



TO: Softball District Representatives
FROM: UIL Office
DATE: May, 2009
SUBJECT: Softball Playoff Information

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

Step 1: Submit the Playoff Game Results Form online (www.uil.utexas.edu) to report your winning score or scores following each playoff game or call (512-232-4976) to leave a message.

Step 2: Submit the Next Round Playoff Game Form to report the site and time for your next round game.

Step 3: The regional semifinal winner must complete the Team Information Form online (www.uil.utexas.edu) to be received in the UIL office by May 26 as well as a team picture, picture of the head coach and copy of the school's mascot. Pictures may be sent by overnight mail to UIL Athletics, 1701 Manor Road, Austin, TX 78722 or emailed to pictures@mail.uil.utexas.edu. Emailed pictures must have a resolution of at least 300 dpi (dots or pixels per inch) and can be in tiff or jpeg format.

Step 3: Immediately following your regional final game, call Peter Contreras at 512-396-2853 or 512-393-1958 and report the following information:

- a. Score of the regional final game.
- b. Final season record.

All playoff games up to the State Tournament are to be arranged and sites selected by the two teams involved. State Tournament brackets are drawn by the UIL staff.

DATES FOR SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS, 2008-2009

APRIL

28 Last day to determine District Softball Representatives, all Conferences

MAY

12 Last day to determine Bi-district, all conferences. (1 game or 2 out of 3)

16 Last day to determine Area, all conferences. (1 game or 2 out of 3)

19 Last day to determine Regional Quarterfinal, all conferences (1 game only)

23 Last day to determine Regional Semi-finals, all Conferences (1 game or 2 out of 3)

30 Last day to determine Regional Finals, all Conferences (1 game or 2 out of 3)

June 4-6 State Softball Tournament

Schools may play warm up games prior to their bi-district game. If there is a bye in the schedule, the warm up game must be played prior to any UIL playoff game. Warm up games may be scheduled against another advancing UIL team or a non-school team. UIL teams may not represent their school after the district certification date unless they are advancing in the UIL playoff bracket.

Bi-district games may not be played until after the final date for district certification in that respective conference. All other playoff games may not be played until after the final date for completion of the prior round championships. All post district games must be played at a mid point site if more than 100 miles unless mutually agreed on by both participating schools.

National Federation Rules will be followed. The following rules have drawn attention from officials and coaches. Please be cognizant of the following rules.

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 resolving ties in district games and for procedures in playoff games.

State tournament brackets are drawn by the UIL staff. The top two teams according to win/loss percentage will be placed on the top frame in opposite halves of the bracket and be the home team in the state semifinals. The flip of a coin will determine if the third place team will be bracketed with the first or second place team with the fourth place team filling the void.

On Sunday, May 31, UIL staff will revise updates, draw the bracket and call the coach listed on the team information sheet. Please be available between 8:00 am - 10:00 am to receive instructions for the state tournament along with your tournament pairings. You may call the League after 10:00 am if we have not been able to contact you. Hotel rooms are being held for teams qualifying to the state tournament. These rooms may be reserved on Sunday, May 31. We have reserved 15 rooms per school and UIL will place schools in hotels by region. After 12:00 noon you may call the UIL office back if you need additional rooms

There will not be a Coaches Meeting prior to the state tournament. All tournament information will be given to the coaches/school during Sunday's phone call.

1. Season record;
2. Scores from warm up game and playoff games;
3. Roster changes;
4. Hotel where you will be staying (UIL has rooms reserved for teams);
5. Credit Card Number to hold for reserving rooms;
6. Possible radio coverage and a station call letters and phone number;
7. A list of questions you need us to address;

This will help expedite our calls and insure the proper exchange of information. Best wishes as you begin your championship season.



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TO: Member Schools
FROM: UIL Athletic Office
SUBJECT: **Rain (Bad Weather) Policy for Softball Playoffs**

Teams may not play after the deadline for determining a champion in that particular playoff round unless the following conditions are met:

1. **Every** effort must be made by both teams to determine the championship before the deadline.
2. If weather conditions make this impossible, then permission must be obtained from the UIL.

