

2015 ACADEMIC STATE MEET CONTESTANTS AND COACHES

UIL Accounting

Things You Should Know About State Meet

Suggestion: Print this document or access it electronically for reference while you are in Austin.

Congratulations on qualifying for the UIL State Meet!

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Monday Coaches' Meeting

- Accounting teachers/coaches are strongly encouraged to attend. Your contestants will be better prepared for the competition if your school is represented. Contestants and family are welcome. The meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 25 at 4:30 pm in room 3.502 of the Welch Building.** This will also be our contest room, so you have the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the surroundings. Contestant ID badges (which include the assigned contestant number) are needed on contest day and will be distributed at this meeting.
- Adults will be needed to help grade and assist in the administration of the contest. Thirty graders will be required (five from each of the six conferences). **Every competing team is required to have a qualified grader available.** Also, one coach or other adult from each conference will be required as a conference assistant. This means six adults per conference are needed. These will be determined at the coaches' meeting and if necessary prior to the contest on contest day.
- **Coaches, at the end of this document is a detailed explanation of the various volunteer positions and the time commitment for each of the positions.** Please review it carefully and be prepared to sign up at the coaches' meeting and if necessary prior to the contest. We NEED your help!
- The Computer Applications contest and the Accounting contest are back-to-back on the same day in different buildings. If your school is bringing contestants who will compete in both contests and you are the coach for both events, you will be urged to grade Computer Apps. Please consider asking another adult from your school to help grade Accounting. Accounting graders do NOT need to understand Accounting theory. Thank you very much for this consideration.
- If you cannot attend the awards ceremony and wish to have your test materials, please bring a large manila envelope, self-addressed with ample postage to the coaches' meeting or to the contest room.
- Consider locating Welch Hall and the contest room entrance prior to contest day (**WEL 3.502**). If you are competing in an event prior to Accounting, please map out in advance how to navigate quickly from one event to the next. Find the allowed parking. Campus security WILL issue parking tickets if you disobey the signs. The UIL State Meet is not an exception. Be prepared for walking!
- Grading is tentatively scheduled to take place in the Gates Dell Center, so coaches will want to locate that building as well.

Check Your Allowed Materials

1. Pencils (#2 lead) and erasers (ink pens are not allowed)
2. **Only basic 4-function calculators will be allowed.** If a calculator is otherwise considered a basic four-function calculator but includes minimal additional functions (such as sales tax,

markup, currency exchange, average, etc.), the calculator is allowed. Consider bringing an extra calculator in case something should happen to the first one. However, please limit the number of spare calculators you bring as ALL must be examined and ALL must remain on your testing surface. Desktop space will be very limited. Calculators must also be cordless and silent and shall not be equipped with a paper tape and should not require external wall plugs.

Calculators will be examined and either approved or disapproved. See C&CR Section 920(h).

3. Highlighters are allowed but not required.
4. Timing devices (wrist watches or small clocks) are allowed as long as the device does not emit audible sounds during the contest. Alarms on timing devices should be turned off.
5. Bring your contestant ID badge—do not write on it.
6. Please limit personal items carried into the contest room. Purses, book bags, etc. may not be on the testing surface or in the aisles or behind your chairs. Assistants must be able to walk behind your chair. The only place left for personal items is at your feet. Please do not attempt to access your personal belongings during testing. We don't want anyone to be suspected of cheating.

Items NOT Allowed

1. Do not bring paper of any kind (other than your contestant ID badge) into the contest room.
2. Do not bring in mp3 players, headsets, earphones (or the like)—not even for while you wait for the contest to begin.
3. Do not bring a cell phone or electronic tablet (or the like) into the contest room. Cell phones or other communication devices must not be accessible during testing, therefore may not be used as a timing device or as your calculator. Obviously, referencing data on your device, text messaging or any kind of telecommunications during testing is grounds for disqualification.
4. Do not chew gum. Please do not wear hats or caps. Please do not bring in large, visible “good luck charms” (oh the stories that could be told).

