

2024-2025



**BASKETBALL
COACHES' MANUAL**

Congratulations to our 2024 Basketball State Champions!



Conference 1A - Newcastle



Conference 2A - Martin's Mill



Conference 3A - Shallowater



Conference 4A - Waco La Vega



Conference 5A - Frisco Liberty



Conference 6A - Duncanville

Basketball Calendar | 2024-2025

Girls Basketball Dates

October 16	Girls Basketball: First day for practice
October 26	Girls Basketball: 1st day for scrimmages
November 1	Girls Basketball: First day for interschool games
February 8	Girls Basketball: District certification deadline
February 10-11	Girls Basketball: Bi-district
February 13-15	Girls Basketball: Area
February 17-18	Girls Basketball: Regional Semifinals
February 20-22	Girls Basketball: Regional Finals / Optional Regional Tournament
February 24-25	Girls Basketball: State Semifinals
February 27 - March 1	Girls Basketball: State Finals

Boys Basketball Dates

October 23	Boys Basketball: First day for practice
November 2	Boys Basketball: First day for scrimmages
November 8	Boys Basketball: First day for interschool games
February 15	Boys Basketball: District certification deadline
February 17-18	Boys Basketball: Bi-district
February 20-22	Boys Basketball: Area
February 24-25	Boys Basketball: Regional Semifinals
February 28 - March 1	Boys Basketball: Regional Finals / Optional Regional Tournament
March 3-4	Boys Basketball: State Semifinals
March 6-8	Boys Basketball: State Finals

***Shall the 4 teams in each conference advancing to the regional semifinals agree to an optional Regional Tournament format (one site), the Regional Tournament dates would be February.*

Basketball Coaches' Checklist

UIL Rules & Guidelines

UIL Rule Amendments & Sport Plan

Section 1230: BASKETBALL PLAN

(a) ATHLETIC PURPOSES, CODES, PLAN APPLICABLE.

Rules in Sections 1200-1209 also apply to the Basketball Plan.

(b) DATES FOR PRACTICES, MATCHES AND CERTIFICATIONS.

(1) Practice Dates.

(A) Girls. There shall be no school basketball practice for a student or a team in girls basketball, before or after school until the 20th Wednesday prior to the Girls State Basketball Tournament or during the five-day holiday restriction, or after the last date for certifying district champions, except for teams who have not been eliminated in playoffs.

(B) Boys. There shall be no school basketball practice for a student or a team in boys basketball, before or after school until the 20th Wednesday prior to the Boys State Basketball Tournament

or during the five day holiday restriction, or after the last date for certifying district champions, except for teams who have not been eliminated in playoffs.

(2) Scrimmages. Teams in girls basketball are allowed to scrimmage beginning with the 18th Saturday prior to the Girls State Basketball Tournament. Teams in boys basketball are allowed to scrimmage beginning with the 18th Saturday prior to the Boys State Basketball Tournament. Only one scrimmage is permitted between Monday and the end of the school day on Friday of any one school week. Teams are limited to a maximum of two total scrimmages and may use them any time before playing their first game.

(3) Interschool Games. No interschool games in girls basketball shall be played until the 17th Friday prior to the Girls State Basketball Tournament. No interschool games in boys basketball shall be played until the 17th Friday prior to the Boys State Basketball Tournament. Schools may not play games during the five-day holiday restriction. Except for teams in the playoffs, schools may not play games after the last date for certifying district champions.

(4) District Games. District games may not be played prior to December 15, except by unanimous consent of all district members.

(5) Basketball Season, Dates. Refer to Official Calendar and Basketball Manual.

(6) Off-Season Workouts. Refer to Section 1206.

(c) NUMBER OF SCRIMMAGES, MATCHES, TOURNAMENTS.

(1) Violations/Penalties. The District Executive Committee shall determine the penalty for violations of the following regulations.

2) Number of Games Per Day. (No high school team or contestant shall participate in more than two interschool basketball games per day, including tournament games. Exception: Contestants and teams may play three games in a one-day tournament scheduled on a Saturday.

(3) Total Number of Games. No team or student shall compete in more than three 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. Two games may be substituted in place of a tournament.

