

Section 1204: OFFICIALS

Section 1204, as printed below, reflects the changes passed by the UIL Legislative Council and approved by the Commissioner of Education. However, due to an ongoing lawsuit, the UIL is currently unable to implement the changes made to Section 1204.

While this litigation is pending, the UIL is authorizing the continuing use of Section 1204 from the 2009-10 Constitution and Contest Rules. The 2009-10 version of Section 1204, which will be in effect until further notice, may be found in Appendix VII on page 265 of this Constitution and Contest Rules.

Once the litigation in question is resolved, UIL will provide additional details and information concerning Section 1204.

- (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) **REGISTRATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS FOR UIL CONTESTS.** UIL member schools shall use officials registered with the UIL in all varsity contests. If non-UIL registered officials are to be used for any varsity contests, the involved schools must receive prior approval from the UIL Director of Athletics. Exceptions:
 - (1) In individual sports (cross country, golf, swimming and diving, team tennis, tennis and track and field) schools may select and use non-UIL registered referees for contests.
 - (2) Unless mutually decided otherwise UIL member schools shall use UIL registered officials for non-varsity games.
 - (3) Officials assigned to the playoffs shall be UIL-registered officials.
 - (4) Approved local officials organizations/chapters must have on file with UIL a copy of their constitutions, rules and by-laws that outline their disciplinary procedures for dealing with officials who fail to follow the rules and regulations of the UIL and/or the approved local officials organization/chapter.
- (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) Approved local officials organization/chapters must have on file with UIL 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 UIL 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.*

Each Game Per Official.

Varsity	\$60
Sub-Varsity	\$50

Playoffs:

Bi-District	\$70
Area	\$80
Quarter-Finals	\$90
Regional Semi-Finals	\$100
Regional Finals	\$100

(2) *Basketball.*

Each Game Per Official.

Two or Three-Person Crew

Varsity	\$55
Sub-Varsity	\$40
Junior High (7th & 8th Grade)	\$30

Playoffs:

Bi-District	\$65
Area	\$75
Quarter-Finals	\$85
Regional Semi-Finals	\$95
Regional Finals	\$95

(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 and Junior High (7th & 8th Grade)

Each Game Per Official

12-minute quarters	\$45
10-minute quarters	\$40
8-minute quarters	\$35

(4) *Soccer.*

Each Game

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

Playoffs:

	Referee	AR	Total
Bi-district	\$60	\$50	\$160
Area	\$60	\$50	\$160
Sectional	\$60	\$50	\$160
Reg. Quarterfinal	\$60	\$50	\$160
Regional Semi-final	\$70	\$55	\$180
Regional Final	\$70	\$55	\$180

(5) *Softball.*

Each Game Per Official.

Varsity \$55

Sub-Varsity \$45

Playoff:

Bi-District \$65

Area \$75

Quarter-Finals \$85

Regional Semi-Finals \$95

Regional Finals \$95

(6) *Volleyball.*

Each Match Per Official.

Varsity \$50

Sub-Varsity

2-Out-of-3 \$30

3-Out-of-5 \$35

Junior High (7th & 8th Grade) \$25

Tournaments

Varsity

2-Out-of-3 \$40

3-Out-of-5 \$50

Sub-Varsity

2-Out-of-3 \$30

3-Out-of-5 \$35

Junior High (7th & 8th Grade) \$25

Pool Play

Mini Games/ 2 Games 0-15

Varsity \$25

Sub-Varsity \$20

Junior High (7th & 8th Grade) \$20

Playoffs:

Bi-District \$60

Area \$70

Quarter-Finals	\$80
Regional Semi-Final	\$90
Regional Finals	\$90

(7) *Wrestling.*

Boys

Competition	# of Officials	Fee
Dual Meets	1	\$55
Multiple team	as	\$45/
duals	needed	official/dual
1-day tournament	°	\$175 each
2-day tournament	°	\$210 each

	# of Officials	Fee
matches/\$50	Multiple team	as
matches/		dual \$45

\$125 each° See chart in manual for number of officials and jv and junior high/middle school fees

Boys 2-Day Regional	\$250
Girls 2-Day Regional	\$165

Girls

Competition	Fee
Dual Meets	1 < 5 matches/\$25
duals	needed dual \$20
1-day tournament	* \$90 each
2-day tournament	* \$250

Playoffs:

(8) *Scrimmages.* 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 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 shall receive the set game fees for all tournament games in the following sports: Baseball, Basketball, Softball and Soccer.
- (12) *Game Fees Review.* Game fees and possible increases for officials will be reviewed every two years.

(1) **MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT.**

- (1) Officials shall be paid travel reimbursement according to the metro or non-metro plan based on a crew.
 - (A) *Metro*-flat rate of travel reimbursement from the center point in chapter to game site. 20 mile radius = \$12; 30 mile radius = \$15; 40 mile radius = \$18. Any school outside the 40 mile radius will revert to the non-metro mileage reimbursement for pay from that school.
 - (1) The UIL will determine the online mapping service to be used for the metro travel reimbursement plan by both officials and schools.
 - (B) *Non-metro* -portal to portal (round trip)officials shall be reimbursed one car at the state rate, two cars at 75% of the state rate, or three cars at 60% of the state rate (A \$10 riders fee will only be paid to officials exceeding three person crews). Consult the UIL Web site or the sport specific coaches manual for more details.
- (2) Officials shall be paid based on the state mileage reimbursement rate in effect on August 1 of the current school year.
- (3) By prior agreement between officials and school authorities, airfare may be substituted for automobile mileage fee.

- (4) Each chapter of each sport shall select the method of payment for travel reimbursement 30 days prior to the first contest.
- (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 150 miles. If meals are paid, the amount is \$15 during the regular season and \$30 during playoffs..
 - (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) **OFFICIALS RULES COMPLIANCE PROGRAM.**
 - (1) *Officials Required to complete online rules compliance program.* All officials in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball shall annually complete an online Rules Compliance Program prescribed by UIL.
 - (2) *Registration List.* Officials who annually complete an online Rules Compliance Program as prescribed by UIL shall provide proof of completion of the program to their approved local officials organization/chapter.
 - (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, etc.)
 - (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 with UIL prior to the season.
 - (B) Officials who are not registered with UIL will not be allowed to work varsity or post district games and should not be used for regular season games.
 - (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 48 hours of the incident.
 - (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.