



MASTERING THE MEET

PREPARING FOR DISTRICT AND BEYOND

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Handouts and Conference info:
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CONFERENCE HOUSEKEEPING



SIGN IN ROSTERS

- Sign in for each session. Email address only required once, if attending multiple sessions by same presenter.

HANDOUTS, PRESENTATIONS, INFORMATION

- <http://www.uiltexas.org/academics/student-activities/tyler-2017>

EXPECTATIONS FOR DECORUM



Please behave as a professional.

Remember that the people hosting a meet have worked very hard to offer a good experience for you and your students.

Understand that there will be mistakes made at the meet. Please be patient and let the people hosting the meet have a chance to fix the problem.

If you detect a problem or mistake, gently and courteously bring it to their attention. They want to run a good meet.

Getting angry and speaking harshly does not help.



GIVE THANKS

Every site, no matter how well or poorly executed things may seem, has spent an enormous amount of time, effort and energy to host you.

Thank everyone involved.

Be kind to your peers and your hosts. Work together to make “us” the best thing that has happened all week!



OFFER YOUR ASSISTANCE

You can proctor, monitor, contest direct, grade (for most tests), hallway monitor, enter results, lead verification, give directions, supervise kids in common areas, etc.

You can assist in hundreds of different ways to make things better.

Many of your sites are well equipped with adequate staff. Others need help.

Be there and kindly speak up to offer a hand for anything that needs attention.



ATTEND VERIFICATION

Every event has a verification period (excluded at invitational meets).

Know when and where that is and be there with your students.

If that is not planned, help the contest director know it needs to happen.

If you are unable to attend, send another adult.

This is the ONE CHANCE to review grading, scoring, results, and question anything. If there are any issues, ask then! We cannot solve a problem for you once verification has concluded. Results are final.



ASK QUESTIONS

Like an airport, if you see any type of issue or problem, ask about it and let someone know.

We cannot fix a problem following the administration of the contest or verification.

Speak up. Advocate for your kids at the right time and in a professional manner.



HAVE FUN

You are providing life-changing experiences for your students.

Be proud, make them happy and enjoy the journey.



INVITATIONAL MEETS

The school hosting the meet has already purchased contests, awards, office supplies, food & beverage, and other items for the meet.

Pay your registration fees cheerfully and in a timely manner.

It is a common understanding that if you do not drop your entries before the posted date, you forfeit your entry fees.

Remember, it is a “practice” meet. It is supposed to run well and be a good experience, but it is not district, region, or state. There will be other opportunities.



DROPPING STUDENTS

In Speech & Debate Contests, it is very important to notify the hosting school of your entry drops as soon as possible. Drops mean the reparing of debate teams or changing of speakers in rooms.

BEFORE THE DISTRICT MEET



Work with other teachers and academic coaches to recruit contestants.

Become familiar with the conflict pattern.

See that students get practice materials and resources as early as possible.

Make sure contestants know ALL the rules for their events.

Attend invitational meets for practice.

Check eligibility of all competitors.

Submit your online entry on or before the deadline.



DISTRICT MEET

Be on time. Better yet, be early.

Take along plenty of substitute eligibility forms.

Have accessible the handbooks for each event and the UIL *Constitution & Contest Rules*.

Be positive, polite and gracious.

Step in to assist the contest host in any way they may need. Assist rather than sit in the hospitality room and complain about how things are being done. Encourage your coaches to do the same.



DISTRICT MEET

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Make sure that all academic coaches attend verification for their event.

See that all problems are resolved before official results are announced and medals awarded.

Work to make all your students feel like ‘winners’ – whether they receive an award or not.

Demand good sportsmanship from your students. Set a good example. Congratulate students and coaches from other schools.



AFTER DISTRICT

Afterwards, check results! See that substitutes who competed are on rosters with results. Print results for your school records.

Publicize the successes to the students, the administration, and the community.

Check the UIL web for qualifying wild card teams.



BEFORE THE REGIONAL MEET

Regions will post regional handbooks online. Links from the UIL website will be provided. Check carefully! Check again close to date for meet for any changes. Take contact numbers with you.

Qualifiers are advanced from online results, so no registration is needed. Make sure any district substitutions are accurately reflected in results.

The Spring Meet Code requires that you notify the alternate and regional director if you have a contestant who cannot compete. “No Shows” will be reported to UIL.



REGIONAL MEET

Arrive early, find contest locations, plan for long distances across college campuses.

Regional assistants may be assigned to the contest directors. Step up, step in and assist.

Be professional. Have fun. Take the time to thank your hosts.

State Qualifier's information will be posted online on the UIL website.



STATE MEET

Qualifiers are automatically certified from regional results.

No pre-registration or entry fees are required.

Check the web for qualifying wild card teams.

The schedule will be posted on the web, along with contest specific information.

Plan for very heavy traffic and time to find parking. Read the signs carefully!

TILF SCHOLARSHIPS



Who can apply?

- **Must have competed at the UIL Academic State Meet **any year of their high school career** (CX debaters must have advanced to the second day of competition)**
- **OR must be a state finalist in the Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition, the Latino History Essay Competition or the Theatrical Design Contest**

The 2018 TILF scholarship application window begins March 1. **DEADLINE is May 11. Submitted applications may be amended until May 25.**

TILF SCHOLARSHIPS



Four new scholarships available.

One for theatrical design competitors, one for science competitors, one for kids from Hill County, and one open to everyone.

All details on these awards on the TILF blog:

<http://bit.ly/newawards2017>

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Student Activities Conferences

- **Sept 9** **Tyler Jr. College, Tyler**
- **Sept 23** **Texas Tech University, Lubbock**
- **Sept. 30** **University of Houston, Main Campus**
- **Oct 14** **UT Austin**

Capital Conference

- **Tues/Wed, June 26-27, 2018 at the AT&T Conference Center, Austin**

<http://www.uiltexas.org/academics/capital-conference>

QUESTIONS