(Extreme scheduling difficulties such as those mentioned above could result in a **coin flip** determining the representative to the next round.)

3. Every effort must be made to get the championship decided on time. This includes obtaining neutral sites and scrambling for any available field.
4. Teams need to decide before their playoff game or games how they will determine a champion in the event only two games in a two-out of-three series have been played - and those two games were split, one victory to each team.
5. A team deciding a championship after the deadline with the approval of the next round opponents will have to play on the date specified by the next round opponent
6. It is strongly recommended that as many aspects of the playoff series (two-out of-three or single-game) be discussed and decided before the playoffs actually begin between the two teams involved. This keeps differences in opinion from arising on items such as umpires, type of baseball used, sites, gate procedure, uniforms, game time, etc.

**REGIONAL FINALS SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS
2008-2009 STATE TOURNAMENT**

Please furnish the UIL office with the District Representative Information Sheet found in your Softball Coaches' Manual, to assure recognition in the official state program. Final changes can be made by phone on Sunday morning prior to the tournament.

Expenses: Before leaving for Austin, please make arrangements to finance all expenses of the trip. This includes lodging, meals, and other expenses while in Austin. Rebate checks will be mailed out after the tournament to participating schools. All funds are handled by the Auditor of the University, and it takes a little time to prepare the checks following the close of the tournament. Your school will be held liable for any damage or loss of facilities or materials made available to your team. Your cooperation is earnestly requested.

Lodging Regulations: The UIL will block fifteen (15) rooms per school. UIL will place schools in hotels by regions. Region I state participant schools will stay in one hotel, Region II in another, etc. Please call the UIL office by 12:00 noon Sunday prior to the tournament to reserve the number of rooms you will need. If full allotment of rooms is not used, schools may request additional rooms after 12:00 noon. The League cannot guarantee rooms for cheerleaders, administrators, fans, etc. Please bring your lodging bill before checking out. Coaches are responsible for the proper conduct of their players at the hotels.

No Workouts: There will be **no workouts** at the McCombs prior to the tournament. Other workouts may be arranged by individual schools on their way to Austin or in Austin. Infield practice will be up to the discretion of the tournament director.

NO COACHES MEETING. All state tournament information will be given during Sunday's phone call.

Tickets will be provided for players, coach and manager to get into the stadium. Other tickets may be purchase at the gate for Adults - \$10.00 per session; students - \$5.00 per session; Coaches All Tournament tickets - \$45.

McCombs Field

Thursday, June 4

Semifinals -

Session 1

8:30 am 1A

11:00 am 1A

Session 2

2:00 pm 2A

4:30 pm 2A

Session 3

7:30 pm 3A

Friday, June 5

Semifinals -

Session 4

8:30 am 3A

Session 5

11:30 am 4A

2:00 pm 4A

Session 6

5:00 pm 5A

Session 7

8:00 pm 5A

Saturday, June 6

Finals -

Session 8

8:30 am 1A

Session 9

11:00 am 2A

Session 10

2:00 pm 3A

Session 11

5:00 pm 4A

Session 12

8:00 pm 5A

THESE ARE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO REGIONAL FINALS CHAMPIONS.
PLEASE DO NOT MISPLACE THEM. THE WINNER WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY.

TEAM INFORMATION FORM & TEAM PICTURE

Teams winning the quarterfinal game must fill out online (www.uil.utexas.edu – go to athletics then to softball) **the team information form. A team picture, picture of the head coach and copy of the school's mascot** must be sent by overnight mail to the below listed physical address. If you prefer you may email your team picture to pictures@mail.uil.utexas.edu. In the subject line of your email include your school name. 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. Failure to submit this information may result in your school not appearing in the State Softball Tournament program.

THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE UIL OFFICE
NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MAY 26.

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

The physical address for the UIL:

**1701 Manor Road
Austin, TX 78722
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