

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 1205, *Athletic Eligibility*, would prohibit students found to have changed schools for athletic purposes from participating in contests against varsity teams from other schools, unless an exception is granted by the UIL Athletic Director or his/her designee.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Students determined to have changed schools for athletic purposes are not eligible for varsity athletic participation for one year but can play sub-varsity. There is nothing in current rule that prohibits a sub-varsity team from playing against a varsity team. This rule would indicate that if that happens, the student who was found to have changed schools for athletic purposes could not participate in that contest against a varsity team without approval of the UIL Athletic Director or his/her designee.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1205(e) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1205: ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

- (e) SUB-VARSITY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. An individual is eligible to participate in UIL contests if that individual is a full-time student of the member school the student represents, has been in attendance and has passed the number of courses required by state law and by rules of the State Board of Education, and is passing the number of courses required by state law and by rules of the State Board of Education; or is a non-enrolled (home schooled) student seeking participation and is in compliance with all provisions included in section 33.0832 of the Texas Education Code.
- 1) A STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN FOUND TO HAVE CHANGED SCHOOLS FOR ATHLETIC PURPOSES AND IS ELIGIBLE ONLY FOR SUB VARSITY ATHLETICS AT A SCHOOL IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONTEST AGAINST A VARSITY TEAM FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL. ANY EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE WOULD NEED TO RECEIVE APPROVAL FROM THE UIL DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, OR THEIR DESIGNEE.

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

This amendment should have no fiscal impact on schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2025.