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VOLLEYBALL

Postseason Handbook

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

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Congratulations to the schools representing their district in post-season play! Please read the following information carefully regarding the 2024 UIL Volleyball postseason as there are changes from previous years.

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Certification Deadlines for Volleyball Playoffs.

All Conferences

November 2 District Certification - All Conferences
November 4-5 Bi-District - All Conferences
November 7-9 Area - All Conferences

Conference 1A

November 11-12 Regional Quarterfinals
November 14-16 Regional Tournament
November 18-19 State Semifinals
November 21-23 State Championships

Conference 2A-6A

November 11-12 Regional Semifinals (w/ no Regional Tournament)
November 14-16 Regional Finals (w/ no Regional Tournament)
November 18-19 State Semifinals
November 21-23 State Championships

***Should the 4 teams in each conference (2A-6A) advancing to the Regional Semifinals agree to an optional Regional Tournament format (one site), the Regional Tournament dates would be November 14-16. The games could be scheduled on Thursday/Friday, Thursday/Saturday, or Friday/Saturday.*

Advancement Structure for Postseason.

The last date for certifying the district to the League office is **November 2nd**. District chairs will be submitting directly to MaxPreps via the UIL Portal. Once district certifications are submitted, the online brackets will auto-populate with the teams from your district. The district chairs must **certify the district representatives** through the UIL Portal as soon as they are finalized. Instructions can be found here <https://www.uiltexas.org/volleyball/page/district-certification-instructions>

NOTE: Each district certification must have a separate 1st through 4th place finisher based on district standings.

In Conference 1A, the top three teams from each district will advance to the playoffs. Conference 1A will have one bracket playing to the 1A State Championship.

In Conferences 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A, the playoff structure would consist of the top four teams from each district advancing to the playoffs. The two advancing schools with the largest enrollments, as submitted in October 2023, in grades 9-12 are bracketed into Division I and the other two schools are bracketed into Division II, with both divisions playing to a state championship. Teams will be seeded according to their order of finish in district play.

EXAMPLE:

District Finish:

1. Green HS – Enrollment 1004
2. Red HS – Enrollment 935
3. Blue HS – Enrollment 985
4. Orange HS – Enrollment 785

Certified into Division I:

1. Green HS
2. Blue HS

Certified into Division II:

1. Red HS
2. Orange HS

Enrollment figures utilized for determining division I and division II status for 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A can be found on the UIL website at <http://www.uiltexas.org/alignments>

If the enrollment figures of the 2nd and 3rd largest qualifying schools are exactly the same, the two schools will be required to submit their updated enrollment numbers to the UIL as submitted for the TEA October 25, 2024, snapshot submission to determine division placement. Should the two schools have the same updated enrollment figures, a coinflip should be conducted to determine division placement. ***The UIL will contact the schools which could possibly be in this predicament directly to guide them through this process.***

Brackets. (*required for each round of playoffs)

Bi-District Match-Ups - Once all DEC Chairs have submitted district certification, bi-district playoff matchups will automatically be created and appear on the bracket once UIL publishes the bracket. Please do not create your bi-district match-up in your MaxPreps account. Once you see the match-up on your schedule in MaxPreps, please add game details (date, time & location).

- Updating playoff information in the brackets is **REQUIRED** starting with Bi-District results.
- Winning teams must submit playoff game results (scores) and next-round details (location, date, and time) immediately after each game via MaxPreps. (If the location is unknown immediately following the game, it should be updated as soon as possible)
- The accuracy of UIL brackets depends on timely updates from coaches.
- UIL syncs schedules, scores, and rosters from MaxPreps to uiltexas.org for postseason publications. Keep this information current throughout the season.

Learn more about MaxPreps Sign in or register for a MaxPreps.com account:

<https://www.uiltexas.org/athletics/uil-maxpreps>

Post-Season Warm-up Matches.

Teams can schedule a warm-up game after district certification and before their first playoff game if they have not reached their allowable season match limit or the calendar week limit. This game can be scheduled like any other regular season match. Teams that have exhausted their allowable season match limit are given a UIL one game exception under the following conditions:

- Teams that are District Champions and have a first-round bye.
- The one-game exception can be played only at the end of your school day on Friday or last day of instruction (with no loss of school time) or anytime on Saturday.

