

# **CX State Meet '17 Information is Online**

To: CX Debate Coaches  
From: Jana Riggins, State Debate Director

Student information packets for CX Debate State Meet qualifiers and alternates are posted on the UIL website. Make certain you and your students go immediately to:

**[www.uiltexas.org/speech/tournaments](http://www.uiltexas.org/speech/tournaments)**

- tentative schedule
- hotel information
- campus map
- parking information
- TILF scholarship
- third place team alternates

If you have specific questions not addressed online, email **Jana Riggins**, Debate Director, at:

**[jriggins@uiltexas.org](mailto:jriggins@uiltexas.org)**

**Congratulations!** See you in Austin in March!



## CROSS-EXAMINATION DEBATE WINNER'S INFORMATION

To: CX Debate Coaches

From: Jana Riggins, State Speech & Debate Director  
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Congratulations to you and your debaters for qualifying for UIL's 107<sup>th</sup> state debate meet. We look forward to seeing you in Austin and wish you the best! The enclosed materials should answer many of your questions. Official programs will be available at registration and should be followed at the meet. Additional information is posted on-line.

### Required Certification Form

In districts with only one school entered in the district meet, first place advances to State only if the high school principal certifies that the team has competed in a minimum of eight competitive interschool debate rounds prior to the certification deadline. If your district had fewer than 8 teams competing, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team advances to State only if the high school principal certifies that the team has competed in a minimum of 8 competitive interschool debate rounds prior to the certification deadline. The certification form **must be filled out online through the UIL website: [www.uiltexas.org/speech](http://www.uiltexas.org/speech)**, no later than February 16, 2017.

### Required Judges

For the CX Debate State Meet, the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* requires that each school participating provide an experienced judge for each team that qualifies. Failure to meet these judging requirements can result in disqualification. If you qualify 2 teams, you should contact Jana Riggins immediately following district competition.

### Required Judging Forms

**Judging Forms must be filled out online through the UIL website: [www.uiltexas.org/speech](http://www.uiltexas.org/speech)**. Online registration is efficient and allows us to accurately track each form when it is submitted. The *Qualifiers Required Judging and Philosophy Information* form indicates the judge(s) you will provide for State Meet, including contact information. We prefer trained educators in state meet rounds, so we encourage you as the coach to serve as judge if you have judged multiple rounds this season on the current topic.

The information from the Philosophy Section is made available to debaters so they have an opportunity to adapt their presentational style to individual judges. We include the judge philosophy section exactly as you submit it so think carefully what you write! **Submit the online form within 10 calendar days following your district meet. Schools with 2 judges should submit paperwork on both judges within this deadline. February 16 is the final deadline to avoid being subject to a \$100 late fee or disqualification.** Thank you for your attention to this deadline. It helps guarantee qualified judges for all the State Meet debaters. Call if you have questions.

Judges in conferences A, AA, and AAA should pick up assignments and ballots beginning on Monday, March 13, at 8:30 a.m. See tentative schedule posted online for location. Judges for conferences AAAA, AAAAA and AAAAAA should pick up assignments and ballots beginning on Friday, March 16, at 8:30 a.m. See tentative schedule for location.

### Alternates and Penalties for No-Shows

The *Contest Rules* requires that a coach notify the state contest director if a team cannot compete. **Notify both your district director and Jana Riggins at UIL** as soon as possible. An academic coach who fails to notify the state contest director that a team will not compete is in violation of the Academic Contest Ethics Code and the school shall be disqualified from team debate for the current academic competition and such violations may be grounds for suspension from team debate for the following year. (See *Contest Rules*)

If you have questions, please call or email me at the League office. Have a safe trip to Austin, and best of luck at State!

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(The following press release is for schools to submit to their local news media. Local school personnel should add information specific to their school. DO NOT send to the UIL State Office)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject: UIL State Cross-Examination Debate Meet  
Contact:  
Date:

DATELINE \_\_\_\_\_ has qualified \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your school name) (number)

students for the 2016-17 University Interscholastic League State Cross-Examination Debate Meet to be held March 13-18 at The University of Texas at Austin.

Qualifiers include:  
(LIST STUDENT AND PLACE WON AT DISTRICT CROSS-EXAMINATION MEET)

The students qualified for the state meet by placing first or second at the UIL Cross-Examination District Meet held \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Site / date)

“UIL debate competition motivates students and provides them with practical application for the skills they are developing,” said Jana Riggins, UIL State Debate Director. “This year’s debate topic prompted students to research and form their own thoughts and opinions on the real-world issue our government is challenged with in order to provide national security while maintaining privacy for its citizens. Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People’s Republic of China”

Through participation at the UIL Academic State Meet, students qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Since its inception in 1959, the TILF has provided more than \$29 million to more than 19,000 students. This year TILF expects to award an estimated 600 new and renewed grants, valued at more than \$1.1 million. Grants and donations from foundations and individuals have funded these academic scholarships. One hundred percent of each dollar TILF receives goes directly for scholarships, with no administrative or other expenses being deducted.

For more information, contact \_\_\_\_\_ or the UIL at (512) 471-5883.  
(Local School Administrator)

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