

Athletic Directors and Football Coaches,

We wanted to provide you a quick update regarding the requirement for all football coaches to complete the “**Best Practices in Tackling**” ATAVUS Certification prior to the beginning of the 2021-22 season. The "Best Practices in Tackling" certification must be completed once every two years and prior to any contact with student-athletes.

NOTE: Two Certifications are now available:

- 1.0 – Certification for all new coaches to the state of Texas. (certification is good for 2 years)
- 2.0 – Certification for coaches who have been certified in 1.0 and are up for renewal.

BEST PRACTICES IN TACKLING

- Coaches can complete certification online between now and June 30th
 - LINK: https://texas.dta.atavus.com/users/sign_in
- The cost of the certification is \$35 and is paid directly to Atavus.
- July 1st to July 21st the only way to get access is by attending coaching school
 - There will be a limited amount at coaching school so they should sign up early
 - LINK: <https://www.thsca.com/convention>
- Online certification will re-open following coaching school
- Coaches will then have until **August 1st** to complete
- If coaches have questions they can utilize the Atavus FAQ page here
 - <https://atavus.com/texas/>
- A newly hired football coach will have 30 days to complete the tackling certification if hired during the school year, or will have to complete the tackling certification prior to August 1st if hired during the summer.
- All UIL coaches must be registered in the UIL Portal. In order for a coach to obtain an Atavus ID and log into the Atavus website the coach must be registered as a football coach in the UIL Portal.

Thank you,

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