of the competition. A superintendent survey in 2020 indicated 82% approval to phase out the event by August 1, 2024.

C. Proposed Amendment

Sections 380, 900, 902 and 926 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows for the 2024-25 school year, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 380 (a) ANNUAL CONTESTS, as follows:
~~(13) Computer Applications~~

Section 900 (b) HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC CONTESTS.
~~(4) Computer Applications~~

Section 902 (h) (1) QUALIFYING FOR ADVANCEMENT
~~(Q) Three Computer Applications~~

Section 902 (k) (3) Schedule of Points.
OTHER ACADEMIC CONTESTS
~~Computer Applications~~

~~Section 926: High School Computer Applications Contest~~

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

The Standing Committee on Academics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2022 with the contest end date following the 2023-24 school year, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 1034, *One-Act Play Contest Ethics Code*, would ban physical contact strikes (including actual slaps, punches or kicks to the face, head and neck) in the UIL One-Act Play Contest. Only choreographed stage combat creating the illusion of physical contact should be used in the contest.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

The practice of physically slapping, kicking and hitting in performance, specifically above the shoulders, is dangerous. Students run the risk of breaking bones, damaging their ears, eyes, nose, lips and teeth, due to a lack of knowledge or training in stage combat techniques. Properly executed stage combat creates the illusion of fighting without causing harm. Regularly, contest directors and judges have addressed their concerns of seeing students performing dangerous strikes in the one-act play contest.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1034 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1034: ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST ETHICS CODE

(b) CODE FOR ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST DIRECTORS AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

(5) Avoidance of any practice that would endanger the welfare or safety of any company member, INCLUDING ACTUAL CONTACT STRIKES TO THE PERFORMER. ONLY CHOREOGRAPHED STAGE COMBAT, CREATING THE ILLUSION OF PHYSICAL CONTACT SHALL BE USED IN THE CONTEST.

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

There would be minimal financial impact for professional stage combat training or workshops, which are readily available at state theatre conventions, UIL conferences and in the theatre community.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Academics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective immediately, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Sections 920-960 would increase the number of entries allowed in district competition for spring academic events with a team component. Each school could enter up to six contestants in each applicable event at the district meet, rather than the current limit of four, with the approval of the District Executive Committee. Points and advancement structures would remain unchanged.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Spring academic events with a team component are limited to a maximum of four contestants per school. This amendment would provide an option for districts to increase student participation opportunities at the district level without impacting the number of contestants advancing to region or state competition. Point structures would also remain unchanged.

C. Proposed Amendment

Sections 920-960 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 920: HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNTING CONTEST
 Section 924: HIGH SCHOOL CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS CONTEST
 Section 928: HIGH SCHOOL COMPUTER SCIENCE CONTEST
 Section 932: HIGH SCHOOL CURRENT ISSUES AND EVENTS CONTEST
 Section 940: HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY CRITICISM CONTEST
 Section 942: HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS CONTEST
 Section 944: HIGH SCHOOL NUMBER SENSE CONTEST
 Section 956: HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES CONTEST
 Section 960: HIGH SCHOOL SPELLING AND VOCABULARY CONTEST

(b) ENTRIES.

- (1) Individual Competition. Each member high school may enter as many as four individuals in the district meet, OR A MAXIMUM OF SIX INDIVIDUALS WITH DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVAL.

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

Schools choosing to increase the number of students attending the district meet may incur minimal travel related costs for those additional students.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Academics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2022, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
Passed the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to phase out the Computer Applications Contest over a period of three years
- b. A proposal to ban the use of physical contact strikes in the UIL One-Act Play competition and allow only choreographed stage combat to be used
- c. A proposal for the nine spring academic events with a team component to enter up to six contestants at the district level with approval of the District Executive Committee

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Proposal**

- a. A proposal to remove the requirement that critiques follow the awards announcement in the One-Act Play competition

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
Authorized the Staff to Approve this item in concept**

- a. A proposal to add REC Foundation Robotics to UIL as a pilot competition

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
Denied, Rejected or Took No Action on the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to expand the number of competitive groupings from two to three in the Young Filmmakers, Theatrical Design and Robotics contests

REPORT OF
THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC

OCTOBER 18, 2021

ON OCTOBER 17, 2021, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN IN GEORGETOWN, TEXAS. BASED UPON ITEMS CONSIDERED, THE COMMITTEE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS DURING ITS BUSINESS MEETING.



THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC
Authorized the Staff to Monitor the Following Proposal

- a. A proposal to reduce sight reading difficulty for non-varsity choirs

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC
Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Proposal

- a. A proposal to create a division 1 and 2 for marching band competition

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC
Discussed the Following

- a. A Game Day Live format that would create an option to integrate a live pep band with cheerleaders to compete at the spirit state championships

REPORT OF
THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

OCTOBER 18, 2021

ON OCTOBER 17, 2021, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN IN GEORGETOWN, TEXAS. BASED UPON ITEMS CONSIDERED, THE COMMITTEE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS DURING ITS BUSINESS MEETING.



THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

Moves that the Legislative Council

Pass the following proposals.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment would add Section 1340, *Water Polo Plan* and include specific language for Water Polo to the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules Language.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Water Polo will begin as a pilot program in the 2022-2023 school year. The addition of this language will provide the rule structure to be included in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1340 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1340: WATER POLO PLAN – PILOT PROGRAM.

- (a) ATHLETIC PURPOSES, CODES, PLAN APPLICABLE. RULES IN SECTIONS 1200-1209 ALSO APPLY TO THE WATER POLO PLAN.
- (b) DATES FOR PRACTICES, GAMES AND CERTIFICATIONS.
 - (1) PRACTICE DATES.
 - (A) THERE SHALL BE NO HIGH SCHOOL WATER POLO PRACTICE FOR A CONTESTANT OR A TEAM UNTIL THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST AS DETERMINED BY THE UIL CALENDAR. SEE SECTION 1478 FOR SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE RESTRICTIONS.
 - (2) SCHOOL PRACTICE REGULATIONS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL YEAR. ANY WATER POLO PRACTICE CONDUCTED BY A SCHOOL OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL YEAR SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:
 - (A) STUDENT-ATHLETES SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN MORE THAN THREE HOURS OF PRACTICE ACTIVITIES ON THOSE DAYS DURING WHICH ONE PRACTICE IS CONDUCTED.
 - (B) STUDENT-ATHLETES SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN MORE THAN FIVE HOURS OF PRACTICE ACTIVITIES ON THOSE DAYS DURING WHICH MORE THAN ONE PRACTICE IS CONDUCTED.
 - (C) THE MAXIMUM LENGTH OF ANY SINGLE PRACTICE SESSION SHALL BE THREE HOURS.
 - (D) ON DAYS WHEN MORE THAN ONE PRACTICE IS CONDUCTED, THERE SHALL BE, AT A MINIMUM, TWO HOURS OF REST/RECOVERY TIME BETWEEN THE END OF ONE PRACTICE AND THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT PRACTICE.
 - (3) SCRIMMAGE DATES. SCHOOLS SHALL NOT SCRIMMAGE UNTIL THE FIRST DATE ALLOWED ON THE UIL CALENDAR. TEAMS AND SCHOOLS MAY PARTICIPATE IN AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF SCRIMMAGES PRIOR TO THE

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. AFTER THE FIRST GAME, SCRIMMAGES ARE NO LONGER PERMITTED.

