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VOLLEYBALL
Postseason Handbook

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

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Congratulations to schools who will represent their district in post-season play! Please read the following information carefully regarding the 2023 UIL Volleyball postseason as there are changes from previous years.

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Certification Deadlines for Volleyball Playoffs.

October 28	District Certification - All Conferences
Oct.30-31	Bi-District - All Conferences
November 2-4	Area - All Conferences
November 6-7	Regional Quarterfinals - All Conferences
November 10-11	Regional Tournaments - All Conferences
November 15-18	STATE TOURNAMENT

Brackets. (*required for each round of playoffs)

Bi-District Match-Ups - Once all DEC Chairs have submitted final district standings, 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 do see the match-up on your schedule in MaxPreps, please add game details (date, time & location.)

Use MaxPreps.com to submit results and update next round bracket information. The winning coach must submit next round information and game results on an existing MaxPreps.com account or by creating a new one. Scores submitted through MaxPreps will be automatically updated on the UIL playoff brackets. Learn more about MaxPreps Sign in or register for a MaxPreps.com account: <https://secure.maxpreps.com/utility/member/login.aspx>

Post-Season Warmup 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.

POSTSEASON MATCH INFORMATION

Site Selection. Sites for all rounds of playoffs prior to the state championship matches 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. Officials for bi-district, area, regional quarterfinals, regional semifinals and state semifinal matches 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 prefer to not call the match (scratch list) that is representative of both teams, and the UIL will make the assignment.

UIL will assign officials for the regional finals & the state finals.

- Official's Assignment Request Form: <https://www.uiltexas.org/form/officials-request/volleyball.php>

Program Information for State Tournament.

Teams advancing to the Regional Tournament must submit the following materials to the UIL office by **November 8th** (*please note Regional Directors may request additional information for the Regional Tournament*). 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>
- ****New for 2023**** Pictures 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

Dates. **Friday and Saturday, November 10-11, 2023.** Regional sites for all conferences can be found on the UIL website at <http://www.uil texas.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.”

Certification of Regional Champions.

Regional directors are responsible for certifying state qualifiers upon the conclusion of the Regional Tournaments. Brandy Belk will be in touch with qualifying coaches prior to the State Tournament.

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

2023-2024 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, who have first rights to all postseason activities. The UIL's broadcast partners are the NFHS Network and Bally Sports Southwest. 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 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.

Any use of professional broadcasters should be limited and on a non-paid, volunteer basis. Schools cannot carry commercial obligations over 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 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.