

**Proposed Amendment to the  
University Interscholastic League Constitution & Contest Rules**

**A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment**

This amendment to Section 1002(b)(1), *Lincoln-Douglas Debate*, would allow additional entries in Lincoln-Douglas Debate at the district level when fewer than eight debaters are entered in the district competition.

**B. Factual and Policy Justifications**

This would align the representation rule of Lincoln-Douglas Debate with Cross-Examination Debate, allowing additional entries in order to promote competition. In UIL districts with fewer than eight Cross-Examination Debate entries competing in the district meet, schools with a full entry may enter a fourth team. This proposal would align Lincoln-Douglas Debate entries in the same manner allowing a fourth contestant to be entered by schools with a full entry, provided there are fewer than eight debaters entered in the district competition.

**C. Proposed Amendment**

Section 1002(b)(1) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1002: LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

(b) ENTRIES.

(1) *Representation*. The debates shall be conducted in one division in each conference. In all conferences, a school may enter three individuals in its district meet. IN DISTRICTS WHERE FEWER THAN A TOTAL OF EIGHT DEBATERS ARE COMPETING, EACH SCHOOL WITH A FULL ENTRY MAY ENTER A FOURTH DEBATER.

**D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Amendment to Member Schools**

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact beyond what a district has already appropriated to administer the meet.

**E. Legislative Council Consideration Effective Date**

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2020.