

LD Debate Coaches

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Congratulations to you and your debater for qualifying for the 2019 UIL State Meet! The enclosed materials should answer most of your questions. A tentative program is posted on the League's website at www.uiltexas.org/tournaments, along with maps, hotel information and other details.

JUDGES

For the State Meet, the UIL Contest Rules for Lincoln Douglas Debate require that "any school that qualifies for the State Meet must provide an experienced judge for *each* debater who qualifies for the state competition . . ." The *Contest Rules* also indicates that, "schools which advance to elimination rounds shall provide an experienced judge for each advancing debater who shall be available until dismissed by the contest director. Failure to provide a judge could constitute grounds for forfeiture of the round." [Section 1002, F (iii)]

- LD Debate will take place on the University of Texas at Austin campus in the University Teaching Center (UTC) and nearby buildings.
- The coaches' meeting is highly recommended for hearing important information about your contest and asking questions about your documentation or contest procedures prior to the contest the next morning.
- Coaches are encouraged to serve as the judge for their school so students will have educators as adjudicators.
- The judges you submit should have judged numerous rounds on this year's UIL LD spring topic and be qualified to judge in elimination rounds. Expertise and maturity of the judging pool (no college freshmen, please!) is critical to the quality of your state meet.
- **If you qualify more than one debater**, your school is obligated to provide more than one judge. The number of qualifiers equals the number of judges you are obligated to provide.
- It is your responsibility to provide your judge with a copy of UIL contest rules in advance of the contest: <http://www.uiltexas.org/speech/debate>
- Please have each judge **bring a timing device**, in anticipation of keeping their own time in the rounds.

REQUIRED JUDGING FORMS

- Judging forms are online: www.uiltexas.org/speech/tournaments
- **Deadline for submission of all forms: Monday, April 29, 2019**
- Give careful consideration when submitting your philosophy online. Proof it for clarity and correct spelling.
- **All judges must attend the organizational meeting.** See the online tentative schedule for time and place.

REMEMBER:

- **Allow plenty of time to locate the debate assembly room and for parking. Review parking information posted on-line.** 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 "Accessible," A, F, G, D, O, or "Reserved At All Times" spaces will be ticketed and/or towed. Do not park in "Official Visitors" spaces. These should NOT be used by UIL schools. **All campus parking is restricted 24/7/365 do not park in any spaces on campus.** The League is not responsible for any parking citation received by visitors to the campus.
- Rounds of some of the conferences will be professionally videotaped for the League. No one else may record rounds.
- Contestants should dress professionally for competition and remain so for awards ceremony as professional photos will be taken.

NO-SHOWS

The *Constitution and Contest Rules* (page 85) requires that a coach notify the regional and/or state contest director if a debater cannot compete or be in violation of the Academic Contest Ethics Code. (See Section 901, (a) 10.) ***You should do this in writing and in a timely manner.***



UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

To: Speech & LD Debate Coaches
From: Jana Riggins, State Director

Congratulations on qualifying students to the 2019 Speech State Tournament. All information regarding the tournament is posted on the UIL website. Make certain you and your students go immediately to:

www.uiltexas.org/speech/tournaments

Links are provided for the Speech State Meet:

- **Tentative schedule**
- Austin **hotel/motel** information
- **UT campus map**
- **UT parking restrictions**
- **TILF scholarships**
- Information for **alternates**

Coaches who qualify LD debaters must submit
State Meet LD judging forms
online no later than
Monday, April 29, 2019.

www.uiltexas.org/speech/tournaments

If you have specific questions, e-mail **Jana Riggins**, State Director at:

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Congratulations! See you in Austin May 29-30!



UIL Guidelines: Electronic Retrieval Devices in CX and LD Debate

The use of laptop and tablet computers and other electronic retrieval devices by competitors in UIL cross-examination and Lincoln-Douglas debate rounds is permissible for flowing or evidence retrieval so long as wire or wireless connections are disabled and remain disabled while the debate is in progress.

Electronic retrieval devices are defined as laptop and tablet computers, netbook computers, other portable electronic retrieval devices and secondary devices such as flash drives and external hard drives.

- A. Computers may be used only if the wireless capability is disabled. It is the responsibility of the contestant to disable the equipment.
- B. Wired connections (Ethernet or phone) during rounds of competition are not permitted.
- C. Computers or other electronic devices may not be used to receive information from any sources (coaches or assistants included) inside or outside the room in which the competition occurs. Internet access, use of e-mail, instant messaging, or other means of receiving information from sources inside or outside the competition room are prohibited. (This does not prohibit non-electronic communication between debate partners during prep time and is not intended to supersede paragraph E, requiring that evidence be made available upon request.)
- D. Sanction: Contestants found to have violated provisions A – B above shall forfeit the round of competition and receive zero points. Contestants found to have violated provision C above shall be disqualified from the tournament and shall forfeit all rounds. Contest Directors shall be empowered with the final decision concerning disqualification.
- E. Availability of Evidence: Contestants electing to use computers shall have the responsibility to promptly provide a copy of any evidence read in a speech for inspection by the judge or opponent. Printers may be used. Evidence may be printed in the round or produced electronically, but must be provided in a format that is readable and quickly, easily accessible by the opposing team and judge.
- F. Contestants electing to use computers are responsible for providing their own computers, batteries, extension cords and all other necessary accessories. Tournament hosts shall not be responsible for providing computers, printers, software, paper, or extension cords for contestants.

Because public speaking decorum remains an important element of debate, debaters are expected to stand at the front of the room facing the judge while speaking.

Contestants choosing to use laptop computers accept the risk of equipment failure. No special consideration or accommodations, including no additional prep time or speech time, will be given by judges, contest directors or tournament hosts should equipment failure occur.

By choosing to use laptop computers in the round, debaters are consenting to give tournament officials the right to search their files. Debaters who do not wish to consent should not use computers in the round.

For further clarification, access *Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the use of Computers in Texas UIL Debate* at: www.uiltexas.org/files/academics/speech/computers-debate-faq.pdf