Entrance to Contest Room (WEL 3.502)

- Contest is held in **Welch (WEL) 3.502. Doors open at 11:00 AM. The contest begins at 11:30 AM.**
- **The stated contest time is when the contest director may call the roll. Therefore, all contestants should be seated and ready to follow instructions.** Doors will open prior to the stated contest time to allow contestants time to get situated and mentally prepared. Please try to arrive as soon as doors open. Announcements will be made as soon as all contestant spaces are occupied. If you know a contestant will be late because of competing in other events, please let the state contest director know this at the coaches' meeting or in advance by email.
- Arrive early. Find the testing room, restroom, water fountains, etc.
- There is no pre-assigned seating chart. However, **do not sit next to or near (includes side-by-side, in front of, or behind) one of your teammates or anyone else you know.** Only contestants should be seated directly in front of a contestant questionnaire. Do not move the questionnaire to another chair as the seating placement is prearranged. Please do notify an assistant if there is something wrong with your chair or testing surface.
- All others (alternates, coaches, parents, etc.) are asked to stand so that contestants may be visually identified (seated at a questionnaire).

- Please do not wait in the foyer during the contest or during grading as the noise level is most disruptive to contestants and graders. The patio areas provide pleasant places to visit and wait. The contest and verification period will not start early.
- Check your equipment—refer to the “Do’s and Don’ts” listed above.

Announcements and Other Housekeeping Chores Prior to Roll Call

- Contestants should complete the contestant questionnaire. (Alternates who have NOT been officially contacted to compete should NOT complete the questionnaire at this time.) Print legibly! Be sure you have written your coach’s first and last name correctly.
- Contestants who were not represented at the coaches’ meeting will be given their contestant ID badges at this time.
- All contestants should write their THREE DIGIT contestant number in the upper right-hand corner of the questionnaire.
- During the announcements anyone may be in the contest room. Listen. Make sure you know when and where the Verification Period and Awards Ceremony will take place.
- After the announcements, all will exit the room except for contestants, alternates, director, and assistants.

Roll Call and Inspections

- Names are called by conference beginning with Conference 1A.
- If you are not present when your name is first called, I will call your name again at the end of all conferences.
- If you are not present when your name is called the second time, the first alternate will be called.
- When roll call for all six conferences is complete, alternates not called will exit. Alternates to state who are **not** called to compete will be allowed to review the contest materials with the graders during the contest time in a different building (place to be announced).
- Contest assistants will inspect your calculator. Disallowed calculators will be confiscated, identified as to owner, and returned after the contest. ALL calculators must be inspected and ALL should stay on the desktop. If you do not have an allowed calculator, you may take the exam without the aid of a calculator. If someone is willing to lend you his/her spare calculator, and it is an allowed calculator, you may use it.
- Assistants will also inspect your contestant ID badge. Writing accounting theory or other facts on the contestant ID card is grounds for disqualification. Anything written on the contestant ID card in ANY language is grounds for disqualification.
- Questionnaires will be collected.

Distribution of Contest Materials

- While the distribution takes place, do NOT have a pencil in your hand.
- Do NOT open the exam packet; but you should read the cover sheet. Monitors will be surveying the room at this time. Failure to follow the above rules is grounds for disqualification.
- WHEN YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO DO SO, you will write your 3-digit contestant # on your answer sheet and the cover sheet of your exam packet in the spaces provided.
- Do NOT write your name on any of the distributed contest materials.

- WHEN YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO DO SO, you will complete the Legibility Control section of your answer sheet.

