



## 2008-09 UIL Rule Changes

- Allow for a fee increase for officials in all sports.
- Clarify the fee schedule and reimbursement paid by schools to officials.
- Require all first year coaches and any coach who is not a full-time employee of the school district to complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course prior to their participation as a coach for any UIL member school (Exception: Retired teachers/administrators with 20 or more years experience and student teachers).
- Alter the penalty for a coach who is ejected from a contest, and fails to have the ejection overturned, by requiring the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course.
- In Conference 4A, allow four teams to advance from each district to the playoffs in the team sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball.
- In Conference 4A, establish regional tournaments in soccer and volleyball.
- Require annual training for at least one member of each UIL district executive committee for basketball.
- In soccer, expand the 4A alignment from 32 to 64 districts.
- Establish the penalties for a positive anabolic steroid test result.
- Create a mechanism for a procedural appeal of a positive anabolic steroid test result.

### **High School Academic Contests**

- *Sections 1001 (j) and (k) and 1002 (i)* – Require that when the district cross-examination debate and the Lincoln-Douglas debate championship formats are preliminary rounds leading to an elimination bracket, all undefeated debaters must be placed in the elimination bracket and institute the same procedure to be followed for Lincoln-Douglas debate at the regional meet.
- *Section 1033 (b) (6) (B)* – Establish a minimum performance time of 18 minutes for plays presented at one-act play contests.

### **Music**

- *Section 1102 (a)* – Update the procedures to be followed by schools to notify contest officials of their intent to participate in UIL Music Competition or to declare a change in conference assignments.
- *Section 1104 (a) (3)* – Update the procedures directors must follow in order to use photocopied scores at UIL Concert Contest.
- *Section 1105 (e)* – Modify language to be in compliance with new state mandated start day for the school year.
- *Section 1109 (d)* – Create a specific medium ensemble category for Mariachi.