



2009 BASEBALL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations on representing your district. It is necessary to follow the steps below to be sure teams are properly certified to advance in the playoffs.

- Step 1: Be sure your school has completed online (www.uil.utexas.edu) the team information blank (**found in the online manual**) to the UIL office as soon as possible after your Regional Semifinal game.
- Step 2: Go online at www.uil.utexas.edu (see the box on the home page) to fill out the 2009 Playoff Reporting Form following each playoff game.
- Step 3: On Saturday or the first weekday following each playoff round game, go online at www.uil.utexas.edu to fill out the 2009 Playoff Reporting Form.
- Step 4: Immediately following your regional final game, call Mark Cousins (office: 512-471-5883; Cell: 512-496-4764) and report the following information:
 - a. Score of the regional final game (or games in 2 out of 3 series).
 - b. Final season record.

All playoff games up to the State Tournament are to be arranged and sites selected by the two teams involved. Consult section 1208 (p) and (q) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules regarding sites. State Tournament brackets are drawn by the UIL staff.

DATES FOR BASEBALL PLAYOFFS, 2008-09 (All Conferences)

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| May 12* | Last date to determine district representatives, All Conferences. |
| May 16 | Last date to determine bi-district champions, All Conferences. (1 game or 2 out of 3) |
| May 19 | Last date to determine area champions, All Conferences. (1 game only) |
| May 23 | Last date to determine regional quarterfinal champions, All Conferences. (1 game or 2 out of 3) |
| May 30 | Last date to determine regional semifinal champions, All Conferences. (1 game or 2 out of 3) |
| June 6 | Last date to determine regional final champions, All Conferences. (1 game or 2 out of 3) |
| June 10-13 | State Baseball Tournament, All Conferences. |

*If tie-breaking games are needed to determine advancement to the playoffs, this deadline could be extended to May 13.

Bi-district games may not be played until after the final date for district certification in that respective conference, unless permission is granted by all possible next round opponents. All other playoff games may not be played until after the final date for completion of the prior round championships.

Playoff format is determined by mutual consent or coin-flip.

If schools play a two-out-of-three elimination series, the first game may be played prior to Friday, provided there is no loss of school time traveling to or participating in the game. Only one game of a two out of three series may be played prior to Friday.

National Federation Rules Will Be Followed. See supplement for procedures in playoff games.

~ Playoff information ~

TWO-OUT-OF-THREE PLAYOFF SERIES. If schools play a two-out-of-three elimination series, the first game may be played prior to Friday, provided there is no loss of school time traveling to or participating in the game. Only one game of a two out of three series may be played prior to Friday.

Section 1220: BASEBALL PLAN

(h) POST SEASON PLAYOFFS.

(5) *Day of Playoff Game.* Baseball playoff games shall not be played before Wednesday of that week unless by mutual consent.

A two-out-of-three series that does not get a complete game in by the end of the day Friday automatically reverts to a one game series. This means that if game one of a series has been suspended and cannot be completed by the end of the day Friday, that the winner of that completed game will advance.

If one game is played and a second game cannot be played because of weather, then the winner of the one game advances to the next round.

If two games are played (and split) and the third game cannot be played on Saturday because of weather conditions, then the third and deciding game should be played on Monday of the next week.

Schools playing a two-out-of-three series should set parameters for the series prior to the first game. The parameters should include how the schools will handle weather problems and delays. Things such as how far the schools will travel to find an available field, giving up home field advantage, etc. must be discussed before one team gains a position of advantage after the first game is completed and weather becomes a factor.

RAIN (BAD WEATHER) POLICY FOR BASEBALL PLAYOFFS. Teams may not play after the deadline for determining a district representative unless the following conditions are met:

- Every effort must be made by both teams to determine the winner before the deadline.
- If weather conditions make this impossible, notification must be given to the UIL and potential next round opponents (or opponent). Example: District 1 winner and 2 runnerup find they cannot get their playoff decided by the deadline. They must notify the District 3 winner and District 4 runnerup representatives and the UIL that they will extend the deadline.
- Extreme scheduling difficulties such as those mentioned above could result in a coin flip determining the representative to the next round.
- Every effort must be made to get the representative decided on time. This includes obtaining neutral sites and scrambling for any available field. This could mean giving up a home field advantage if another field is playable.

A team ending a playoff round on Monday or Tuesday cannot be forced to play on the day following their deciding game. A team completing a playoff round on Saturday (either a single elimination or two-out-of-three) cannot be required to flip for a playoff date prior to Wednesday.

Teams scheduling either a single game or two-out-of-three series and cannot get the game(s) in until Monday because of weather conditions, do not have to play until Wednesday of the next week unless both schools mutually agree.

If a two-out-of-three series deciding game or a single game must be played the following week, the game should be scheduled on Monday, then if weather does not permit, reschedule the next day, etc.

A team cannot be forced to flip for a time that would prevent them from attending graduation. Schools cannot be required to play a playoff game on a night prior to final examinations.

If both schools have concluded their school year, they may play a two-out-of-three series on any day. Example: Both schools are out for summer vacation on Thursday afternoon. They could schedule games Thursday after school.

Schools determining their district representative or playoff round winner after the certification date for that round do not have to get permission from the next round opponent.

The 10 run rule is enforced in all playoff games.

Suspended Playoff Games. In all playoff games, a suspended game shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time.

TEAM INFORMATION FORM & TEAM PICTURE

Teams winning the semifinal game in all conferences must fill out online the team information form which can be found at www.uil.utexas.edu, in a box on the home page. Also, **e-mail a team picture, picture of the head coach and copy of the school's mascot to pictures@mail.uil.utexas.edu**. An emailed photo must have a resolution of *at least 300 dpi (dots or pixels per inch)* and can be in tiff or jpeg format. If you prefer you may send the photos by overnight mail to the physical address listed below. Failure to submit this information may result in your school not appearing in the State Baseball Tournament program.

The following materials *must be received in our office no later than Tuesday, June 2, 2009*.

1. Team Information Form (list of players, coaches, etc.; and list of all games played; found online at www.uil.utexas.edu in a box on the home page)
2. Team Picture (5x7 color photo)
3. Picture of Head Coach (head and shoulder shot)
4. School's Mascot (camera ready art work if possible, if not a copy of the mascot from your letterhead, etc.)
5. Season Record

The physical address for the UIL:
1701 Manor Rd.
Austin, Texas 78722