



CROSS-EXAMINATION DEBATE WINNER'S INFORMATION

CX Debate

To: State Meet Qualifier

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Congratulations on qualifying for the UIL CX Debate State Meet! These online materials are designed to answer your questions. If you have issues not addressed, please contact me. In preparation for your trip to State, we offer the following reminders:

1. The League has hired a select group of experienced judges. Also included in the judging pool are individuals provided by each qualifying school. Their judging paradigms will be posted online so debaters may study them in advance of the state meet. Download and print them so you can use them during the tournament, as copies will not be available onsite.
2. Early registration on the evening before competition is highly recommended, but if you can't attend, you must arrive no later than 7:30 a.m. tournament day and register. Please do not wait until opening assembly time to check in and confirm your judge and team's presence. (See the tentative schedule for complete hours and location).
3. All debaters must be present at the assembly in the University Teaching Center on the UT campus for roll call, even if you have registered prior to that time. After roll call is completed, alternates are called to take empty places. Once an alternate has been verified and seated, even if you arrive prior to Round I, you cannot compete so be on time!
4. Allow plenty of time for parking, and **do not park** in restricted spaces on campus during posted hours of restrictions. The League is not responsible for any parking citation received. Refer to parking information document.
5. Although computer use is not mandatory, UIL allows debaters to use computers for flowing or evidence retrieval as long as wired or wireless connections are disabled while the debate is in progress. It is imperative that teams choosing to use computers review the most current official *UIL Guidelines for Computer Use in Debate* and the Frequently Asked Questions located online at:

www.uiltexas.org/speech/debate

www.uiltexas.org/speech/debate/debate-frequently-asked-questions

6. Bring a timer. We will not provide timekeepers. UIL Guidelines for using computers does allow you to use a computer software timer.
7. Parents, family, friends, and school personnel are welcome to watch rounds. Observers should remain throughout the entire round. They may not bring computers into the round, take any notes, use cell phones, or prompt.
8. Don't hesitate to ask questions. Contest Directors are there to see that the Meet goes smoothly, and UIL staff will be available throughout the meet. Ask any of them for assistance or clarification during the tournament

Have a safe trip to Austin, and best of luck at State!



For Alternates Only

Third place teams are alternates. Here are answers to questions you may have about your role as alternate to the UIL Cross-Examination Debate State Meet.

How soon will I know if I can compete?

This is a difficult question to answer. Most qualifiers who cannot attend will call the District Director as soon as they know they will not compete at State. In case of emergencies, however, your school may be notified closer to the date of competition. There are penalties for failure to notify the state contest director that a team will not compete. Our advice is to be prepared and keep hoping!

Who will call me?

Your District Director or Jana Riggins, State Director, will contact your principal. If you get the message through informal channels, have your principal call your District Director and the other school to check. The District Director will contact Jana Riggins at the League office with the change.

Am I eligible to fill any vacant slot in the contest?

No. You may only compete if a qualifier from your district and conference is unable to attend the CX State Meet. In the event a qualifier from your district and conference is unable to attend State, you must be able to provide the League with the completed certification form found online and in your coach's packet, if applicable to your district.

Should I attend State Meet anyway?

It's up to you, your parents, your academic coach, and your principal. If your school is sending contestants and your attendance is not an undue financial burden, State Meet is full of opportunities for enrichment through the competition and at the museums, exhibits, and activities on campus and in the city of Austin.

May I watch debates if I come?

Yes, and you are welcome to serve as a timekeeper if you are capable and willing. Debate is open to the public and audiences are welcome. However, you should read carefully the rules for CX debate that prohibit spectators from taking notes except in the final rounds. The League discourages students from listening to rounds in their own conference if other debaters from their school are competing in the State Meet.

Are alternates eligible to apply for TILF scholarships?

No, not unless they are substituted for an absent competitor and actually compete in the State Meet. Only those debaters who advance to the elimination rounds are eligible to apply for a TILF scholarship. Brochures from the TILF office will be available at the meet.

We hope that your competitive debate experience has been worthwhile and that you can reflect on your year with pride and pleasure.



2015 CX State Parking Information

BE ON TIME

Traffic in Austin is heavy. Allow sufficient time to park and get your debate materials to the University Teaching Center (UTC) for roll call. If you arrive close to the start time for roll call, you should drop your debaters off to answer roll while you park. Remember that judges must be on time to pick up ballots.

Unloading

Turn right onto University Ave. from Martin Luther King (MLK) and then make a right on 21st Street. UTC will be on the right-hand side, directly after the church and security booth. **DO NOT** leave your vehicle unattended. Since there will be other vehicles waiting to unload, disembark as quickly as possible to keep everything running smoothly. There is an additional Loading Zone on the west side of the Sanchez Building. Vehicles that are left unattended in UT parking permit required spaces will receive a parking citation.