POST-SEASON MATCH INFORMATION

Site Selection. Sites for all rounds of playoffs prior to the state championship matches (except 1A Regional Tournaments) are to be selected by the teams involved. See Section 1208 (o)(p) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules. If schools cannot agree, they must flip a coin.

- Neutral Sites: A site mid-point or near mid-point, or a site agreed on by both schools as neutral, is a neutral site. Unless mutually agreeable, a site cannot be neutral if its distance from either school is more than two-thirds the total distance between the schools.
- Home Sites: When two schools flip for two separate sites other than their home field or court, the sites are considered home sites unless both sites are near mid-point.
- Mid-Point Sites: Unless mutually agreed otherwise, post-district contests in the team sports of baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, team tennis, and volleyball shall be a mid-point site for schools located more than 100 miles apart.

Officials.

1A: Officials for the bi-district, area, regional quarterfinals, regional semifinals, and state semifinals will be determined by the two competing schools. If officials cannot be agreed upon by both teams, the team on the top of the bracket will need to include a list of chapters that they mutually prefer to not call the match (scratch list) that is representative of both teams, and the UIL will make the assignment. UIL has assigned officials for the regional finals & the state finals.

Click here for a direct link to the [Official's Assignment Request Form](#).

2A-6A: Officials for all playoff rounds, *except for the state finals*, will be determined by the two competing schools. If officials cannot be agreed upon by both teams, the team on the top of the bracket will need to include a list of chapters that they mutually prefer to not call the match (scratch list) that is representative of both teams, and the UIL will make the assignment. UIL has assigned officials for the state finals.

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Program Information for State Tournament.

Teams advancing to the regional rounds (all conferences) must submit the following materials to the UIL office by November 13th. This is an important step in providing you with the best possible program at the State Tournament. Your assistance in this effort is appreciated.

- Team Information Form
 - List of players, coaches, etc. and all matches played)
 - To be completed online at <https://www.uiltexas.org/forms/team-info-volleyball>
- Photo Submission Form
 - We will be collecting your school photo submission through an online form to be completed online at <https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=949239>
 - Team Picture
 - Head Coach Picture
 - School Logo

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1A Regional Tournament Information.

Dates. Friday and Saturday, November 14-16, 2024. Conference 1A Regional sites for all conferences can be found on the UIL website at <https://www.uiltexas.org/volleyball/regional-sites>.

Entry Fees. Fees are determined by each Regional Director. The League office suggests that fees be kept to a minimum.

Game Time. The regional director will determine the schedule for the Regional Tournament.

Draw. The brackets online indicate the regional qualifiers and illustrate exact pairings for the Regional Tournaments. In semi-final matches, the top team on the bracket is the home team. Regional directors have discretion to flip for home team for the regional finals matches.

Hotels. Each school is responsible for its own hotel arrangements.

Entry Forms. Each district representative is responsible for sending team information to the regional director immediately after the district representatives are certified. UIL does not send team information to regional sites.

Security. Adequate security should be provided for all playoff games, whether the game is played at a neutral site or on the home court of one of the teams.

Spirit Buses. Please contact your regional site if you plan on bringing spirit buses.

Pep Bands. Regional sites have the discretion whether to allow “pep” bands (up to 30 members) to play at their regional site. If “pep” bands are allowed, they may only play prior to the start of the match during warm-ups, during time-outs, between sets and following the competition. Musical instruments are prohibited as artificial noisemakers. The “pep” band should not be located behind or near the opposition’s bench. Each member of the pep band will be required to pay admission. Contact your regional director for further information regarding “pep bands.”

2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A Regional Tournament Option.

Should the 4 teams in each conference (2A-6A) advancing to the Regional Semifinals **all agree** to an optional Regional Tournament format (one site), the Regional Tournament dates would be November 14-16. The games could be scheduled on Thursday/Friday, Thursday/Saturday, or Friday/Saturday.

