

Cross-Examination Policy Team Debate

QUALIFIER RUBRIC FOR ALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS: Whether in-person or virtual, all district meets will follow this qualifying structure for the 2020-21 school year:

16 or fewer teams competing = 1st place advances to State*

17 or more teams competing = 1st and 2nd place advance to State

*Certification: For teams in districts with only one school competing, 1st place advances to state only if the high school principal certifies that the team has competed in a minimum of eight competitive interschool rounds during the current school year prior to the certification deadline.

If UIL CX Debate competition is administered through a virtual platform, temporary waivers or alterations to the C&CR and handbook rules and procedures may be implemented for the 2020-21 school year.

- **ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THE CHAMBER:** Internet access is permitted to access virtual competition space and for the transfer of debate evidence between teams. Cell phones are permitted to assist with internet access, timing devices, and sharing of debate evidence between teams. Coaches and competitors are expected to adhere to existing contest rules that prohibit assistance in or outside of the round. The UIL Academic Ethics code will remain and all participants are expected to exhibit the highest level of integrity in not seeking outside information or coaching to give them a competitive advantage.
- **CROSS-EXAMINATION PERIOD:** In a virtual round, debaters are not required to “stand and face the judge”. However, each debater shall question one opponent and only that one opponent may respond.
- **BALLOTS:** The E-ballots provided by an online tournament management system are not required to carry instructions concerning rapid delivery as detailed in the UIL C&CR. Instructions to judges about rapid fire delivery that interferes with effective communication still apply.
- **AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS/EVIDENCE UPON DEMAND.** Email chains are allowed in a virtual tournament. If the platform provides, evidence links may also be posted in the chat for evidence exchange purposes.

- **DEBATE ROUNDS PUBLIC:** No one, other than coaches who are employed by the school, will be allowed to observe rounds and only when technology allows. Cameras of coaches should be off for the entirety of the round.

- **PROCEDURES:**
 - Cameras of participants and judges are expected to be on at all times.
 - Verification period is required.