



WEEK 8 BULLETIN

To: TASO Football Officials

From: Rod McLain

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Re: Playoffs, App, Texas Way, Sportsmanship

Fellow Officials,

Welcome to Week 8 of the regular season. District play brings a higher intensity as teams begin to look toward the playoffs. Let’s match that intensity with a focus on the rules, our mechanics and great game management.

Playoff Eligibility

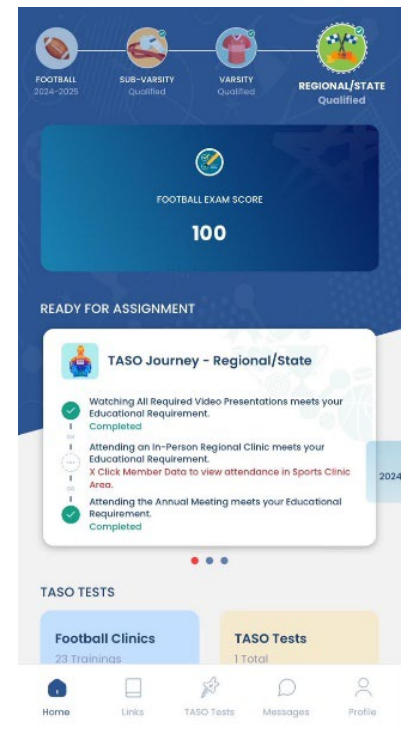
With four weeks left in the regular season, I know there are many eyes already on the playoffs. As a reminder, to be eligible for playoff assignments, members must score a minimum of 90% on the Regular Member’s Test. If you haven’t posted that minimum score, time is running out. **Friday, November 1 is the final day for the Member’s Test and the Online Clinic.** The test and clinic will not be available after November 1, so please don’t wait until the last minute. And members now have 25 attempts to post a winning score. The time to perform is NOW!

TASO App

Speaking of the test, take it on your phone or tablet with the TASO App. Your eligibility, test score, clinics, links to your Member’s Portal and elections are all active on your screen with a touch of your finger. Take the test on your phone. Online Clinic... on your phone. And in January you’ll be able to renew your membership... right from your phone. Download the TASO App at the Apple or Android store today.

The Texas Way

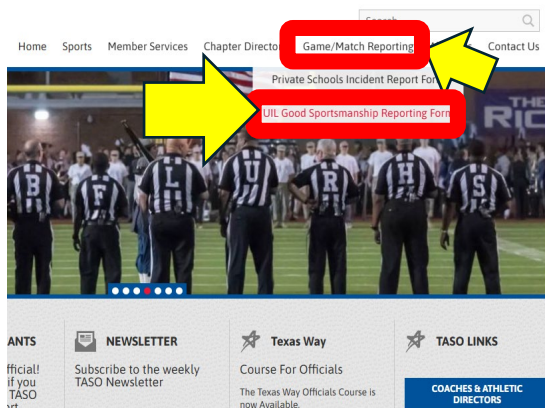
Almost 1,400 football officials, 25% of our membership, have completed The Texas Way. And, 52% of that participation is represented by just 6 chapters. Congratulations to those members and chapters that have accepted the challenge and invested 45 minutes with The Texas Way. Thank you for your dedication to Texas High School Football as you promote *Respect*, *Self- Control* and the *Spirit of Competition* to fans, schools, coaches and, most importantly, the student- athletes of Texas. Can our division reach 50% participation? How high can your chapter go? I look forward to seeing your progress. Here’s a look at each chapter’s performance.



The Texas Way Chapter Progress

1	North Texas	55.66%	9	Abilene	29.37%	17	Southeast Texas	15.79%
2	San Antonio	46.44%	10	South Texas	28.78%	18	Stephen F. Austin	15.73%
3	South Plains	42.72%	11	Tyler	25.94%	19	Commerce	12.90%
4	Fort Worth	42.63%	12	Permian Basin	25.83%	20	El Paso	10.82%
5	Central Texas	40.44%	13	Rio Grande	23.68%	21	Waco	10.71%
6	College Station	34.25%	14	San Angelo	22.89%	22	Houston	6.26%
7	Pecan Valley	34.21%	15	Austin	20.56%	23	Dallas	5.29%
8	East Texas	31.21%	16	Amarillo	17.02%			

Good Sportsmanship Report



The UIL has made sportsmanship a priority, and they have done a great job promoting and discussing it with coaches. Are we there yet? Absolutely not. But there is progress. I've seen it and I hope you have too. How can you help? When you have a good experience, please take a few minutes and complete the Good Sportsmanship Report. You can find the report at taso.org. Just click *Game/Match Reporting* at the top of the page and then select *UIL Good Sportsmanship Reporting Form*.

Let's all chip in and do our part to help promote the UIL initiative on Sportsmanship. I think that's good for our officials, good for the players, the coaches and the fans.

Are you officiating *The Texas Way*? Remember the 3 Pillars...

- Respect for Others
- Control of Self
- Spirit of Competition

Have a great week, stay hydrated and Have Fun!

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