

Appendix VII

The UIL is authorizing the use of Section 1204 from the 2009-10 Constitution and Contest Rules, printed below, due to pending litigation. The 2009-10 version of Section 1204 will be in effect until further notice. Once the litigation is resolved, UIL will provide additional details and information concerning Section 1204.

Section 1204: OFFICIALS

(a) AGREEMENT. All officials must be satisfactory to both parties and agreed upon in advance. However, beginning a game with an official constitutes agreement.

(b) TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS. Unless mutually decided otherwise, participant schools shall use officials registered with the Texas Association of Sports Officials (hereafter referred to as TASO) or the UIL in all varsity contests. If non-TASO officials are used for varsity contests, a report shall be filed with the League office (within seven days of the contest, if possible). Exceptions:

(1) In soccer and softball and wrestling, a school must contact the UIL athletic staff and receive prior approval before selecting and using non-TASO referees for varsity contests.

(2) It is recommended that schools use TASO registered officials for non-varsity games.

(3) Officials assigned to the playoffs shall be TASO or UIL-registered officials.

(c) NEUTRAL OFFICIALS. In all contests, schools should always attempt to secure neutral officials.

(d) HOST RESPONSIBILITY. The responsibility to obtain satisfactory officials is upon the host school which must provide names of officials to the visiting school at least 14 days prior to the contest.

(e) NOTIFICATION. When names of officials are received by the visiting school, the visiting school shall immediately notify the host school if officials are not satisfactory. Failure of the visiting school to solicit names of officials from the home school within four days of the contest constitutes agreement.

(f) FAILURE TO SHOW.

(1) If agreed upon officials fail to show, the visiting school shall not be in violation by refusing to play. However, earnest effort should be expended to find officials so that the game may be played without additional travel expenses for team and fans. A host school does not have to forfeit the contest unless the district executive committee rules that they have been negligent in contracting and securing officials.

(2) Officials associations must have on file with TASO a copy of their constitutions, rules and by-laws that outline their disciplinary procedures for dealing with officials who fail to honor a chapter assignment. Schools must contact the TASO office and identify the officials who did not show for a contest so that local chapters can take action.

(g) SCRATCHES.

(1) After a school has accepted an official, and then scratches the official prior to a contest, the scratching must be in writing and approved by the athletic director in multiple high school districts, and the principal and/or superintendent in single high school member districts.

Note: Officials shall not be scratched the day of the game, except by mutual consent of both schools. A copy of the letter must be submitted to the other school and the officiating chapter.

(2) When officials who have been previously agreed upon by both teams are scratched, the school scratching the officials shall pay them the fee they would have received had they worked the game minus any travel expenses and shall also pay the additional travel costs in obtaining new officials. If scratched officials obtain another game, they do not have to be paid.

(3) The League discourages indiscriminate scratching of entire chapters except in cases when potential problems could result with fans and/or school employees.

(4) Officiating chapters should be fair in their game assignments, offering smaller schools the opportunity to use higher level officials when possible.

(5) When officials do not show, or when the previously agreed upon officials do not show, and the game has to be rescheduled, the chapter shall be responsible for the rescheduled game fee, unless it is determined by the school that an emergency arose beyond the control of the officials.

(h) PENALTY. The penalty for failure to provide officials is forfeiture of the game or match. The district executive committee shall determine whether or not forfeiture is applicable.

(i) FEE VIOLATIONS. The fee listed shall be paid to officials working varsity and sub-varsity contests. If a participant school exceeds or pays less than the fee schedule for a contest, the district executive committee shall meet as soon as possible to decide if an emergency warranted the fee violation. If the school in question proves an emergency caused the fee violation, the district executive committee does not have to assess a penalty.

(j) FEE APPROVAL/PAYMENT. Fees are to be paid by the host school or by the game management as approved by the school. Fees should be paid promptly. Schools that do not pay within 45 days of the contest are subject to the range of penalties listed in Section 29.

(k) FEE SCHEDULE.

