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TO: UIL Member Schools
FROM: UIL Office
DATE: February 1, 2016
SUBJECT: 2016-17 and 2017-18 Tentative Football and Basketball District Assignments and Reclassification Information

The University Interscholastic League announces the 2016-17 and 2017-18 tentative football and basketball district assignments on the enclosed list. The spring meet and other athletic district alignments will be released no later than April 15, 2016.

An organizing school list is also enclosed. It is the responsibility of the organizing school to organize the district and **notify the UIL office of the name and the school of the permanent chairman for each sport** so that district executive committee mailings are sent to the correct person. Contracts cannot be made until February 19, 2016. Schools may discuss scheduling possible games beginning on February 1, but cannot actually contract until February 19. Districts with an odd number of schools may meet prior to February 19 to determine "open" dates within the district schedule. These districts cannot set the district schedule, but may draw byes. District Executive Committees may begin contracting games on February 19, 2016.

The Chair of the Legislative Council shall appoint a District Assignment Appeals Committee. A participant school may request an appeal of the district assignment by filing its request and a supporting statement with the District Assignment Appeals Committee and informing, in writing, the superintendent and principal of the schools in the conference and district to which it was assigned and notifying the superintendent and principal of the schools in the conference and district to which it wishes to be assigned. Notification must go to all schools that could be involved in the change. This appeal must be made by February 11, 2016. The meeting at which appeals will be heard is scheduled for February 18, 2016.

Please note the following rules:

Football:

Section 1250 (i) (1) & (2) of the Constitution and Contest Rules states:

- (i) **SITE AND DAY OF GAME.**
 - (1) Non-district Games. Mutual agreement determines site and day of game.
 - (2) District Games. District schedules, unless unanimously agreeable otherwise, shall be made by a draw for a two year period. Home team may designate the day of the game. Exception: When a school district has more than one home game per week and only one stadium, the day of the game shall be determined by a draw unless mutually agreeable otherwise. Starting times shall be set by the district executive committee, unless mutually agreeable otherwise.

Other Sports:

Section 1203 (d) of the Constitution and Contest Rules states:

- (d) **SCHEDULING.** The district executive committee shall arrange a schedule to determine district representatives prior to the deadline specified in the Official League Calendar.

Important Dates:

February 2-11, 2016 Schools wishing to change districts may do so by getting a unanimous vote from both the district to which they have been assigned and the district to which they wish to change. If a unanimous vote is achieved from both districts, both district chairs must notify the UIL office by phone and follow with written notification. The school appealing should fill out the Appeal Form.

February 11, 2016 Deadline for a participant school to request an appeal of their district assignment to the UIL office. The school must file its request and a supporting statement with the District Assignment Appeals Committee. The school appealing must inform in writing the superintendent and principal of the schools in the conference and district to which it was assigned as well as the superintendent and principal of the schools in the conference and district to which it wishes to be assigned. Notification in writing must go to all schools that could be involved in the change. The District Assignment Appeals Committee will not consider appeals with respect to conference assignment unless there was an error in the enrollment figures submitted.

February 18, 2016 The District Assignment Appeals Committee hearing for appeals will be held beginning at 9:00 am at the UIL Office in Austin (1701 Manor Road). When all reviews and appeals have been made, the District Assignment Appeals Committee shall approve the assignments to districts. Until this approval, contracts for contests by participant schools are not effective. Schools in the affected districts will be notified in writing by the UIL Executive Director. The chairmen of the affected districts will be notified by email, telephone and/or fax.

February 19, 2016 First day for District Executive Committee meetings to set district schedules.

NOTE:

Football Schools may play their first game no earlier than August 25, 2016. A proposal passed by the Legislative Council in October 2013 allows sub-varsity football teams in Conferences 5A and 6A to play on Wednesday during week 1 (previously termed zero-week) only if the varsity team plays on Thursday of that same week.

First Playing Dates: The first playing dates for football for the 2016-17 season are August 25-27 and for the 2017-18 season are August 31, September 1, 2. Schools are limited to no more than ten games.

Football Game Contracts: Please review Section 356 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules. A school may be disqualified for district honors for up to two years in that sport for contracting with other Texas schools prior to the finalization of the reclassification and realignment by all University Interscholastic League appeal committees. Athletic schedules will not be considered official until approved by the superintendent of the member school district.

Conference A Football: Schools with an enrollment of 104.9 or lower may choose to participate in Conference A (six-man) football or may opt to play Conference AA (eleven-man) football but remain in the smaller conference for basketball and spring meet. Schools currently participating in six-man football may submit enrollment figures by any one of the following combinations of grades: grades 9, 10, 11 and 12; grades 8, 9, 10 and 11; grades 7, 8, 9 and 10; or grades 9 and 10 doubled.

Formulas for Enrollment: The formulas used to determine enrollment are:

- (1) Schools with four high school grades (9-12), and three-year high schools (grades 10-12) which will receive incoming tenth graders from specific, identifiable feeder schools:

$$\text{Grades 9, 10, 11, 12} = \text{Enrollment}$$

- 2) Schools with only grades 10, 11, 12 when it cannot easily be determined which schools the incoming tenth graders are attending:

$$\text{Grades 10, 11, 12} \times 1.33 = \text{Enrollment}$$