

Lincoln Douglas Debate

Temporary Waivers and Modifications

Students competing in the 2021 UIL Cross-Examination Debate district meet that do not qualify for the Cross-Examination Debate State Meet will be allowed to enter Lincoln Douglas Debate in the 2021 season.

If UIL Lincoln Douglas 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 ROUND:** Internet access is permitted to access virtual competition space and for the transfer of debate evidence between debaters. 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”.
- **BALLOTS:** The E-ballots provided by an online tournament management system are not required to carry instructions but Contest Directors are still obligated to uphold judging instructions.
- **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.