The four teams involved in the Regional Semifinal matches would need to come to an agreement on:

- Site
- Day and Time of Games
- Ticket Prices
- Any other playoff details that would normally be agreed upon by participating teams

***No teams can be forced into a coin toss to determine any of the above details.*

Officials. If you are self-organizing a Regional Tournament and would like UIL to pre-determine your game officials for the *Regional Final*, UIL will be sending a direct link to qualifying teams for you to submit an officials' request. Otherwise, utilize the normal postseason process for selection of officials.

Awards (2A-6A). UIL will not be providing awards for the Regional Finalists. Regional Finalists will have the option to purchase trophies upon the conclusion of the regional rounds. A link for ordering will be provided at a later date, post regional rounds.

Congratulations on a great season!! If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

2024-2025 Post Season Video Broadcast Information

Live or tape-delayed video broadcasts of a postseason contest require approval from the UIL. The UIL retains all broadcast rights to postseason contests and has granted rights to its broadcast partners (NFHS Network and Bally Sports Southwest), who have first rights to all postseason activities. Please see below for more information. Any questions should be directed to the UIL Media Department: pr@uiltexas.org

Broadcast Opportunities for UIL Member Schools:

1. Non-Commercial Academic Video Broadcasts

Schools interested in doing a non-commercial Academic Video Broadcast must submit this form by noon the business day prior to the event: [UIL Member School Playoff Video Broadcast Request](#). There are no fees to do an academic broadcast.

The UIL defines an Academic Broadcast as a broadcast with an educational purpose that is produced solely by a UIL-member school and/or school district primarily using school facilities, equipment, staff, and students without any commercial relationship for the financial benefit of another party.

To be approved, the broadcast must feature at least one high-definition camera and an on-air broadcaster. Any use of professional broadcasters should be as an exception on a limited basis and on a non-paid, volunteer basis. Regular season commercial obligations cannot be applied to postseason academic broadcasts.

Schools may air postseason broadcasts LIVE if approved by UIL. Additionally, schools may distribute the broadcast via their school or district website or via their official school-affiliated social media or YouTube channels. Other commercial .com websites are prohibited. The web page where the broadcast is to appear should be free of sponsor logos.

Failure to comply with the above may result in future prohibition of academic broadcasts.

2. NFHS School Broadcast Program Webcast

Schools who are members of the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program (SBP) and wish to broadcast an event on the network must submit this form by noon the business day prior to the event: [UIL Member](#)

[School Video Playoff Broadcast Request](#). There are no fees to do an NFHS School Broadcast Program webcast.

WHAT IS THE NFHS SCHOOL BROADCAST PROGRAM?

The School Broadcast Program (or SBP) lets high schools produce and broadcast their own games, pep rallies, news shows, and any other event live on the NFHS Network. The NFHS Network has a dedicated support team and account managers to assist these schools with using the platform to stream their events. Most of these events are done by the actual students, and it is a great way for them to get real world experience and exposure to an always evolving technology platform. To learn more about SBP, please visit: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/sbp>

Media Outlets

Media outlets and third party, non-school affiliated broadcast entities interested in video broadcasting a postseason contest have two options, abbreviated below. Full information can be found online, [linked here](#).

1. NFHS Production Partner

Media outlets may enter into an agreement with Sports in Action on behalf of the NFHS Network to produce and distribute one or more postseason contests exclusively on the NFHS Network. Outlets interested in participating should contact Sports in Action at sublicense@sportsinaction.com to be set up as an NFHS Production Partner.

2. Sublicense Video Rights

In the occurrence the contest is not being produced by UIL broadcast partners, the contest may be sublicensed to interested media outlets. Media outlets must complete this form by noon the business day prior to the event: [Playoff Video Broadcast Request form](#) and receive an approval email from Sports In Action.

The approved broadcaster is responsible for communication with the schools for selected broadcasts. The approved broadcaster will schedule the set-up and tear-down times for equipment with the schools and the venues. The approved broadcaster is responsible for any expenses associated with the broadcast. UIL approval does not guarantee preferred placement, accommodations are at the discretion of the host venue.