Attention Coaches: Please read all the information below carefully.

NO FREE PARKING

DOBIE MALL GARAGE PAID PARKING

Parking is available in the **Dobie Mall Garage** (northeast corner of 20th & Whitis) during the week of March 16th – March 21th.

BRAZOS GARAGE / TRINITY GARAGE

Parking in the Brazos Garage is on a self-pay space available basis. In the event that the Brazos Garage becomes full, the Trinity Garage may be used. The parking fee is based on the amount of time your car is in the garage and varies from \$3-\$18. If you leave the garage and return, you will have to pay an additional fee. Brazos Garage is located at 210 East MLK Blvd. From I-35, turn onto MLK (Martin Luther King) and then make a right on Brazos. Trinity Garage is located at 1815 Trinity Street. This garage is located on the corner of MLK (Martin Luther King) and Trinity.

PAY PARKING LOTS

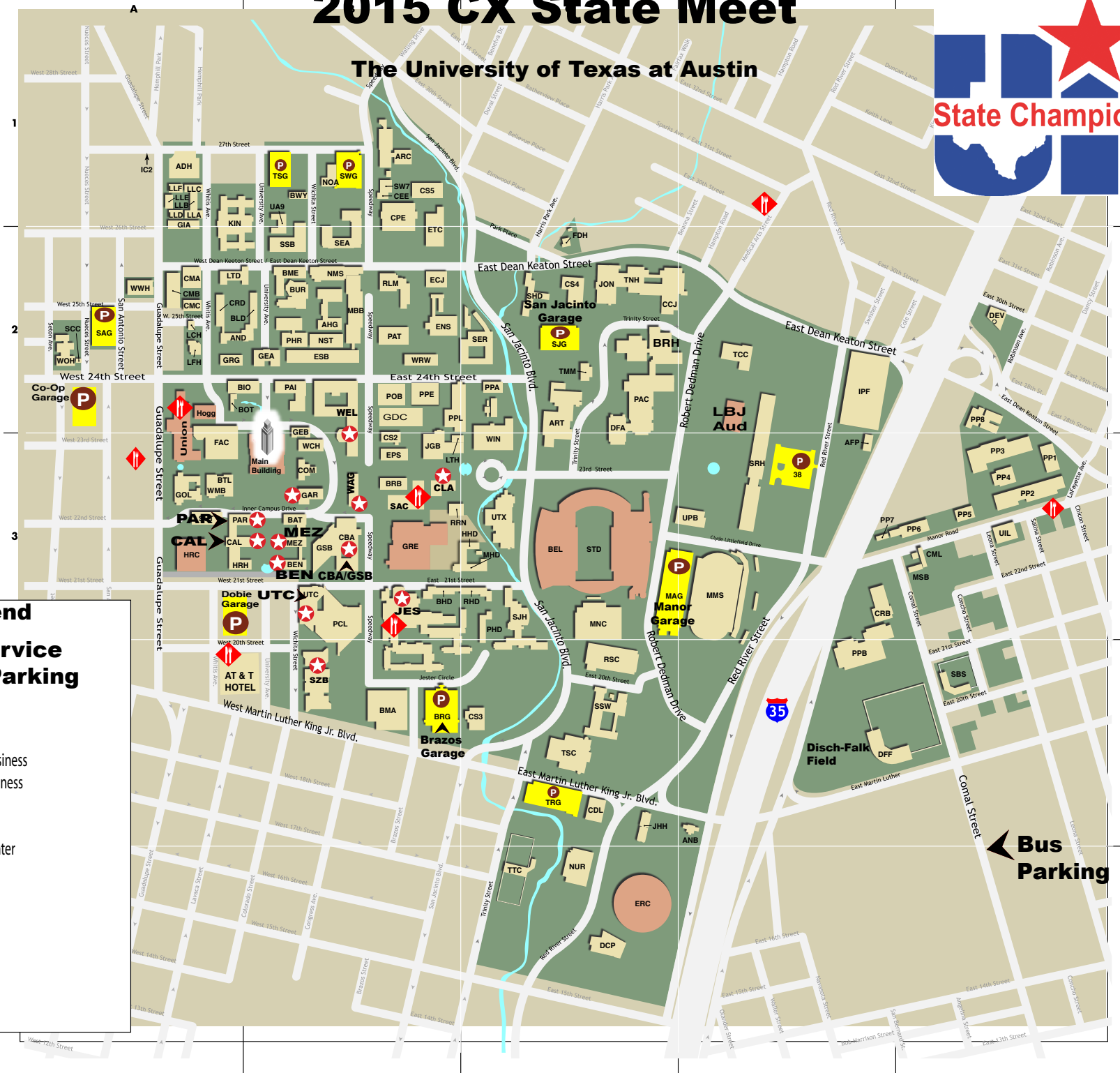
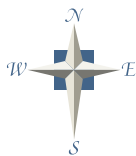
There are several pay parking lots within the vicinity of University Teaching Center. In addition to daily rates, some of these lots also have hourly rates and/or discounted prices for evening hours. Prices range from \$5 to \$10 per day. **Please check all signs carefully before parking in any of these lots. Prices subject to change without notice, so be sure to read the signs before you park your car.**

BE AWARE!