- (4) GAMES. SCHOOLS SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN A GAME UNTIL THE FIRST DATE ALLOWED ON THE UIL CALENDAR OR AFTER THE LAST DATE FOR CERTIFYING DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES, EXCEPT FOR TEAMS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ELIMINATED IN PLAYOFFS.
- (c) NUMBER OF SCRIMMAGES, GAMES, TOURNAMENTS.
- (1) VIOLATIONS/PENALTIES. THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS.
 - (2) TOTAL NUMBER OF GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS. NO TEAM OR STUDENT SHALL COMPETE IN MORE THAN THREE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS PLUS 17 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. THREE GAMES MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF A TOURNAMENT.
 - (3) EXCEPTION TO RESOLVE DISTRICT TIES.
 - (A) TWO SCHOOLS TIED. TO RESOLVE A TWO-WAY TIE, THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY AUTHORIZE A SINGLE ELIMINATION GAME, PROVIDED ONLY ONE OTHER GAME IS PLAYED THAT CALENDAR WEEK. THE TIE-BREAKING GAME MAY BE IN ADDITION TO THE 17 ALLOWED GAMES. IT MAY NOT BE PLAYED AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE SCHOOL WEEK LIMITATION.
 - (B) THREE OR MORE SCHOOLS TIED. IF THREE OR MORE SCHOOLS ARE TIED, THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY AUTHORIZE A TOURNAMENT PROVIDED ONLY TWO GAMES HAVE BEEN PLAYED THAT WEEK, USING THE PROCEDURE IN SECTION 1203. THESE TOURNAMENT GAMES MAY BE PLAYED IN ADDITION TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS ALLOWED FOR THE SEASON.
 - (4) EXCEPTION FOR RESCHEDULED GAMES. DISTRICT VARSITY WATER POLO GAMES POSTPONED BY WEATHER OR PUBLIC DISASTER (NOT INCLUDING ILLNESS) SHALL BE RESCHEDULED ON THE NEXT DATE, OTHER THAN SUNDAY, ON WHICH ANOTHER DISTRICT GAME IS NOT SCHEDULED. IN THE EVENT WEATHER OR PUBLIC DISASTER FORCES THE MAKEUP GAMES TO BE RESCHEDULED, IT SHALL BE RESCHEDULED ON THE NEXT DATE AS DESCRIBED EARLIER. THESE MAKEUP GAMES MAY BE PLAYED AS EXCEPTIONS TO THE SCHOOL WEEK AND CALENDAR WEEK LIMITATIONS. DISTRICT VARSITY GAMES THAT ARE POSTPONED BY WEATHER OR PUBLIC DISASTER, AND NOT PLAYED ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE DATE, SHALL BE RESCHEDULED AND PLAYED ON A DATE DETERMINED BY THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
 - (5) INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT RESTRICTION. NO TEAM SHALL PARTICIPATE IN AN INVITATIONAL WATER POLO TOURNAMENT HELD ON A MONDAY, TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY, EXCEPT ON SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. HOWEVER, GAMES IN TOURNAMENTS MAY BE PLAYED AFTER SCHOOL ON THE LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL WEEK PRIOR TO HOLIDAYS.

- (6) INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT EXCEPTION. WATER POLO TOURNAMENTS MAY BE SCHEDULED ON NON-CONSECUTIVE DAYS. A TWO-DAY TOURNAMENT SHALL NOT BE SCHEDULED ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. A ONE-DAY TOURNAMENT SHALL BE SCHEDULED ON SATURDAY.
- (7) NUMBER OF GAMES PER DAY IN TOURNAMENTS. NO TEAM OR STUDENT SHALL COMPETE IN MORE THAN THREE GAMES PER DAY IN TOURNAMENT PLAY. EXCEPTION: CONTESTANTS OR TEAMS MAY PLAY IN FOUR GAMES PER CALENDAR DAY IN A ONE-DAY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED ON A SATURDAY, AND CONTESTANTS OR TEAMS MAY PLAY IN FOUR GAMES PER DAY DURING A TWO-DAY TOURNAMENT.
- (d) CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE.
 - (1) DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS.
 - (A) FORMAT. THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AND SET FORMAT TO DETERMINE THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES.
 - (B) ENTRIES. EACH SCHOOL SHALL ENTER THE DISTRICT MEET BY CERTIFYING ENTRIES TO THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR BY THE ENTRY DEADLINE SET BY THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. IF A ROUND-ROBIN FORMAT IS UTILIZED IN LIEU OF A DISTRICT TOURNAMENT, THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL SPECIFY ENTRY AND TEAM ROSTER REGULATIONS PRIOR TO THE ENTRY DEADLINE.
 - (2) REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS.
 - (A) REGIONAL QUALIFIERS. REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL WINNERS WILL ADVANCE TO A REGIONAL TOURNAMENT. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRIES SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL WINNERS TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR.
 - (B) STATE TOURNAMENT ENTRIES SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY THE REGIONAL MEET DIRECTOR.
 - (3) 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.
- (e) SITE OF GAME. THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ARRANGING A SCHEDULE WITHIN THE DISTRICT SHALL DETERMINE THE SITE OF GAMES IN CASE OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO TEAMS.
- (f) OFF SEASON PARTICIPATION. SEE SECTION 1209.
- (g) GATE RECEIPTS FROM STATE TOURNAMENT. THE UIL OFFICE RETAINS AN ANNUALLY DETERMINED PERCENTAGE OF GATE RECEIPTS FROM THE STATE WATER POLO TOURNAMENT

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

There should be no fiscal impact to member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2022, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.



