



**UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE**  
**STATE SOFTBALL QUALIFIER HANDBOOK**

Congratulations on your team’s advancement to the state tournament! This handbook should serve as a guide for coaches and administrators to provide valuable information and greater consistency in preparing for the softball state tournament.

Questions concerning UIL Softball State Tournament should be addressed to the following staff member:

Peter Contreras – Tournament Director

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## 2015 UIL STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

### PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Teams winning their regional semifinal game must submit following materials to the UIL office by May 27th.** Please include your school name in the subject of your email. This is an important step in providing you with the best possible program, and your assistance is appreciated.

- Team Information Form (list of players, coaches, etc. and all games played) – to be completed online at <https://www.uiltexas.org/forms/team-info-softball>.
- Team Picture (5x7 color photo) - email to [pictures@uiltexas.org](mailto:pictures@uiltexas.org)
- Head Coach Picture (head and shoulder shot) - email to [pictures@uiltexas.org](mailto:pictures@uiltexas.org)
- School mascot or school logo – email to [pictures@uiltexas.org](mailto:pictures@uiltexas.org)

Please contact Bree Davis at (512) 232-4951 if you have any questions.

*Failure to submit this information could result in a range of penalties as described in Section 27(b) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.*

**State Qualifiers (Regional Champions):** The UIL staff will contact you Saturday evening prior to the state tournament. We will verify your team information and **record** (including all play-off games) and provide team pairings for the tournament.

**State Tournament Brackets:** Tournament brackets will be 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. The flip of a coin will determine the top two teams' opponent.

**Designation of "Home" and "Visitor":** The two top seeded teams will be the home team in the semi-finals. A coin flip prior to the final game will determine the home team. The home team will sit on the third base side.

**Ticket Sales:** NO presale tickets will be available. Adult tickets are \$10.00 per session, students are \$5.00 per session and coaches' all-tournament tickets are \$45 and can all be purchased at the gate. Ticket windows open one hour before the start of the day. Ticket sales for each session will begin one hour before the allotted session is scheduled to begin. NOTE: All games may not start at the scheduled time due to issues like weather, extra innings from previous games, etc.

**Team Passes:** You will receive passes in your packet to cover coaches, players, managers, trainers, and statisticians listed on the team information form. All personnel in the dugout must have a team pass.

**Administrative Tickets:** UIL will email a letter to the Superintendent after your team has qualified regarding the eight complimentary administrator tickets. Please contact Bree Davis at (512-232-4951) if you have any questions. Administrative tickets may be picked up by a designated administrator at the ticket window.

**Pre-tournament Workouts:** There will be no workouts at McCombs field prior to the tournament.

**Lodging Regulations:** The UIL will block up to 15 rooms per school. Arrangements will be made after UIL contacts all state qualifiers on Sunday morning. Schools should contact the hotel as soon as possible, but no later than Monday morning or their block of rooms could be dropped. The League cannot guarantee rooms for cheerleaders, administrators, fans, etc. Each school must settle all lodging bills before checking out.

**Noisemakers:** Only handmade noisemakers will be allowed. Any noisemaker that distracts from the game will not be permitted.

**Signs:** Signs, flags or banners are not permitted in the stadium. No signs, flags or banners of any size may be affixed to the facility. Items that can be held by one individual, reflect good sportsmanship, and do not block the view of other spectators may be permitted.

**Cheerleaders:** Only cheerleaders and mascots in uniform will be allowed in free along with their sponsor. Cheerleaders are to stay off the field at all times.

## **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**Coaches and Administrators Meeting:** There will be NO coaches meeting prior to the start of the tournament. All state tournament information will be given during Saturday's phone call and Sunday's email to coaches. Team packets will be available at your hotel upon check-in. If you are not staying in a hotel, packets will also be available each day at Red McCombs Softball Field. Please contact Peter Contreras (512-393-1958) to pick them up.

**Team Parking:** All school buses and vans will park in Lot 115. You must enter the lot from Leona Street.

**Team Entrance/Seating:** Teams will enter through Gate 6. Only those with team passes—players, coaches, trainers, managers and staff on roster will be allowed in the gate.

**Team Rosters:** Players' numbers should correspond with the program roster. If there are errors, please contact the UIL staff before the pictures are taken.

**Team Pictures:** Pictures will be taken prior to your semi-final game.

**Programs:** Each team also will be provided two programs free of charge in their team packet. Additional programs may be purchased for \$5 each.