The League is not responsible for any tickets issued for illegal parking. Vehicles left in a towing zone or without payment in a pay lot will be towed. Vehicles parked in spaces labeled “University Vehicles,” “F At All Times,” and “D” will be towed. Visitors with disabilities may park in a “D” space if they have a disability license plate or disabled person identification placard (an additional permit from the University of Texas for visitors with disabilities is not required during a university holiday). Vehicles parked in reserved A, F, G, D, O, or “Reserved At All Times” spaces will be ticketed and/or towed. School vans **cannot** park in spaces beside University Teaching Center and Graduate School of Business. **Do not** park in “Official Visitors” spaces. These are reserved through the UT President’s office and should **NOT** be used by debate schools. Additionally, do not park in the open surface paid parking lot located at the corner of University and 20th Street, between the AT&T Conference Center and the University Catholic Center because you will be towed.

2015 CX State Meet

The University of Texas at Austin



Legend

-  Food Service
-  Public Parking

- BEN — Benedict
- CAL — Calhoun
- CBA — McCombs School of Business
- GSB — Graduate School of Business
- MEZ — Mezes
- PAR — Parlin
- UTC — University Teaching Center
- SAC - Student Activities Center
- SZB - Sanchez
- JES - Jester
- GAR - Garrison
- WAG - Waggner
- WEL - Welch
- CLA - College of Liberal Arts

Frequently Asked Questions

- **How do I enter the State Cross-Examination Debate Meet?**
There are no entry fees for the CX State Meet. Online results from your district meet and certification forms, where necessary, serve as your official entry. Certification & Judging forms (to be completed online) are required in the League office no later than **Feb. 19, 2015** and are required for competition at State (see C&CR pg. 105)
- **Where do I register?**
Registration for State CX Debate will be held in the University Teaching Center (UTC), room 2.112A. You may register during either time period for your conference. Photo Release and Emergency Contact Forms must be submitted electronically by **March 12** for all conferences.
 - **Conference 1A, 2A and 3A**
Sunday, March 15, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Monday, March 16, 7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.
 - **Conference 4A, 5A and 6A**
Thursday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, March 20, 7:30 a.m.
- **What if I cannot come to State Meet?**
Notify your principal immediately if you are unable to attend State Meet. Your principal should then notify the Spring Meet District Director and Jana Riggins, State Director at the League office. Alternates will need sufficient time to make arrangements for competing, so do this in a timely manner.
- **What do I do if I'm an alternate?**
If you attend State Meet as an alternate, report to the assembly room for roll call. Official substitution of alternates will be made at the end of roll call. Bring your completed certification form if this is applicable to your district.
- **What should I wear?**
Professional business attire. State champions will be photographed so remain dressed appropriately in tournament attire to have your picture taken.
- **You misspelled my name!**
If you discover that your name or school's name is misspelled in any of the State Meet material online, please contact the State Office or give the correct information to a League staff member at Registration.
- **How can I be at the right place at the right time?**
Pick up the *Official CX Debate State Meet Program* and a campus map at UTC when you register. It is imperative that you be on time to rounds. Check the QR code in your program for complete information.
- **You didn't answer my question!**
For further information, call the League office at (512) 471-5883 or email jriggins@uiltexas.org.



RESOLVED: The United States federal government should substantially increase its non-military exploration and/or development of the Earth's oceans.

105th Annual Cross-Examination Debate STATE MEET

Tentative Program

Conferences 1A, 2A & 3A March 15-17, 2015
Conferences 4A, 5A & 6A March 19-21, 2015



University Interscholastic League

Welcome to State!

Displaying good sportsmanship and ethics reflects positively on you, your coach, and your school and community. Treating officials, judges and opponents with courtesy enhances the quality of the competition for everyone involved. Reviewing the rules reduces the potential for problems during the meet.

• Debate Is a Texas Tradition

The UIL began in 1910 as the Debating League of Texas High Schools and merged in 1912 with the Texas Interscholastic Athletic Association. Active participation in debate is a Texas tradition over a century old.

• Judging Requirements

Each school must provide one judge for each team qualified for the CX Debate State Meet as long as that team remains in competition. Failure to do so constitutes grounds for forfeiture of the round. The coach may serve as this judge or another person experienced in judging debate may be provided by your school to fulfill this obligation.