(4) 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 matched game is played that calendar week. The tie-breaking game may be in addition to the 21 allowed games, but not 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 matched 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.

(5) Invitational Tournament Restriction. No team shall participate in an invitational basketball tournament held on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, except on school holidays. (Note: This provision does not apply to (c)(4)(B) above.) However, games in tournaments may be played after school on the last day of the school week prior to holidays.

(6) Number of Games Per Week.

(A) Matched Games Only. No high school team or contestant shall participate in more than two matched games (as distinguished from tournaments) per calendar week. Refer to Section 5.

(B) Week of an Invitational Tournament. No team or contestant shall participate in more than one matched game during the calendar week of an invitational tournament.

(C) Week of a District Tournament. No team or contestant shall participate in more than two matched games during the calendar week of a district tournament, including a district tournament authorized by the District Executive Committee to resolve a tie for district championship. To be considered a district tournament, at least three teams shall be assembled at one site for an elimination contest on consecutive days. Refer to Section 1203.

(7) Exception When Games Are Substituted For Tournaments. Students and teams may play in three matched games per calendar week under the following conditions:

(A) Two of the three games are being played instead of a tournament; and

(B) Two of the three games are on a Friday and a Saturday, or on a night prior to a school holiday and a non-school day.

(8) Exceptions During December/January Holidays. Following the five-day holiday restriction until school resumes in January, schools may participate in no more than:

(A) two matched games during the calendar week of an invitational tournament;

(B) two matched games plus two matched games played in lieu of an invitational tournament during a calendar week; or

(C) three matched games during a calendar week if they are not participating in an invitational tournament or playing games in lieu of a tournament.

(9) Exception for Rescheduled Games. District varsity basketball 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 game 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.

(10) Site of Game. The District Executive Committee in arranging a schedule within the district shall determine the place of games in case the two teams disagree.

(11) Boys', Girls' Team Restrictions. No girls' team shall play in a game against a boys' team and vice versa.

(d) POST-DISTRICT RECEIPTS.

The UIL office retains an annually determined percentage of gate receipts from the state basketball tournament.

(e) OFF-SEASON PARTICIPATION.

Refer to Section 1209.

5 Day Holiday Restriction

(I) HOLIDAY RESTRICTION. A school shall not conduct contests or practices, use school facilities, personnel or equipment during five consecutive days of December. Any organized or required practice will be a violation of this regulation. Schools may choose any five consecutive days which include December 24, 25 and 26, with the following exceptions.

1. When December 26 falls on a Thursday, schools may participate in a tournament game on December 26.
2. When December 26 falls on a Thursday, schools shall still follow a five-consecutive day restriction, including December 24 and 25.
3. No practice shall be permitted on any of the five consecutive days.

4. Travel is not permitted on December 25.
5. Travel is permitted on the 26th if a tournament game is scheduled on December 27; however, no practice shall be permitted on the 26th.
6. A team that has a game on December 23 could travel home on December 24 and still be in compliance with this section.
7. A school may request an exception to these travel restrictions when safety concerns exist relative to travel. The UIL Executive Director, or his or her designee, may grant the exception only when the school has clearly provided evidence of the travel safety concerns and determines the school cannot reasonably be expected to comply with these restrictions.

[2024-2025 UIL Rule Changes & Amendments \(pdf\)](#)

[UIL Basketball Bench Protocol Guidance \(pdf\)](#)

[UIL Official Baden Balls \(pdf\)](#)

[UIL Resources for Game Administrators \(pdf\)](#)

[Basketball Announcer Responsibilities \(pdf\)](#)

Ineligible Player and Unattached Participation

- (c) MINIMUM PENALTY FOR USING INELIGIBLE PLAYER. In the event an ineligible contestant is used in any UIL game or contest, knowingly or unknowingly, the minimum penalty shall be forfeiture of the game, contest or event. Refer to Section 27 (c)(3).
- (d) UNATTACHED PARTICIPATION. In any UIL member school sponsored athletic contest, meet or tournament, UIL member high school students shall not be permitted to enter unattached. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be assessed against the member school(s) in violation. This provision applies to a non-enrolled (home schooled) student participating in accordance with section 33.0832 of the Texas Education Code.