2022 Water Polo Calendar

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Regular Season 9 - weeks	August 1 – First Day of Practice
	August 5 – First Day of Interschool Scrimmages
	August 8 – First Day of Interschool Games
	October 8 – District Certification
Post Season	October 11 - Bi-District
	October 15 – Area Deadline
	October 18 – Regional Quarterfinals Deadline
	October 21-22 - Regional Tournament
	October 27-28 – State Championship

Game Limits

3 Tournaments & 17 Games

2 Tournaments & 20 Games

1 Tournament & 23 Games

0 Tournaments & 26 Games

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment would add Water Polo to Section 1478, *7th-8th Grade Athletic Plan* to the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules Language.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Water Polo will begin as a pilot program in the 2022-2023 school year. The addition of this language will provide the rule structure for 7th and 8th grade to be included in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1478 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1478: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE ATHLETIC PLAN

(m) WATER POLO – PILOT PROGRAM

- (1) NUMBER OF GAMES. NO TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL SHALL COMPETE IN MORE THAN 12 GAMES AND 2 INVITATIONAL OR DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS. TWO GAMES MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF A TOURNAMENT. A SCRIMMAGE COUNTS AS ONE OF THE 12 CONTESTS.
- (2) NUMBER OF GAMES PER WEEK. ONE GAME OR SCRIMMAGE MAY BE PLAYED PER CALENDAR WEEK. A TOURNAMENT MAY BE PLAYED IN THE SAME CALENDAR WEEK OF A GAME.
- (3) NUMBER OF TOURNAMENT GAMES PER DAY. CONTESTANTS OR TEAMS SHALL PLAY NO MORE THAN THREE TOURNAMENT GAMES PER CALENDAR DAY, EXCEPT CONTESTANTS OR TEAMS MAY PLAY IN FOUR GAMES PER CALENDAR DAY IN A ONE-DAY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED ON A SATURDAY.
- (4) SEASON FOR WORKOUTS AND GAMES. SCHOOLS SHALL HAVE 70 CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS TO PRACTICE OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DAY AND TO COMPLETE SCRIMMAGES AND GAMES. THE SEASON CAN BE HELD ANYTIME DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, PROVIDED IT DOES NOT EXCEED THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS LISTED ABOVE.

(n) ~~(m)~~ CHEERLEADERS; SPIRIT GROUPS.

(o) ~~(n)~~ CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL.

(p) ~~(o)~~ CATASTROPHIC INJURY REPORTING.

(q) ~~(p)~~ AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) USE REPORTING.

(r) ~~(q)~~ EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS.

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

There should be no fiscal impact to member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2022, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This proposal amends Section 1204(m), *Flat Fee Schedule and Travel Reimbursement* adding a fee plan for Water Polo.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This proposed amendment from the UIL Sports Officials Committee (SOC) would establish an officials' fee schedule for the sport of Water Polo beginning August 2022.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1204(m) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1204: SPORTS OFFICIALS

(m) Flat Fee Schedule and Travel Reimbursement

- (1) The flat fee schedule and mileage reimbursement, as approved by the legislative council, shall be posted on the UIL website.

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

Member schools participating in water polo would be able to plan budgets according to the fee schedule if this proposal was approved.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2022, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Water Polo Fee Schedule 2022-2023

LEVEL OF GAME	22-23
Length of QUARTER - 7 minutes	\$70
Length of QUARTER - 6 minutes	\$60
Length of QUARTER - 5 minutes TOURNAMENTS ONLY	\$55
Play-offs: Bi-district	\$80
Play-offs: Area	\$95
Play-offs: Regional Quarter-Finals	\$100
Play-offs: Regional Semi-Finals	\$110
Play-offs: Regional Finals	\$125
State Tournament	\$135

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 1290, *Swimming Plan*, would add a third conference for swimming and diving.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Continued growth in the sport of swimming and diving has caused an increase in the number of schools that participate in conference 5A. This amendment would provide for the addition of a 4A and below swimming and diving conference.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1290 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1290: SWIMMING PLAN

(b) DIVISIONS

- (1) *DIVISIONS*. There shall be ~~two~~ THREE divisions for high school boys and ~~two~~ THREE divisions for high school girls, Conferences 6A, ~~and 5A and below 5A~~, AND 4A AND BELOW.

(h) CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE.

(2) *Qualifiers to Regional*.

(A) IN THE 6A AND 5A CONFERENCES, the top six individuals and relays shall qualify from district to regional.

(B) IN THE 4A AND BELOW CONFERENCE, THE TOP FOUR INDIVIDUALS AND RELAYS SHALL QUALIFY FROM DISTRICT TO REGIONAL.

