

University Interscholastic League (U.I.L.) General Eligibility Rules

This form is to be completed yearly and on file with the appropriate athletic staff member prior to participation in games, workouts (in-season and out-of-season), athletic classes and tryouts.

Eligibility rules for 7th & 8th grade interscholastic athletic participants:

An individual may participate in League athletic competition or contests as a representative of a participant school if he/she:

- Has met the requirements of Section 1400 (a) regarding general eligibility.
- For 7th grade athletic competition, has not reached his/her 14th birthday on or before September 1, and has not enrolled in the 9th grade.
- For 8th grade athletic competition, has not reached his/her 15th birthday on or before September 1, and has not enrolled in the 9th grade.
- A student who initially entered the 7th or 8th grade the current school year and is too old for the 7th or 8th grade participation may participate according to age, that is 7th graders on the 8th grade, 9th grade, high school junior varsity or high school varsity team, and 8th graders on the 9th grade, high school junior varsity, or high school varsity team.
- Is a full-time student in grade seven or eight at the school he/she represents. Exception: Seventh and eighth grade students from public K-8 schools that do not field a team, may participate on the 7th and 8th grade baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, and/or volleyball teams at the junior high school in the attendance area where they reside or which is a part of the designated receiving school district. (Parochial, private, and home schooled students are not eligible.)
- Has been in attendance and has passed the number of courses required by state law and by rules of the State Board of Education, and is passing the number of courses required by state law and by rules of the State Board of Education.
- Has not repeated the 7th or 8th grade for athletic purposes. A student who repeats the 7th or 8th grade for athletic purposes shall be eligible for only two consecutive years in 7th and 8th grade athletic competition after the first enrollment in the 7th grade. A student held back one year in the 7th or 8th grade for athletic purposes shall lose the fourth year of eligibility after entering the 9th grade. A student held back for two years for athletic purposes shall lose the third and fourth years of eligibility after entering the 9th grade.
- Has not changed schools for athletic purposes.

Eligibility rules for varsity interscholastic athletic participants:

- Are not 19 years of age or older on or before September 1 of the current school year. (See 504 handicapped exception.)
- Have not graduated from high school.
- Are enrolled by the 6th class day of the current school year or have been in attendance for fifteen calendar days immediately preceding a varsity contest.
- Are full-time day students in a participant high school.
- Initially enrolled in the ninth grade not more than four calendar years ago.
- Are meeting academic standards required by state law.
- Live with their parents inside the school district attendance zone their first year of attendance. (Parent residence applies to varsity athletic eligibility only.) When the parents do not reside inside the district attendance zone the student could be eligible if: the student has been in continuous attendance for at least one calendar year and has not enrolled at another school; no inducement is given to the student to attend the school (for example: students or their parents must pay their room and board when they do not live with a relative; students driving back into the district should pay their own transportation costs); and it is not a violation of local school or TEA policies for the student to continue attending the school. Students placed by the Texas Youth Commission are covered under Custodial Residence (see Section 442 of the *Constitution and Contest Rules*).
- Have observed all provisions of the Awards Rule.
- Have not represented a college in a contest.
- Have not been recruited. (Does not apply to college recruiting as permitted by rule.)
- Have not violated any provision of the summer camp rule. Incoming 10-12 grade students shall not attend a baseball, basketball, football, soccer, or volleyball camp in which a 7th through 12th grade coach from their school district attendance zone, works with, instructs, transports or registers that student in the camp. Students who will be in grades 7, 8, and 9 may attend one baseball, one basketball, one football, one soccer, one softball, and one volleyball camp in which a coach from their school district attendance zone is employed, for no more than six consecutive days each summer in each type of sports camp.
- Baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, and volleyball camps where school personnel work with their own students may be held in May, after the last day of school, June, July and August prior to the second Monday in August. If such camps are sponsored by school district personnel, they must be held within the boundaries of the school district and the superintendent or his designee shall approve the schedule of fees.
- Have observed all provisions of the Athletic Amateur Rule. Students may not accept money or other valuable consideration (items which are wearable, salable or usable) for participating in any athletic sport during any part of the year. Athletes shall not allow their names to be sued for the promotion of any product, play or service. Students who inadvertently violate the amateur rule by accepting valuable consideration may regain athletic eligibility by returning the valuable consideration. If individuals return the valuable consideration within 30 days after they are informed of the rule violation, they regain their athletic eligibility when they return it. If they fail to return it within 30 days, they remain ineligible for one year from when they accepted it. During the period of time from when students receive valuable consideration until they return it, they are ineligible for all varsity athletic competition. Minimum penalty for participating in a contest while ineligible is forfeiture of the contest.
- Did not change school for athletic purposes

I have read and understand the U.I.L. General Eligibility Rules as stated above:

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

University Interscholastic League Parent and Student Agreement/Acknowledgement Form Anabolic Steroid Use and Random Steroid Testing

- Texas state law prohibits possessing, dispensing, delivering or administering a steroid in a manner not allowed by state law.
- Texas state law also provides that body building, muscle enhancement or the increase in muscle bulk or strength through the use of a steroid by a person who is in good health is not a valid medical purpose.
- Texas state law requires that only a licensed practitioner with prescriptive authority may prescribe a steroid for a person.
- Any violation of state law concerning steroids is a criminal offense punishable by confinement in jail or imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

As a prerequisite to participation in UIL athletic activities, I agree that I will not use anabolic steroids as defined in the UIL Anabolic Steroid Testing Program Protocol. I have read this form and understand that I may be asked to submit to testing for the presence of anabolic steroids in my body, and I do hereby agree to submit to such testing and analysis by a certified laboratory. I further understand and agree that the results of the steroid testing may be provided to certain individuals in my high school as specified in the UIL Anabolic Steroid Testing Program Protocol which is available on the UIL website at www.uil.utexas.edu. I understand and agree that the results of steroid testing will be held confidential to the extent required by law. I understand that failure to provide accurate and truthful information could subject me to penalties as determined by UIL.

Student Name (Print): _____ Grade (9-12) _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As a prerequisite to participation by my student in UIL athletic activities, I certify and acknowledge that I have read this form and understand that my student must refrain from anabolic steroid use and may be asked to submit to testing for the presence of anabolic steroids in his/her body. I do hereby agree to submit my child to such testing and analysis by a certified laboratory. I further understand and agree that the results of the steroid testing may be provided to certain individuals in my student's high school as specified in the UIL Anabolic Steroid Testing Program Protocol which is available on the UIL website at www.uil.utexas.edu. I understand and agree that the results of steroid testing will be held confidential to the extent required by law. I understand that failure to provide accurate and truthful information could subject my student to penalties as determined by UIL.

Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to student: _____