**Videotaping:** UIL will arrange for videotaping of all games. Schools will receive one free copy of each game and may order other tapes. All tape revenue will be put with the gate receipts to be split by the schools. Schools or individuals will not be permitted to film or videotape. Please inform your fans and parents before coming to the tournament that no videos or filming apparatus will be allowed. Still cameras will be permitted. Softball DVD order forms are enclosed in the school packets and are also available on the UIL website.

**Rebate:** The UIL business office will provide schools with the financial statement and possible applicable reimbursement payment for the tournament.

## **GAME INFORMATION**

**Game Rules:** The National Federation Softball Rules shall govern all games.

**Game Balls:** The official game ball will be the Baden Lexum 2BSFPY.

**Introduction:** Players will go from home plate to respective dug out sideline (non-starters first) as they are introduced.

**Pre-game Warm-up:** Teams will be able to use designated areas in the facility for warm-up including batting cages. Please do not hit balls against the fence.

**Trainers:** A trainer will be available 30 minutes prior to your game. Please bring your own supplies if you wish to be taped.

**Infield Practice:** On Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, ten minutes will be allowed for each team for infield practice before the game. The home team will take infield practice first. Teams playing the second game of

the session should be ready to take infield practice immediately following the first game. If warm-up time is cut because of scheduling problems, each team shall have the same amount of time for warm-up.

**Length of Games:** All games will be played to the completion of seven (7) innings. Additional innings may be played to resolve ties.

**Ten-Run Rule:** In the State Tournament, the ten-run rule will be in effect. After five (5) innings of play, if one team is ten (10) or more runs ahead of its opponent, the game is over. (Or if 4 ½ innings have been completed and the home team is ten or more runs ahead.)

**Coaching Boxes:** A coach or player in uniform or those in appropriate team apparel may occupy the 1st and 3rd base coaching boxes.

**Pitching:** A pitcher will be allowed ten (10) warm-up pitches in the first appearance in the game and only five (5) thereafter.

**Conduct:** Fans, coaches and players shall observe good sportsmanship at all times.

**Rainout Procedure:** The decision to stop a game rests with the umpire-in-chief, usually the plate umpire, and/or the tournament director. A game suspended/delayed by rain will be restarted from the point of suspension as soon as possible as outlined in rule 2-26-1 of the National Federation Softball Rules.

If the suspensions last over an indefinite period of time and the team leaves the site, coaches must leave telephone numbers to their respective hotels.

The state tournament management may shorten games or alter the tournament format in order to avoid undue expense or an extended tournament.

**Medals:** 20 -2A, 3A; 22 – 4A; 25 -5A, 6A will be given. Additional medals may be available on site. Please complete the medal form in the school packet indicating the number of medals your team will need in excess of the designated amount and return the medal form to the UIL Staff before your first game.

**Awards Presentation:** Teams that do not advance to the finals will receive a plaque for the school and bronze medals. There will be a short presentation on the field following each semi-final game.

**Championship Game:** The awards presentation for both state champion and runner-up teams will take place immediately following each game. Both teams should line up on their respective sidelines, ready for the ceremony as soon as the game is over.



**2015 UIL SOFTBALL STATE TOURNAMENT**  
**Red & Charline McCombs Field**  
**The University of Texas at Austin**  
**June 3-6, 2015**

**Wednesday, June 3**

9:00 2A Semi-final  
12:00 2A Semi-final  
3:00 3A Semi-final  
6:00 3A Semi-final

**Thursday, June 4**

9:00 4A Semi-final  
12:00 4A Semi-final  
3:00 2A Finals  
6:00 3A Finals

**Friday, June 5**

9:00 5A Semi-final  
12:00 5A Semi-final  
3:00 6A Semi-final  
6:00 6A Semi-final

**Saturday, June 6**

10:00 4A Finals  
1:00 5A Finals  
4:00 6A Finals

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

**COACH PHOTOGRAPHIC CONSENT AND RELEASE CERTIFICATION FORM**

School _____	<b>Check Sport:</b>	___ Football
Address _____	___ Team Tennis	___ Boys Soccer
City/Zip _____	___ Volleyball	___ Girls Soccer
Superintendent _____	___ Girls Basketball	___ Softball
Principal _____	___ Boys Basketball	___ Baseball

I hereby certify to the University of Texas at Austin and the University Interscholastic League (University), and those acting in pursuant to its authority the following:

- (a) Upon qualifying for the UIL state championship event of the above checked sport, I have distributed to and received back from the students representing my school team, completed copies of the UIL Photographic Consent and Release Form.
- (b) The students representing my school team have given (or their parent/guardian has given) consent for the UIL to use, reproduce, exhibit or distribute in any medium their image in conjunction with the UIL state championship event.
- (c) The team photo provided to the UIL for use in the state championship event program contains only those students whose image is not protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- (d) If a student representing my school team wishes to not have their image used in the UIL state tournament program or in conjunction with the UIL state championship event, I have included their name(s) and jersey number (if applicable) below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach's Cell (include area code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Phone