(3) *Qualifiers to State*.

(A) IN THE 6A AND 5A CONFERENCES, the first place and second place in each of eight regional swimming meets and the next eight swimmers with the best regional final times overall will advance to the state meet.

(B) IN THE 4A AND BELOW CONFERENCE, THE FIRST PLACE AND SECOND PLACE IN EACH OF FOUR REGIONAL SWIMMING MEETS AND THE NEXT EIGHT SWIMMERS WITH THE BEST REGIONAL FINAL TIMES OVERALL WILL ADVANCE TO THE STATE MEET.

(4) *Diving*.

(A) IN THE 6A AND 5A CONFERENCES, in diving, three divers will qualify at each of eight regional meets.

(B) IN THE 4A AND BELOW, CONFERENCE, IN DIVING, FOUR DIVERS WILL QUALIFY AT EACH OF FOUR REGIONAL MEETS.

- (5) *Timing*. Swimmers shall have been electronically timed unless the UIL office grants an exception.

- (6) *Ties.* If ties occur for positions to the state competition, the times of the competitors from the regional preliminary competition will be considered first with the competitor with the fastest preliminary time advancing to the state meet. If a tie should still exist, then decision as to which qualifier will advance will be made by a coin toss.

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

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2022, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This proposal amends Section 1204(1), *Fee Approval/Payment*.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This proposed amendment from the UIL Sports Officials Committee (SOC) would change the time period to pay officials from 45 days to 30 days.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1204(1) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1204: SPORTS OFFICIALS

(l) Fee Approval/Payment

Fees are to be paid by the host school or by the game management as approved by the school. Fees should be paid promptly. Schools that do not pay within 45 30 days of the contest are subject to the range of penalties listed in Section 29. FOR CONTESTS PLAYED PRIOR TO OR DURING A SCHOOL HOLIDAY OR BREAK, THE 30 DAY PERIOD WOULD START THE FIRST DAY SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION.

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

There should be no fiscal impact to member schools if this proposal is approved.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2022, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment to Section 1220, *Baseball Plan* and Section 1280, *Softball Plan* would prohibit playoff games from being scheduled before Thursday unless by mutual consent of the two schools in the contest.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Under current rule, playoff games shall not be scheduled before Wednesday of that week unless by mutual consent. This amendment would prohibit playoff games from being scheduled before Thursday without mutual consent of the two schools. Weather delays and pitch count restrictions can lead to one school having a competitive advantage over the other if a coin flip forces a game to be played prior to Thursday.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1220(f)(1) and Section 1280(g)(1) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1220: BASEBALL PLAN

(f) POST-SEASON PLAYOFFS

- (1) *Day of Playoff Game*. Playoffs games shall not be played before ~~Wednesday~~
THURSDAY of that week unless by mutual consent.

Section 1280: SOFTBALL PLAN

(g) POST SEASON PLAYOFFS

- (1) *Day of Playoff Game*. Playoffs games shall not be played before ~~Wednesday~~
THURSDAY of that week unless by mutual consent.

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

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective immediately, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment to Section 1209(g), *Non School Participation* would allow boys' basketball coaches the opportunity to coach their students only during the NCAA/NFHS approved June Scholastic Basketball event hosted by TABC.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This pilot program will only be for the 2021-2022 school year and will be reevaluated after one year.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1209(g) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1209: NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

- (g) COACHING RESTRICTIONS. For non-school competition school coaches shall not schedule matched games for students in grades 7-12 from their attendance zone. School coaches may assist in organizing, selecting players and coaches, and may supervise school facilities for non-school league play. School coaches shall not coach or instruct students in grades 7-12 from their school district attendance zone in the team sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball or volleyball. FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, A ONE YEAR PILOT PROGRAM WILL ALLOW BASKETBALL COACHES TO COACH THEIR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM DURING THE TABC JUNE SUMMER SHOWCASE EVENT ONLY. School coaches shall not supervise facilities for non-school activities on school time. Refer to Section 1201.