(1) *Baseball.*

Double

Gross Gate Receipts 1 Game Header

Up to \$150 \$45 \$75
\$150 to \$300 \$50 \$80
\$300 to \$500 \$55 \$85
\$500 to \$700 \$60 \$90
\$700 to \$1,000 \$65 \$95
\$1,000 to \$1,500 \$75 \$105
\$1,500 to \$2,000 \$80 \$115
Each additional \$1,000 \$20

(2) *Basketball.*

Two-Person Crew: Varsity

Gross Gate Receipts 1 Game 2 Games

Up to \$150 \$40 \$65
\$150 to \$300 \$50 \$75
\$300 to \$500 \$65 \$90
\$500 to \$700 \$70 \$95
\$700 to \$1,000 \$75 \$105
\$1,000 to \$1,500 \$85 \$115
\$1,500 to \$2,000 \$95 \$125
Each additional \$1,000 \$20

Sub-Varsity/Junior High

8-Minute Quarters \$30
6-Minute Quarters/
8-Minute Running Clock \$25

Three-Person Crew: Varsity

Gross Gate Receipts 1 Game 2 Games

Up to \$150 \$35 \$60
\$150 to \$300 \$45 \$70
\$300 to \$500 \$50 \$75
\$500 to \$700 \$55 \$80
\$700 to \$1,000 \$60 \$85
\$1,000 to \$1,500 \$70 \$95
\$1,500 to \$2,000 \$80 \$105
Each additional \$1,000 \$20

(3) *Football.*

Varsity

Gross Gate Receipts 1 Game

Up to \$150 \$45
\$150 to \$250 \$50
\$250 to \$500 \$55
\$500 to \$1,000 \$60
\$1,000 to \$2,000 \$65
\$2,000 to \$3,000 \$70
\$3,000 to \$4,000 \$75
\$4,000 to \$5,000 \$80
\$5,000 to \$7,500 \$85
\$7,500 to \$10,000 \$90
\$10,000 to \$12,500 \$95
\$12,500 to \$15,000 \$100

\$15,000 to \$17,500 \$115
\$17,500 to \$20,500 \$125
Each additional \$5,000 \$20

Sub-Varsity

12-minute quarters \$45
10-minute quarters \$40
8-Mminute quarters/ \$30
8-min running/6-min quarters \$25

(4) Soccer.

Varsity/Sub-Varsity

Diagonal System – Three Officials

Length of Half Referee AR Total

25 minutes \$40 \$25 \$90
35 minutes \$45 \$30 \$105
40 minutes \$50 \$35 \$120

Dual System – Two Officials

Length of Half Referee Total

25 minutes \$40 \$80
35 minutes \$45 \$90
40 minutes \$50 \$100

(5) Softball.

Double

Gross Gate Receipts 1 Game Header

Up to \$150 \$40 \$65
\$150 to \$300 \$45 \$70
\$300 to \$500 \$50 \$75
\$500 to \$700 \$55 \$80
\$700 to \$1,000 \$60 \$85
\$1,000 to \$1,500 \$65 \$90
\$1,500 to \$2,000 \$70 \$95
Each additional \$1,000 \$20

(6) Volleyball.

Varsity

Gross Gate One Dual/ Three

Receipts Match 2 Matches Matches

Up to \$150 \$35 \$55 \$85
\$150 to 300 \$45 \$65 \$95
\$300 to 500 \$60 \$80 \$110
\$500 to 700 \$65 \$85 \$115
\$700 to 1,500 \$85 \$110 \$135
\$1,500 to 2,000 \$95 \$120 \$145
Each additional \$1,000 \$20

Sub-Varsity/Junior High

2-out-of-3 3-out-of-5

1 Match \$25 \$30
2 Matches \$50 \$60
3 Matches \$75 \$90
4 Matches \$100 \$120

(7) Wrestling.

Boys

Competition # of Officials Fee

Dual Meets 1 \$55
Multiple team as \$45/
duals needed official/dual
1-day tournament * \$135 each
2-day tournament * \$170 each

Girls

Competition # of Officials Fee

Dual Meets 1 < 5 matches/\$25
> 5 matches/\$50
Multiple team as < 5 matches/
duals needed dual \$20
> 5 matches/

dual \$45

1-day tournament * \$90 each

2-day tournament * \$125 each

* See chart in manual for number of officials and jv and junior high/middle school fees.