**The following student(s) have not consented to have their image used by the UIL in any medium in conjunction with the UIL state championship event checked above. (List name and jersey number if applicable.) I understand that their image will not be included in the UIL state championship event program.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be received in the UIL office no later than noon on the Monday prior to the UIL State Championship event in which your team is participating.**

**FAX TO: (512) 471-6589**

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
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**PHOTOGRAPHIC CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM**

I hereby authorize the University of Texas at Austin and the University Interscholastic League (University), and those acting in pursuant to its authority to:

- (a) Record my likeness and voice on a video, audio, photographic, digital, electronic or any other medium.
- (b) Use my name in connection with these recordings.
- (c) Use, reproduce, exhibit or distribute in any medium (e.g. print publications, video tapes, CD-ROM, Internet/WWW) these recordings for any purpose that the University, and those acting pursuant to its authority, deem appropriate, including promotional or advertising efforts.

I release the University and those acting pursuant to its authority from liability for any violation of any personal or proprietary right I may have in connection with such use. I understand that all such recordings, in whatever medium, shall remain the property of the University. I have read and fully understand the terms of this release.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_

City	State	ZIP
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2015 STATE SOFTBALL MEDAL ORDER FORM**

Your school may obtain additional medals for participants by mailing or faxing this form to the address/fax number below with your **payment (check or credit card) or ISD purchase order**. Make checks payable to *The University of Texas/Austin*.

UIL – Order Department  
 PO Box 8028  
 Austin, TX 78713  
 FAX: (512) 232-6471

Credit card (check one) VISA_____ MC_____
Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____
Name of Cardholder _____
Billing Address Zip Code _____
Signature _____

**PRICE: State:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$11/ea (price includes shipping/handling charges)  
 (Add 8.25% sales tax for total order or enclose a tax exempt certificate if paying with a personal check or personal credit card).

Duplicate this form if you are ordering more than one type of medal.

TO INSURE PROMPT AND ACCURATE SERVICE, PLEASE RESPOND TO ALL ITEMS BELOW  
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**2015 SOFTBALL  
 ORDER FORM**

	<b>2A, 3A</b>	<b>4A</b>	<b>5A, 6A</b>
Number of medals furnished by the UIL	20	22	25
Additional medals needed	+		

Total Number of Medals

Year Contest was Held: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDAL(S) SHOULD BE SHIPPED AND BILLED TO:**

SHIPPING ADDRESS	BILLING ADDRESS
School: _____	School: _____
Attention: _____	Attention: _____
Street Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____	City, State, Zip: _____

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>TO BE USED BY UIL STAFF ONLY.</b>			
_____	extra medals(s) received at State Meet (not including the medals given by UIL).		
_____	extra medals(s) to be ordered.		
Type of medal (circle one):	Gold	Silver	Bronze

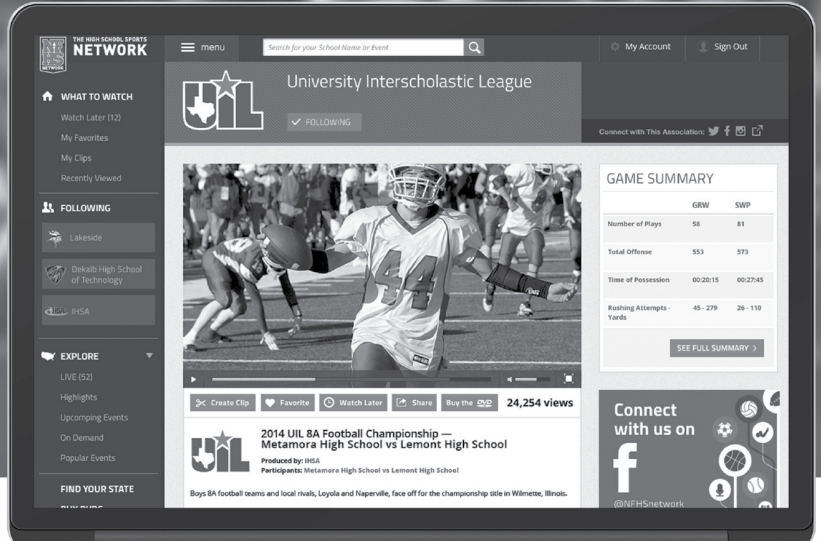


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