Ejections

Coach Ejections

Section 1208 (i): MINIMUM PENALTY FOR MISCONDUCT

(1) Automatic Minimum Penalty. Any coach who is ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, or any football coach who is given two or more 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalties during a contest may accept an automatic penalty for their ejection or appeal the ejection. A coach who appeals their ejection is required to appear before the State Executive Committee. If the coach accepts their automatic penalty or their ejection is not overturned on appeal, the coach will be subject to:

- (A) an automatic penalty of public reprimand (name will be published once in the Leaguer) and one year's probation in the applicable sport;
- (B) completing the National Federation of State High School Associations Fundamentals of Coaching Course; and
- (C) completing the National Federation of State High School Associations Teaching and Modeling Behavior Course.

- (2) Automatic Greater Penalty. If a coach so penalized has no proof of having completed the UIL Coaches Certification Program prior to the sports season, that coach shall also be automatically suspended from the next game/contest.
- (3) Subsequent Violations. Any further ejection or accumulation of two 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalties during a football game while on probation, will require the coach to appear before the State Executive Committee for consideration of penalty.
- (4) Notification. Schools shall notify the UIL within three school days if a coach has been ejected from a game or received two 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalties.

Player Ejections

Player Ejection – Section 1208 (i) (5):

(5) Player Ejection. Any player ejected from a contest is subject to an automatic penalty. The automatic penalty for such an ejection is as follows:

(A) Football. Ejected player misses the rest of the game in which they were ejected plus the first half of the following game. (Exception: Disqualification/ejection as a result of a targeting foul does not require the player to miss the first half of the following game.)

(B) Other Team Sports. Ejected player misses the rest of the game in which they were ejected plus all of the following game. Soccer exception. This Section does not alter the current point penalty structure for soccer player ejections, as required by National Federation of State High School Associations soccer playing rules, that is outlined in the soccer coaches' manual.

(C) Appeals. The UIL Executive Director may develop a process for appealing student ejections.

**Player ejections cannot be overturned by a game official and/or chapter. If a coach has a question following a contest with a player ejection, the coach should contact UIL.*

Limits on Awards

Section 480: LIMITATION OF AWARDS

(a) LIMIT.

(1) *Awards Schools May Give.* A member school or member school district may give one major award not to exceed \$70 in value to a student during that student's high school enrollment at the same school for participation in UIL interschool competition(s) listed in Section 380. Each year a member school or member school district may give one additional award per student per interschool activity listed in Section 380, not to exceed \$20 each. Schools may give a student the \$20 minor award for an activity during the same school year the \$70 major award is given for that activity. A school may contribute to major awards in honor of winning a UIL State Championship event.

(2) *Awards Students May Receive.* A student may not accept from any source other than the school attended or the school district, any award in money, product or service for competing in an interschool contest except as follows.

(A) A certificate, medal, trophy, ring, or other symbolic award for participating in any UIL activity which counts on UIL standing, if it is given:

(i) by the school, or school district in accordance to the limitations in Section 480 (a)(1);

(ii) the District Executive Committee or the entity that organized the competition (i.e., the regional director or zone director;

(iii) the UIL or one of the professional, education organizations sanctioned by the UIL; or

(iv) an outside source approved by the school or school district.

- (B) A medal, trophy, patch or other symbolic award for participating in an invitational athletic contest which does not count on UIL standing, in an activity which the UIL sponsors as listed in Section 380, if it is given by the organization conducting the contest or competition (Sports which are not sanctioned by the UIL, such as bowling, motorcycle racing or rodeo do not come under this rule).
- (C) Unlimited awards for participating in an invitational academic or fine arts contest which does not count on UIL standing, whether or not it is an activity which the UIL sponsors.
- (D) Educational trips sponsored by the school.
- (E) Scholarships for college or university enrollment if awarded at or after graduation from high school.

(3) *Awards Students May Receive for Intraschool Competition.* A student may accept unlimited awards for participating in intraschool competition.

(b) LEAGUE STANDING DEFINED. For purposes of this rule, “counts on UIL standing” means any contest that causes an individual or team to advance toward a UIL district, bi-district, area, zone, regional or state championship.

