

Frequently Asked Questions

- **How do I enter the Congress Meet?**

There are no entry fees for the Congress State Meet. The region meet results submitted by the Region Clerk in the **Speechwire** tournament management system serve as your registration to the State Meet.

- **What paperwork is required?**

Legislation: Region Clerks submit the legislation selected from your region for each qualifying conference. At the completion of Congressional Region competition, students advancing to State Competition shall select (1) bill (1) amendment or (1) resolution and an alternate piece for each conference to be submitted to the State Office to be considered as legislation for State Meet.

Judges/Clerks: Each school qualifying a legislator shall provide one (1) individual qualified to serve as a scorer *for the duration* of the State competition. Deadline for online submission of scorer by **each** qualifying school is **December 1**.

Parliamentarians: Each Congressional Region (ESC) advancing competitors to State shall provide one (1) qualified parliamentarian *for the duration* of the State Competition. Deadline for online submission of parliamentarian by the **Region Clerk** is **December 1**.

- **Where do I register?**

Registration check-in for State Congress for all conferences will be held online **Tuesday, Jan. 9**. Check in no later than 2:00 pm.

- **What if I cannot come to State Meet?**

Notify your Region Clerk and Jana Riggins, State Director immediately if you are unable to attend State Meet. Alternates will need sufficient time to make arrangements for competing, so do this in a timely manner.

- **What should I wear?**

Business attire is appropriate. State champions will be photographed so remain dressed appropriately in tournament attire to have your picture taken.

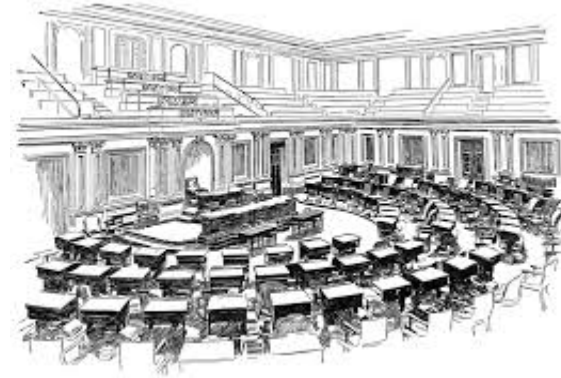
- **You misspelled my name!**

Qualifiers are posted online at <https://www.uiltexas.org/speech/oral-interp/congress-state-qualifiers> . Coaches should check names as soon as they are posted and contact the state office immediately with corrections so the state program and speaker placards will be correct. We will be unable to reprint last-minute corrections so check well in advance of the meet. Last day to make corrections is Jan. 4.

- **Where to Stay, Eat**

Hotel list: <https://www.uiltexas.org/files/uil-hotel-info.pdf>

Food: <https://www.google.com/maps/@30.2828429,-97.7421463,17z?entry=ttu>



11th Annual

STATE CONGRESS

Tentative Program

Preliminary Congress January 10, 2024

Super Congress January 11, 2024



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.

• 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. The UIL is the largest state association in the nation sponsoring 74 extra-curricular contests in academics, music and athletics.

• Judging Requirements

Each school must provide one judge (scorer) who completes the required online training session pre-tournament and is in attendance both days of the Congress State Meet, unless otherwise assigned by the State Director. Failure to do so constitutes grounds for forfeiture. To support safety protocols, we prefer that the coach serve as the school judge.

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 **December 1** in order for your school to compete. Forms are on the UIL website at <http://www.uiltexas.org/speech/congress>.

E-ballots will be used at State. Therefore, all judges will be required to register with an accurate email in the tournament management system, at SpeechWire.com. In advance of the meet, judges should become familiar with the online ballot system and judging process. Training videos are located on SpeechWire. Watch for additional information from UIL to be posted on the Congress State Tournament webpage.

• Parking

There is no surface parking on the UT Campus for visitors. ALL visitor parking is in University parking garages. (Brazos garage is the closest to UTC) A UT campus map is available online at: <https://parking.utexas.edu/maps/campus-parking-map>. Paid parking is also available at the Dobie Mall Garage, located near 21st & Guadalupe. At the Capitol, parking is available in the Capitol Visitors' Parking Garage at 1201 San Jacinto. The UIL is not responsible for and cannot resolve parking tickets received during the state tournament.

For further information, email jriggins@uiltexas.org or call the League office at (512) 471-5883.

Tentative Schedule

Congress State Meet

University of Texas at Austin and the Texas State Capitol
Jana Riggins, State Tournament Director

The Official Program is available digitally to all contestants and academic coaches. Refer to the Official Program on the Congress State Tournament webpage for the final schedule, including any changes.

PRE-TOURNAMENT DEADLINES

All Parliamentarians, Scorers and Clerks are required to complete online training in advance of the tournament. Videos will be posted on the UIL Congress State Tournament webpage.

Registration in SpeechWire is required. Schools will be notified when registration is open.

JANUARY 9	TUESDAY
	Virtual Check-in completed online by 2:00 pm
JANUARY 10	WEDNESDAY
7:30 am	Scorers, Clerks, Parliamentarian briefing - UTC 2.102A
8:00 am	Assembly/Announcements - UTC 2.112A
	Roll call (all contestants must be present for roll call)
	Official substitutions will be made at this time
	Chamber assignments - pushed via Speechwire
	Oath of Office
8:00 am	Scorers, Clerks & Parliamentarians report to assigned rooms
8:30 am- Noon	Preliminary Congress Session I for all conferences
1:30- 5:00 pm	Preliminary Congress Session II for all conferences
7:00 pm	Verification
JANUARY 11	THURSDAY
8:30 am	Schools, Clerks, Scorers & Parliamentarians Check-In (<i>Capitol Extention Auditorium</i>)
9 am-12:30 pm	Super Congress Session I (<i>held at Capitol</i>)
2 pm- 5:30 pm	Super Congress Session II (<i>held at Capitol</i>)

Awards

An awards presentation will be held as soon as ballots of the Super Congress are tabulated. Championship pictures will be taken at this time, so please remain in congressional attire.

Congress sessions are open to the public. We encourage audience attendance for Super Congress and medal ceremony at the Texas State Capitol.