(8) *Scrimmages*. TASO chapters shall be paid for scrimmages using the following fee schedule:

Baseball 50.00

Basketball 50.00

Football 100.00

Soccer 50.00

Softball 50.00

Volleyball 50.00

(Fees are based on a three-hour scrimmage.)

NOTE: After three hours, each additional hour is \$25. The fees paid are regardless of the level of competition. The fee will be paid to the local chapter and not to the individual officials, to be used in place of assignment or service fees. A portion of these fees should be used for education, retention and recruitment of officials.

Chapters that agree to provide officials and charge for scrimmages are under obligation to provide officials for the school for the entire season, grades 7-12.

A chapter that requests a service/assignor fee from schools will not be a chapter in good standing with TASO and thus will not be eligible for post-season assignments.

(9) *Sub-varsity/Varsity Gate Receipts Combined*. When sub-varsity games/matches are played prior to varsity games/matches at the same site with the gate receipts combined, the game/match fees plus mileage paid to the sub-varsity officials may be deducted from the gross gate receipts prior to calculating the varsity officials' game fees.

(10) Other sub-varsity sports and tournaments may not exceed listed fees for respective varsity sports. In game arrangements not listed above, schools and officials shall agree on a fee not to exceed listed fees for varsity sports.

(11) *Tournament Fees*. Officials may receive fees based on:

(A) session or game receipts;

(B) average session or game receipts for the entire tournament; or

(C) average session or game receipts from the previous year's tournament.

(D) Travel and other expenses must have prior approval by the school.

(12) *Game Fees Review*. Game fees and possible increases for officials will be reviewed every three years.

(l) MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT.

(1) Officials shall be paid mileage, one car, round trip from the official's home to the site of the game.

(2) Officials shall be paid the state mileage reimbursement rate in effect on September 1 of the current school year.

(3) Each additional official shall receive a \$10 rider fee. By prior consent of the school, a second car could be paid a mileage fee.

(4) Schools shall not pay a mileage fee to more than two cars.

(5) By prior agreement between officials and school authorities, airfare may be substituted for automobile mileage fee.

(m) OTHER ALLOWABLE EXPENSES.

(1) *Meals*. Schools shall not pay for any meals for officials unless the distance traveled round trip from the official's home to the game site is greater than 200 miles. If meals are paid, the amount shall be paid according to the per diem policy for that school district.

(2) *Lodging*. By agreement by the officials and schools, schools may pay lodging.

(3) *Ground Transportation*. If prior agreement exists, schools may pay taxi fare, etc., for officials.

(n) LIMITATION. No other item shall be included in payment of officials.

(o) UIL COACHES AND OFFICIALS POSITIVE EXPECTATIONS MEETING (COPE) AND REGISTRATION.

(1) *Officials Required to Register With UIL and Attend Meetings*. All officials in baseball,

basketball, football, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball shall attend a joint COPE meeting prescribed by the UIL prior to their sport season.

(2) *Registration List.* Officials who register and attend will have their names placed on a registration list which will be forwarded to the UIL office or the Texas Association of Sports Officials. This information will be provided by the local chapters and other groups who hold these meetings. Other information to be provided for each official is: address, division and Social Security number.

(3) *UIL Registration Fee.* The UIL may charge a registration fee for officials to help offset costs of programs for officials (rule books, other educational materials, development of materials and meeting costs.)

(4) *Failure of Official to Register; Loss of Registration.*

(A) A report of a coach ejection from an official may not be considered or adjudicated by the UIL unless the official has registered prior to the season.

(B) Officials who are not registered will not be allowed to work post district games, and should not be used for regular season games. Exceptions will be handled through the UIL office.

(C) Officials must report all ejections of coaches, severe verbal and physical abuse, and any major disruptions that occur during a game. The game administrator is to be informed of the problem the night of the game. Written reports from each official involved are to be submitted to the UIL office within the next two working days following the game or match.

(D) Officials are to conduct themselves in a professional manner before, during, and after a contest.

(E) Officials who violate the provisions of this rule may be removed from the list of registered officials.

(p) *LIAISON TO CHAPTERS.* It is recommended that officials' chapters secure a liaison school coach, athletic director, or administrator to serve as a non-voting member of the board of directors of each chapter.

(q) *NO PROTESTS.* A protest based on a game or contest official's decision will not be considered