TEXARKANA — The storied football rivalry game between Texas High School and Arkansas High School will have to wait until next season.

The Tigers and the Razorbacks have met on the gridiron in Texarkana's oldest rivalry game that has lasted over a century. Arkansas High head coach Barry Norton was not surprised with the UIL's decision to change the football schedule.

"It's a big game, but there are bigger things going on right now," Norton said. "We still haven't heard from the Arkansas Activities Association about what we are doing yet. We are still on schedule to begin practice on August 3rd. I am anticipating at this point that it's probably going to change. It wasn't a shock to me that Texas High's schedule got moved.

The UIL announced on July 21 that Class 5A schools, which includes Texas High, would begin practice on Sept. 7 and kick off their seasons on Sept. 24.

"I felt for our kids, especially the seniors who I want them to experience as much as they can throughout their high school career," Tigers' head coach Jerry Stanford said. "The rivalry game is going to be one of those things that they will not get to experience this year.

In a release, the UIL announced that the adjustments reflected the public health situation at this time and the varying numbers of COVID-19 cases across different geographic areas of the state of Texas.