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

There should be no fiscal impact to member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective immediately, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Passed the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to add Water Polo to the high school athletic plan
- b. A proposal to add Water Polo to the 7th and 8th grade athletic plan
- c. A proposal to establish an officials' fee schedule for Water Polo
- d. A proposal to add a third conference for swimming and diving
- e. A proposal to adjust the time period to pay officials
- f. A proposal to adjust allowable playoff playing dates for softball and baseball
- g. A proposal for a pilot program to allow basketball coaches to be able to coach their students during the June TABC showcase event

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal regarding strength and condition for in-season athletes
- b. A proposal to alter the language of softball scrimmages per week
- c. A proposal to adjust the process of a PAPF if the previous school is a private school
- d. A proposal to study participation protocol for UIL member schools competing against non UIL schools
- e. A proposal to allow 6th grade participation at the 1A level

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Denied, Rejected, or Took No Action on the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to adopt adjusted weight classes in accordance to NFHS rule changes
- b. A proposal regarding the softball playoff run rule
- c. A proposal to add track and field ambulatory events
- d. A proposal regarding education around Paralympic sport participation

REPORT OF
THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

OCTOBER 18, 2021

ON OCTOBER 17, 2021, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE SHERATON AUSTIN GEORGETOWN IN GEORGETOWN, TEXAS. BASED UPON ITEMS CONSIDERED, THE COMMITTEE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS DURING ITS BUSINESS MEETING.



THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

Moves that the Legislative Council

Pass the following proposals.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to the UIL Reclassification and Realignment Policies and Procedures, *I. General Enrollment Information*, would add a section to account for homeschool student participation in the enrollment calculation for schools allowing homeschool students to participate in UIL activities.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

State law now allows schools the option to allow homeschool students to participate in UIL activities beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Because UIL rules did not previously allow for homeschool student participation, the Reclassification and Realignment Policies and Procedures do not provide for accounting for these students in a school's enrollment calculation. Multiple options have been discussed. The UIL Legislative Council directed staff to form an Ad Hoc committee to discuss these options. The Ad Hoc committee met and will make a recommendation to the full Legislative Council.

C. Proposed Amendment

The UIL *Reclassification and Realignment Policies and Procedures* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

I. GENERAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

(A) Enrollment Calculation Formulas

(8) HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS – NONENROLLED STUDENT ADJUSTMENT

FOR SCHOOLS OPTING TO ALLOW NONENROLLED STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN UIL
ACTIVITIES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TEC 33.0832, SHALL CALCULATE
ENROLLMENT AS FOLLOWS:

TOTAL ENROLLMENT = ENROLLMENT AS CALCULATED VIA ABOVE PROCEDURES X
1.2.

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

This proposed amendment has no fiscal impact on UIL schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 UIL alignment period, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 350, *Establishing Conferences*, would allow the UIL Executive Director to conduct reclassification and realignment via pre-existing approved policies in situations where new policies which have been approved by the Council have not been approved by the Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency (TEA), as required by law.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

In order to make sure the reclassification and realignment process is completed efficiently and timely, the Executive Director needs this authority for situations in which Council approved policies have not been approved by the Commissioner of TEA.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 350 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 350: ESTABLISHING CONFERENCES

Before May 1 of each even numbered year, the UIL shall establish conferences for League contests and assign each member school wishing to compete in UIL activities to an appropriate district in accordance with reclassification and realignment policies as approved by the Legislative Council. These conferences and districts shall be maintained for the next two school years. The Executive Director shall promptly notify each member school of its conference and the district to which it has been assigned and of the identity of the other schools in the district and notify each member school district of the assignments of its member schools.

WHEN RULE CHANGES THAT IMPACT RECLASSIFICATION AND REALIGNMENT ARE PASSED BY THE COUNCIL IN OCTOBER OF ODD NUMBERED YEARS, AND NOT APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION AT TEA (AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 33.083 (B) OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE) BY NOVEMBER 15, THE UIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAS THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT THE ALIGNMENT PROCESS UNDER THE MOST CURRENT VERSION OF THE RECLASSIFICATION AND REALIGNMENT POLICIES AS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE COMMISSIONER.

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

This proposal will have no fiscal impact on member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective immediately, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY
Passed the Following Proposals

- a. Resolution to amend UIL Reclassification and Realignment Policies and Procedures to account for homeschool student participation in enrollment calculation for schools allowing homeschool students to participate in UIL activities
- b. Resolution to allow the UIL Executive Director to conduct reclassification and realignment via pre-existing approved policies in situations where new policies which have been approved by the Council have not been approved by the Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency, as required by law

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY
Denied, Rejected, or Took No Action on the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to limit the number of band members allowed to perform at athletic events
- b. A proposal to add competitive bass fishing as a UIL sanctioned activity
- c. A proposal regarding UIL Reclassification and Realignment Policies and Procedures