Taking the Exam

- Pace yourself.
- Contestants should refrain from making excessive noise from page-turning, calculator use, etc.
- You will remain in the testing room the entire hour and turn your papers in at the end of the hour when called for by the contest director. Do NOT turn in your papers before the time is called.
- You may not leave the contest room except in the case of illness or emergency. You must turn in your papers before leaving and you will not be allowed to re-enter. There will be conference assistants at each exit to help you. Your answer sheet will be graded and ranked as it is.
- You may write anything on the exam packet or scratch paper only after you are instructed to begin taking the exam.
- Only answers should be marked on the answer sheet. Only your answer sheet will be graded—NOT the exam packet.
- After 55 minutes of testing time, you will be told that five minutes remain.
- When those final five minutes have passed, you will be told to stop and put down your pencils. Continuation of writing after 60 minutes is grounds for disqualification.
- You will turn in your contest materials by conference. Please listen for instructions.
- You will be asked to remain in the testing room until the conference assistants have verified that all materials are collected.
- Gather your supplies and please tidy up your area. When you are dismissed, you may leave your scrap paper (for recycling) on a desktop near the exits. Take your Name Badge with you!

Graders and Alternates Not Called to Compete, During the Contest Hour

- A room will be provided for graders and alternates not called to compete to use during the contest hour to examine the test and key. This is tentatively scheduled to be the same room as grading in the Gates Dell Center.
- If you are selected to grade, you will proceed to the announced designated room when you are dismissed after the contest announcements period.
- The Head Grader will bring the test materials to this designated room.
- Only graders and alternates not called to compete are allowed in this designated room unless permission is granted by the director, assistant directors, or Head Grader.

Lunch and Grading Period

- Coaches who are also graders should have good communication with their contestants regarding lunch plans.
- Coaches who volunteer to review the contest materials and all adults who will grade will need to bring a sack lunch or have your lunch before you begin your volunteer duties. The UIL typically provides a hospitality room, but the location may or may not be nearby. We MUST begin grading as quickly as possible.
- We hope to provide a lunch for each conference assistant as the duties of this position span most of the contest day.

- Only graders and contest assistants are allowed in the grading room. **Please do not bring small children.**

The Verification Period (Welch 2.224 at 5:30 p.m.)

- Anyone may attend the verification period.
- Contestants should bring or remember their 3-digit contestant number.
- Place all personal articles on the floor near your feet. DO NOT HAVE ANY WRITING OR ERASING INSTRUMENTS . (This is to prevent persons from changing answers on the answer sheets. Changing answers is obviously grounds for disqualification.)
- You will be given the following: 1) your answer sheet; 2) your exam; 3) an official key; and 4) your scoring chart.
- The contest director will allow you no more than 15 minutes to review your materials.

During the verification period you should:

1. Make sure you have YOUR contest materials.
2. Compare your answers to the key and verify that incorrect answers were marked appropriately.
3. Review the scoring chart for accuracy
 - a. Is the subtotal score correct? (number of correct answers x 5 points)
 - b. Were points awarded correctly for starred questions?
 - c. Is the total score correct?
4. Any score disputes should be addressed to the contest director only. You should approach the podium.
5. Any remaining time may be used to review the exam with your coach.

The Announcement of Results and Other Recognition

- There will be announcements of special recognition for schools, coaches, and contestants. This is a tradition. Coaches may provide input for this in the survey handout provided at the coaches' meeting.
- Awards are announced by conference. The order is random each year.
- Individual awards will be given first, then team awards.
- Contestants placing individually in sixth, fifth, and fourth will come forward without their coaches to receive their medals. The medals will not be pinned.
- Contestants placing individually in third, second, and first will come forward with their coaches and medals will be draped. The coach of the individual gold medalist will receive a UIL coach's pin. These three contestants and coaches will remain at the front until all three places are called and honored.
- The second place team and coach will be called and the team members will be draped with medals.
- The first place team and coach will then be called and the team members will be draped with medals. The coach will receive the school plaque and UIL coach's pin. (If the first place individual and the first place team are coached by the same person, the coach will receive only one pin.)
- All individual and team gold medalists' and coaches should remain after the dismissal for the photo session for the UIL Accounting contest photo album. An announcement will be made giving instructions for where the official UIL Champions photo session will take place.

Posting of Results

- The results (in all conferences) will be posted on the UIL Academics web site: <http://www.uiltexas.org/academics>

**Whether you go home with or without a medal,
treasure the UIL State Meet experience!**

Accounting Coaches...Will You Volunteer?