(c) AMATEUR STATUS. Refer to Section 441 for rules governing amateur athletic status.

(d) INDIRECT AWARD. An award given to a second party to be held for later delivery to the student is considered received by the student when the award is given to the second party. This conduct is a violation by the member school or school district.

Section 481: GIFTS OR AWARDS TO SPONSOR OR COACH

Individuals who coach, direct or sponsor UIL activities in grades 9-12 may be suspended if:

(a) they accept more than \$500 in money, product or service from any source, over and above the stipend paid by the school district, in recognition of or appreciation for coaching, directing or sponsorship of UIL activities. (Refer to Section 1202). The \$500 limit is cumulative for a calendar year and is not specific to any one particular gift;

(b) they accept money, product or service for entering their student(s) in a contest or other activity;

(c) this section includes, but is not limited to, money, gifts, use of automobiles, insurance, club privileges and any funds tendered by booster clubs for other services; and

(d) it is a violation if coaches and/or their attorney(s) accept money or other valuable consideration for payment of legal expenses incurred to file suit or take other legal action against a school, school district or the UIL.

(e) EXCEPTIONS:

(1) *Scholarships.* A sponsor or coach may accept from any source in any amount a postsecondary institution scholarship.

(2) *Retirement.* Upon retirement from the profession, sponsors or coaches may accept money or other valuable consideration in any amount from any source.

(3) *Annual UIL Award for Excellence.* A sponsor or coach may accept the Annual UIL Award for Excellence sanctioned by the UIL.

Charitable Cause Guidelines. The UIL has received numerous requests from member schools to support various charitable causes in conjunction with high school athletic events. The UIL is supportive of these initiatives and has developed guidelines in regard to an athletic competition being held in the name of a charitable cause.

Schools may host a contest in recognition of a charitable cause under the following conditions:

1. The contest of competition may be held during any one week of the designated sport season (to be determined by each individual school).

2. If NFHS or NCAA rules allow, non-school colors can be worn upon mutual agreement between opponents. (ex: pink uniforms)
3. A commemorative ribbon of non-school color may be worn on the jersey or school-issued uniform.
4. Officials may be allowed to use a colored whistle or modified uniform in accordance with UIL guidelines.
5. Colored game balls will not be allowed, however they may be used during any warm-up period prior to the contest.

NFHS Rules & Rule Changes

NFHS Basketball and Rules Information

Pre-Season Regulations (see Team Sport General Manual)

- Employment of Coaches
- Texas Education Code Requirements (State Law)
- Coaches Certification Program (CCP)
- UIL Eligibility for Athletic Contests
- Student Participation Required Forms
- Practice Regulations

REGULAR SEASON

Contest Scheduling

Contest Scheduling Rules

The following section combines State Law, State Board of Education regulations, and UIL rules regarding scheduling and participation in a contest.

- **One contest per school week:** According to State Board of Education mandates, students may only participate on one day per activity during the school week. School districts shall ensure no more than one contest or performance per activity is scheduled per student. ***Exception:** Tournaments and post-season competition may be scheduled as an exception to the school week limit. As well, district varsity contests postponed by weather or public disaster, if they are rescheduled and played on the next available date, other than Sunday, on which another district match is not scheduled. Junior varsity, freshman and junior high teams may not play postponed matches as an exception.
- **TEA and Participation:** The Texas Education Agency defines participation as being involved with the activity, traveling with the team, or sitting on the bench. Example: On a Tuesday night, the student's name is on the scorebook, but she remains on the bench and does not actually enter the game. This counts as participation for TEA but not UIL, this student would not be able to participate again until after school on Friday, per TEA regulations.
- **UIL and Participation:** UIL defines participation if a student athlete entered the contest as a player. In the example above, the contest does not count as one of the allowable games as determined by UIL policy.

Definitions:

- **Calendar week** means 12:01 a.m. on Sunday through midnight on Saturday.
- **School week** means the week beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first instructional day of a calendar week and ends at the close of instruction on the last instructional day of the calendar week, excluding holidays.
- **Post-district play** means competition in UIL playoff series or contests such as bi-district, area, regional, etc.

