

Athletic Directors and Football Coaches,

The UIL would like to thank you for your time, dedication and commitment to the schools in your competitive district. You are all valuable in the overall development of our schools and student athletic activities. Below is some important information for each of you as we head into the end of district play. Please review the information in its entirety to see what is specific to you.

2021 UIL Football Playoff Handbook: [2021 Playoff Information Handbook](#)

UIL Football District Certification – All football districts must be certified by Midnight, Saturday, November 6th. The DEC chair is responsible for certifying the district representatives. NOTE: Each District must have a District seed of 1 through 4 for their qualifiers. For 6A district certifications, the system will require you to enter the overall seed for each team before they were split into Division 1 and Division 2. [Football District Certification Instructions](#)

Site Selection/ Playoff Negotiation (Page 5) – As a reminder for 5A & 6A only, for the first round of the playoffs only, the opponent with the higher district finish will determine whether the game is played on its home field or mutually agree to play the game at a neutral site. If the opponents have the same district finish, the two teams will flip a coin or agree on a neutral site. For all other classifications, potential neutral and home sites (town and stadium) should be designated prior to any coin toss.

Time Between Playoff Games – No team or student in any conference shall be permitted to take part in more than one playoff game within six calendar days, unless mutually agreeable to play within five calendar days. This rule also applies to the first playoff game. Example: A team playing Saturday night cannot play again until the following Thursday night. A team playing Monday night could play any time on Saturday.

Football Playoff Telecast (Page 7) - Media outlets interested in telecasting a football playoff contest must have permission from FOX Sports Southwest. More information can be found with this link. [UIL Football Playoffs TV Guidelines](#)

Radio Playoff Guidelines (Page 7) - Radio stations must follow the [Radio Playoff Guidelines](#) found on the UIL website. Radio stations must play two minutes of commercials, read the state championship promotional information, and submit the [Radio Playoff Request](#). The Radio Playoff Request form is for tracking purposes only, the UIL will not approve or deny radio broadcasts. The **radio station must receive permission from the schools involved in the contest and the venue.**

UIL Playoff Reporting Forms (Page 3) – Coaches are required to submit playoff results immediately following their contest. The winning school must submit playoff game results and next round information via MaxPreps through the assigned coach/admin account. The score and game information reported by a coach on a team's page will automatically fill in the bracket. The completeness of the data presented on the UIL Texas Scoreboard and in the brackets will be dependent upon the participation of

schools and coaches. Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to update postseason information. For more information, please see: [MaxPreps Information](#)

Teams Advancing to Regional final games (Page 4) – Teams advancing to regional final games must submit their team information form, team picture, head coach picture and school mascot logo to the UIL no later than Monday, December 6, 2021.

Inclement Weather (Page 3) – Any extensions to certification deadlines, weather related or otherwise, must be approved by UIL. If weather conditions make it impossible to determine a winner before the certification deadline, please contact UIL to request an extension at the contact numbers provided below.

Officials (Page 6) – If officials cannot be mutually agreed upon by both teams, the UIL can assign officials to the contest. This can be done on the UIL website: [Football Officials Assignment Request Form](#) If you have any questions regarding officials for your contests, please contact Dillon Bankston at dbankston@uiltexas.org or 512-471-5883

Best of luck in the post season, and please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me or Brian Polk on our cell numbers listed below. If you need anything from the office, Jessica's number is listed as well. We are here to help answer any questions.

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Best of luck,

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