Please remember that this is your contest. In order for it to operate smoothly, we need your commitment and your help. So, thank you in advance for your contribution. Please know that you are appreciated!!

If you are a coach and cannot help grade Accounting, please consider bringing along another adult to represent your school for grading. The school of each competing team is required to provide a qualified grader. Other graders are still needed as indicated in the quantities below.

On Contest Day We Will Need:

6 Conference Assistants (one from each conference: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A)
30 Graders (5 from each conference) (not counting the 6 Conference Assistants)
One Head Grader (one of the 30 graders who is not a Conference Assistant)
Unlimited Number of Calculator Inspectors (Inspectors may also be Graders)
15 Reviewers of Contest Materials (Accounting knowledge required as these folks will verify the key.)

All Volunteers----Please locate in advance Welch 3.502 (contest room), the Gates Dell Center (room to be announced for Materials Review and Grading), and Welch 2.224 (Verification & Awards) so we do not lose time in the transfer process between locations.

Conference Alignment----Because of the way we grade papers multiple times by rotation among conferences, you may only volunteer to help with your HOME conference. Graders should never see contestant papers from their HOME conference.

Eating Lunch----As my boys used to say, it's YO-YO time: You're On Your Own. The UIL Hospitality Room may or may not be near our assigned buildings/rooms. The state director will provide snack crackers for graders, but no drinks because we now have to move from building to building during the contest day. We will try to provide a lunch for each conference assistant as the duties of that position span most of the contest day (confirmation of this will be announced at the Coaches' Meeting).

Conference Assistants----You will be given a detailed instruction handout at the coaches' meeting. You are needed in the testing room to assist with room set up at **10:30 a.m.** You will help prepare the room, distribute papers, and discuss in detail your duties for the day. You will remain in the testing room during the contest hour as a monitor and collect exams when the testing hour is over.

Then you become a leader in the grading process for your conference. You will also grade papers as time allows. When grading is finished, you may be asked to help with scoring. You should be able to leave the grading room for an extended break 4:00-5:00 p.m. if all goes well.

Please report to Welch 2.224 at 5:00 to lay out contest materials on tables and control them prior to Verification. Other contests will be having Awards in this room immediately before our scheduled time, so we will need to be flexible if those before us are running long. Verification is scheduled to begin at 5:30. Once all materials have been claimed or identified (with a post-it note) as "unclaimed," then you may join your students for the rest of the day.

Reviewers of Contest Materials (to verify the key)----You will meet along with everyone else when doors open at 11:00. When instructed (about 11:45) you will go to Gates Dell Center to review the test materials and verify the key. The test will be divided up into sections. You are urged to confer with one another as needed. Alternates who have not been called to compete are welcome to review the contest materials.

If you can review the materials, but you are unable to grade, please let us know so we can add your name to the list of reviewers. Otherwise, the Head Grader will not be expecting you.

Graders----You will meet along with everyone else when doors open at 11:00. If you are a reviewer, you will be instructed to proceed to Gates Dell Center about 11:45. If you are only grading, please report to Gates Dell Center promptly at 12:45.

Before grading begins, you will be given detailed instruction handouts. Grading will hopefully conclude at about 3:00 when you will be dismissed.

Head Grader----You will be given a detailed instruction handout at the coaches' meeting. You are responsible for control and confidentiality of contest materials (which will be given to you around 11:45), and you will lead the graders and alternates who review the contest materials. You will also be a grader. You are needed from 11:00 until grading is completed (about 3:00).

Calculator Inspectors----You will be given a detailed instruction handout at the coaches' meeting. Please arrive at the testing room along with everyone else at 11:00 a.m. and wait until I call for you. If we have enough help, your job should only take around five minutes. You may be an inspector and a grader if you choose to help with both. There is a sign-up sheet for inspectors and a separate sign-up sheet for graders.

Thank you!----Your service is truly appreciated! Let us all be focused and provide the absolute best-possible, positive environment for our STATE-BOUND Accounting contestants!

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