Holiday Restriction (Section 1206 of C&CR)

- (l) HOLIDAY RESTRICTION. A school shall not conduct contests or practices, use school facilities, personnel or equipment during five consecutive days of December. Any organized or required practice will be a violation of this regulation. Schools may choose any five consecutive days which include December 24, 25 and 26, with the following exceptions.
- (1) When December 26 falls on a Thursday, schools may participate in a tournament game on December 26.
- (2) When December 26 falls on a Thursday, schools shall still follow a five-consecutive day restriction, including December 24 and 25.
- (3) No practice shall be permitted on any of the five consecutive days.
- (4) Travel is not permitted on December 25.
- (5) Travel is permitted on the 26th if a tournament game is scheduled on December 27; however, no practice shall be permitted on the 26th.
- (6) A team that has a game on December 23 could travel home on December 24 and still be in compliance with this section.
- (7) A school may request an exception to these travel restrictions when safety concerns exist relative to travel. The UIL Executive Director, or his or her designee, may grant the exception only when the school has clearly provided evidence of the travel safety concerns and determines the school cannot reasonably be expected to comply with these restrictions.

Scrimmages. A scrimmage is a meeting of no more than four teams for practice purposes, which does not count as a match for any of the teams. Admission may be charged. Officials may be paid in accordance with the schedule in Section 1204 (m) and may, by prior agreement with the school, be reimbursed for mileage and meals.

- Volleyball teams may play unlimited scrimmages, with no more than four teams, prior to school starting.
- Once school begins teams are limited to one scrimmage during the school week. Schools may also participate in an additional scrimmage, with no more than four teams, at the end of the school week (Friday after school or Saturday).
- No scrimmages may be played after a team's first interschool game.
- If more than four teams are invited to a scrimmage, each team may only scrimmage three different teams.

Allowable Contests & Game Regulations

Allowable Contests

- Number of Contests allowed (2024-2025)
 - 0 Tournaments and 27 Games or
 - 1 Tournament and 25 Games or
 - 2 Tournaments and 23 Games or
 - 3 Tournaments and 21 Games

UIL/TEA Side-by-Side. UIL limits participation in contests per calendar week in some sports. For UIL, participation is defined as a student actually entering a contest. Example: On Tuesday night, the student's name is on the scorebook, but the student remains on the bench and does not actually enter the game. This does not count as participation in a UIL contest according to UIL (but does count according to state law. The student cannot participate again until Friday after school). The Tuesday game does not count as one of the

games UIL permits the student to participate in for that calendar week or for the season because the student did not enter the game.

Games.

- A team or individual may only play one game during the school week Monday (12:01 am) through Friday (after school). This means that if a team competes once Monday through Thursday, the second competition must be after the end of the school day Friday or on Saturday. EXCEPTION: See exception under Contest Scheduling Rules.
- Basketball teams or individual(s) are limited to two matched games per calendar week (Monday through Saturday) or one matched game and a tournament the week of an invitational tournament.
- A team or individual may play no more than two matched games per day, including tournaments. EXCEPTION: 1-day tournaments – teams may play three tournament games in a 1-day tournament.
- Two games may be substituted in place of a tournament. Pre-scheduled district tournaments must count as one of the invitational tournaments unless all matches played in the district tournament are counted in the season match limitation for all schools in the district.

Playing Rules. The current National Federation Volleyball Rules shall govern League basketball. Rulebooks may be ordered from the National Federation customer service office (800-776-3462) or www.nfhs.org. Schools may obtain scorebooks, court diagrams, lineup sheets, and libero tracking sheets from the National Federation.

Games:

- **Season Total.** No team or student shall compete in more than three 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.
- Exception: The district executive committee may authorize a single elimination game or tournament to resolve district ties. This game cannot be pre-scheduled and it must count on the game per week limitation.
- **Games Per Day.** No high school team or contestant shall participate in more than two interschool basketball games per day, including tournaments. Exception: Three games may be played in a one-day tournament on Saturday.
- **Games Per Week.** No high school team or contestant shall participate in more than 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 the second contest after school Friday or Saturday).

