

Athletic Directors and Basketball Coaches,

We wanted to give you a quick overview of important information so you are well prepared to start the year off right and keep both yourself and your assistant coaches well informed. Here are few of the most frequently asked about topics for your reference:

Season Reminders Concerning 2021-22 Basketball Regulations:

COVID Postponements: UIL varsity district contests postponed because of COVID-19 reasons may be rescheduled and played as exceptions to the school week limit as noted in state regulations, as long as they are rescheduled and played on a date agreed upon by the two schools involved in the contest, or on a date as determined by the District Executive Committee, if the two schools cannot agree.

1A Qualifiers to Postseason: Beginning with this season (21-22), four 1A schools will advance to the postseason. The 1A bracket on the UIL website are updated.

Scrimmages/Games/Tournaments

Scrimmage: A scrimmage is a meeting of *no more than four teams* for practice purposes, which does not count as a game (allowable contest) for any of the teams. Basketball teams are limited to a maximum of two total scrimmage dates and may play them prior to playing their first inter-school game. Only one scrimmage date (with up to four schools) is permitted between Monday and the end of the school day on the last instructional day of the school week.

Allowable Games:

- 0 Tournaments and 27 Games or
- 1 Tournament and 25 Games or
- 2 Tournaments and 23 Games or
- 3 Tournaments and 21 Games

Weekly Allowable Contests: Teams or individual(s) are limited to two matched games per calendar week. The week of an invitational tournament only one matched game may be played. The state law limiting school week participation must be followed, (i.e. one contest Monday through Thursday night with **either** a second contest after school Friday or Saturday **OR** an invitational tournament).

Doubleheader: (Same Site, Same Night) – A student could play two back-to-back varsity games (same competition level) or in a varsity and junior varsity game (different competition levels), at the same site, the same night. This counts as the two allowable games per calendar week and counts as two of the total games allowed for the season (*eg. If a student plays in a doubleheader on Tuesday, that student may not play in another contest (game or tournament) the remainder of that calendar week.*)

Max Number of Games Per Day: Teams or contestants may participate in no more than two inter-school games per day.

Max Number of Games Per Day in Tournaments: Two games per day are allowed in a two or three-day tournament, and three games per day are allowed in a one-day tournament scheduled on a Saturday. **The maximum number of tournaments allowed is THREE.**

Practice: When School is In-Session – Practice outside the school day, excluding holidays, is limited to a maximum of eight hours per school week, per activity. The in-school athletic period does not count towards the allotted 8 hours, but any time used in connection with a practice that is not part of the athletic period counts as part of the 8 hours (dress, mandatory weights, meetings, etc.).

Player Ejection: Any player ejected from a contest is subject to an automatic penalty. Ejected player misses the rest of the game in which they were ejected plus all of the following game. **Player ejections cannot be overturned by a game official.**

Reminder for DEC's: Prior to the start of season, District Executive Committees should formulate plans for determining district representatives in the event games are unable to be played.

NFHS Rule Changes: The 2021-22 NFHS basketball rule changes are available here - <https://nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/basketball-rules-changes-2021-22/>

MaxPreps: Please begin utilizing MaxPreps when your season begins as this is required for all playoff games. For more information, see <http://www.uiltexas.org/athletics/uil-maxpreps>. To create an account, please go to [MaxPreps](#).

Athletic Manuals & Checklists: All sport manuals are posted online. Please download these and read them. These manuals have all information pertaining to basketball from pre-season to post-season as well as basketball rule changes that are in effect for this year. <https://www.uiltexas.org/basketball/manual>

We hope this serves as a refresher of important information that will help you throughout this upcoming season. Please be sure to periodically check the UIL website for the most up-to-date information. As well, we may utilize the UIL Portal to communicate any important updates pertaining to basketball season.

**Ticket information for the 21-22 state basketball tournaments at the Alamodome will be available in January.*

Best of luck to you and your team in the 2021-22 season. Please know that the UIL Athletic staff is here to serve you, do not hesitate to contact Brandy Belk (Basketball Co-Director at bbelk@uiltexas.org or 512-635-6634) or Joseph Garmon (Basketball Co-Director at jgarmon@uiltexas.org or 361-244-0497) or any other athletic staff member if there is ever anything we can do for you.