Your professional contribution to the quality of the competition is greatly appreciated. All schools must submit required judging forms to the League no later than Feb. 19 in order for your school to compete. Forms are on the UIL website at <http://www.uiltxas.org/speech/debate>.

Paradigm information of State Meet judges will be provided in advance of the meet via the UIL website.

• Where do I park?

Parking on the the UT campus is limited and restricted. You may park on campus for registration on Sunday and Thursday evenings, but do not park in spaces restricted to *Official Visitors, F Only, At All Times, Accessible* or *University Vehicle At All Times*. We recommend you pay to use the university parking garages (Brazos Garage, San Jacinto Garage, Speedway Garage). A UT campus map is available online at www.utexas.edu/maps/. Paid parking is also available at the Dobie Mall Garage, located near 21st & Guadalupe. The UIL is not responsible for and cannot resolve parking tickets received during the state tournament.

• What and where to eat

Campus dining halls will be closed for spring break. However, Dobie Mall has a large food court with several fast food restaurants. In addition, many restaurants are located within walking distance, particularly along Guadalupe Blvd.

Tentative Schedule

Cross-Examination Debate State Meet

The University of Texas at Austin
Jana Riggins, State Tournament Director

The Official Program is available during registration at the University Teaching Center (UTC) to all contestants and debate coaches. Refer to the Official Program for an accurate schedule, including any changes.

MARCH 15, SUNDAY (1A, 2A & 3A); MARCH 19, THURSDAY (4A, 5A & 6A)
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Registration: University Teaching Center (UTC) 2.112A

MARCH 16, MONDAY (1A, 2A & 3A); MARCH 20, FRIDAY (4A, 5A & 6A)

7:30 a.m. Registration: UTC 2.112A
(All teams should be registered)
8 a.m. Assembly: UTC 2.112A
Announcements
Roll call (all debaters must be present for roll call)
Official substitutions will be made at this time.
Pairings and room assignments of Preliminary Rounds I and II
8:30 a.m. Judge Check-In
Judges pick up ballots: UTC 2.112A
9 a.m. Preliminary Round I
11 a.m. Preliminary Round II
1:45 p.m. Pairings and room assignments for Preliminary Round III posted
2 p.m. Preliminary Round III
4:45 p.m. Pairings and room assignments for Preliminary Round IV posted
Preliminary Round IV
5 p.m. Top Speaker Awards Presentation (photos will be taken)
8 p.m. Ballot Verification

MARCH 17, TUESDAY (1A, 2A & 3A); MARCH 21, SATURDAY (4A, 5A & 6A)

8:30 a.m. Judge and Team Check-In: UTC 2.112A
9 a.m. Octofinals (*verification following round*)
Noon Quarterfinals (*verification following round*)
2:15 p.m. Semifinals
4:30 p.m. Finals

All rounds are open to the public. We encourage attendance for the final rounds and State Champion medal ceremony.

Awards

Medal Ceremonies will be held in UTC 2.112A. Photos will be taken at each medal presentation - Octofinals, Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals. Please remain in tournament attire.



TO: UIL Academic State CX Debate Qualifiers: Sponsors & Contestants

DATE: Spring 2015

FROM: Dr. Charles Breithaupt, UIL Executive Director

SUBJECT: TILF Scholarship Information

During the 2013-2014 academic year, the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation (TILF) awarded 387 new scholarships and renewed 204 scholarships, which will be disbursed to students attending more than 50 colleges and universities in the state of Texas. The value of these TILF scholarships totals over \$1.1 million.

All applicants must have competed in at least one academic contest at the UIL state level during their four years of high school in order to be eligible to apply to the program (marching band, athletics, or honor crew participation alone would not qualify).

Please note, only students who compete in the second day elimination rounds in the State Cross-Examination Debate Tournament are eligible to apply for TILF scholarships. (Sixteen teams from each conference qualify to the elimination rounds.) Additionally, **applicants must be graduating high school seniors who are planning on enrolling for the upcoming fall term in an accredited college or university in the state of Texas.** Students who earned eligibility in previous years are encouraged to apply.

Additional scholarship information may be found in the 2014-2015 UIL *Constitution & Contest Rules*, C&CR, Appendix II, or on the TILF website at: <http://tilf.uil texas.org>.

The scholarship application for 2014-2015 can be submitted online from March 1 to May 31, 2015 at <http://tilf.uil texas.org>. Students should be prepared to upload electronic copies of their transcript, SAT/ACT scores, letter of recommendation, and the first two pages of their parent or guardian's most recent IRS 1040 form.

Notifications advising all applicants of the result of their application will be mailed in late July. If you have any questions or require additional information about the process, please contact Trudy Richards at (512) 232-4937 or by e-mail at: trichards@uil texas.org