Double Header

- A double header could be a team playing two different teams (2-varsity teams) or the same team, twice. Playing a subvarsity and a varsity at the same site, the same night would also constitute a double header.
- A double header counts as **the two** allowable games UIL permits the student for the calendar week and counts as two of the total matches for the season.
- Students could also play in a tournament the same week they participate in a **single matched game**.
- **Example:** If a student plays a double header on Tuesday, they would be finished with their matched games for the calendar week and would not be able to participate in an invitational tournament or another matched game that weekend.

Warm-up Games

- Teams that have advanced to the playoffs may schedule a warm-up game after the District Certification Date that is set by the UIL calendar and before their first playoff game if a team has not reached their allowable season limit.
- School week limitations still apply.
- Prior to district certification, games left in your allowable season limit may be scheduled like any other regular season game.

One-Game Exception for Warm-Up Games (when no games are left in season limit)

- 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, last day of instruction (with no loss of school time) or anytime on Saturday.

Basketball Tournament Regulations

Tournaments. A tournament consists of at least three teams assembled at one site for competition.

- Schools shall not schedule tournaments on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, unless school is not in session. Schools may schedule tournaments on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
- Tournaments may be scheduled on non-consecutive days. A two-day tournament can only be scheduled on Thursday/Saturday or Friday/Saturday (it cannot be scheduled on Thursday/Friday). A one-day tournament must be held on a Saturday.
- Two games per day are allowed in a two or three-day tournament.
- Three games are allowed in a 1-day tournament on Saturday
- A tournament may only be played during a week in which only one matched game is played.
- A double round robin elimination tournament shall not be used in any League contest except by unanimous consent of participating schools.
- A tournament must be held at the ISD of the host school, or at an adjoining ISD. Host schools may authorize additional sites other than same or adjoining ISD for preliminary round games.

Pool Play. A team may play in pool play during the first rounds of a tournament provided the pool games consist of 'mini games' using 4-minute quarters or regulation games.

- Pool play utilizing 4-minute quarters and a 2-minute overtime can be used. All 4-minute pool play games played for the day will count as one of the allowable (2) games allowed for the day. These 40-minute quarter pool play games should not count on the overall win/loss record for the season.
- Pool play utilizing regulation quarter-length format, each game will count as one of allowed games per day (2 games in a 2 or 3-day tournament) and (3 games in a 1-day tournament).
- Participation in pool play is counted as a tournament. The win/loss record from pool play may be used to create a single elimination bracket.
- When two or more teams are tied in win/loss percentage, the team that defeated the other in head-to-head competition will be the winner. .
- When two or more teams are tied in win/loss percentage, two steps should be taken to determine the winner.

District Certification

- The DEC shall determine the place and/or time games in case of disagreement between two schools.
- If not previously scheduled, a district executive committee may authorize a single game or tiebreaker tournament to resolve district ties. A one-game play-off could break a two-way tie. A tiebreaker tournament could resolve a tie between three or more schools.

- **Tie-breaker games** (two teams tied) must be held in compliance with calendar week and school week restrictions.
- **Tie-breaker tournaments** (three or more schools tied), if held on more than one day, must be held on consecutive days. Can be played on Thursday.

NOTE: These games must be completed by the district certification deadline and will not count against the allowable games if not previously scheduled.

- If the district executive committee schedules any other games or tournaments as part of their method for determining play-off representatives, the games played must count in the game or tournament limitation.
- The State Executive Committee shall have jurisdiction in all disputes arising between districts.
- Districts must be certified by 11:59 p.m. on the certification deadline date.
- [Link for instructions to certify district representatives.](#)

Miscellaneous Basketball Regulations

Guarantees for Contests

- In district and non-district games/matches, unless there is mutual agreement or a district executive committee ruling, the home team is entitled to 100% of the gate receipts.
- In play-off games, the visiting team shall have a sufficient guarantee to cover expenses and 50% of the net gate receipts unless mutually agreed upon by both schools.

Videotaping/Filming

Non-Conference and District Contests. Videotaping/Filming by Schools.

- It is a violation to film or videotape a non-conference or district athletic contest in which your school or team is not competing unless prior consent of the two schools involved has been obtained.
- A school does not have to obtain permission to film or tape a NON-CONFERENCE OR DISTRICT contest in which it is competing. However, the film or videotape shall not be utilized until after the contest has been completed.
- Films and videotapes become the property of the school doing the filming unless by district rule or by consent of the schools involved in the contest.
- **Videotaping/Filming by Individuals.** Any individual (other than the officially designated school camera) taping or filming must have prior written permission from the schools involved in the contest and may not obstruct the view of other spectators of the contest.
- **Commercial Uses.** The use of the films or tapes for commercial purposes must be approved by all schools involved in the contest.

Pep Bands

- The UIL does allow “pep” bands (up to 30 members) to play at basketball games at prescribed times listed below.
- Musical instruments may not be used as noisemakers during the contest.
- The “pep” band shall not be located behind or near the opposition’s bench.
- If a “pep” band does perform the following guidelines should be followed to ensure a full appreciation of the group’s performance. Performances by the pep band should be limited to appropriate times listed below:
 - The band may play before the game begins. The director should coordinate the schedule so that the host school may introduce team members.
 - The band may play during time outs and in between sets of the contest.
 - The band may play at the end of the contest if desired.

POST-SEASON

Playoff Information

Certification of District Representatives. The District Chairman will certify representatives. The last day for determining the district champions is February 8, 2025 for Girls Basketball and February 15, 2025 for Boys Basketball.

- Playoff packets will be available to district representatives on the UIL website at <http://www.uil texas.org/basketball/post-season-packet>.

Teams Advancing to the Playoffs.

Conference 1A-6A - the top four teams from each district advance to the playoffs. The two advancing schools with the largest enrollments, as submitted in October 2023 are bracketed into Division I and the other two schools are bracketed into Division II, with both divisions playing for separate state championships.

Warm-Up Games. Teams that have advanced to the playoffs may schedule a warm-up game after the District Certification Date that is set by the UIL calendar and before their first playoff game if a team has not reached their allowable season limit. School week limitations still apply. *Note: Prior to district certification, games left in a teams allowable season limit may be scheduled like any other regular season game.*

- Exception – Warm-up games for teams who have exhausted their season limit are given a UIL exception under the following conditions:
 - Teams that are a district champion and have a first round bye.
 - The one game exception can be played only at the end of your school day on Friday, last day of instruction (with no loss of school time) or anytime on Saturday.

UIL Playoff Reporting - Teams Advancing. Coaches are required to submit playoff results immediately following their contest. The winning school should submit playoff game results and next round information via MaxPreps through the assigned coach/admin account. The score reported by a coach on a team's page will automatically fill in the bracket.

- The completeness of the data presented on the UIL Texas Scoreboard will be dependent upon the participation of schools and coaches. For more information, please see www.uil texas.org/athletics/uil-maxpreps.

Police Protection. Adequate police protection 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.

Contracts. All playoff arrangements between two schools should be made in writing and signed to protect both parties.

Team Information & Pictures. Teams winning the regional semifinal game must submit the following materials to the UIL no later than **Wednesday, February 19** (Girls Basketball) and **Wednesday, February 26** (Boys Basketball):

- **Team Information Form** (list of players, coaches, etc. and all games played)
 - Girls' Team Information Form: <https://www.uil texas.org/forms/team-info-basketball-girls>
 - Boys' Team Information Form: <https://www.uil texas.org/forms/team-info-basketball-boys>
- **Pictures Submission Form**
 - We will be collecting your school photo submission through an online form
 - To be completed online at <https://www.uil texas.org/machform/view.php?id=949239>
 - Team Picture

- Head Coach Picture
- Logo

Failure to submit this information could result in a range of penalties as described in Section 27 (b) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules or your team not appearing in the State Tournament program.

State Tournament

Site and Dates. The site for the state championships will be the Alamodome in San Antonio, TX.

State Ball. The official game ball for the State Basketball Championships will be the Baden Perfection Elite Pro.

State Qualifier Handbook. All information concerning the Basketball State Championship games will be sent to each school that wins the regional final round.

Off-Season Regulations (see Team Sport General Manual)

- Summer Strength & Conditioning & Sport Specific Instruction
- Off-Season Strength & Conditioning (during the school year)
- School Sponsored Camps
- Non-school Leagues, Camps & Clinics