

L-D Debate Coaches

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Congratulations to you and your debater! The enclosed materials should answer most of your questions. A tentative program is posted on the League's website at www.uil.utexas.edu/academics/speech/index.html, along with maps, hotel information and other details.

JUDGES

For the State Meet, the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules requires that “any school that qualifies for the State Meet must provide an experienced judge for each debater who qualifies for the state competition . . .” The C&CR also indicates that, “schools which advance to elimination rounds must provide an experienced judge for each advancing debater who will 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), pg. 108)

- Coaches are encouraged to serve as the judge for their school so students will have educators as adjudicators.
- The judge 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.

REQUIRED JUDGING FORMS

- Judging forms are online: www.uil.utexas.edu/db/ldjudge.html
- **Deadline for submission of all forms: Tuesday, April 28, 2009.**
- Give careful consideration when recording your philosophy. Proof it for clarity and correct spelling.
- **All judges must attend the organizational meeting** scheduled for Monday, May 25 at 6:30 pm in **University Teaching Center 2.112A.**

REMEMBER:

- Prep time for UIL LD debate remains at 3 minutes.
- 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.
- Rounds of some of the conferences will be professionally videotaped for the League. Contestants should dress professionally for competition and remain so for awards ceremony.
- **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 “Handicapped”, 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. **Do not park** in restricted spaces on campus during posted hours of restrictions. The League is not responsible for any parking citation received by visitors to the campus.

NO-SHOWS

The *Constitution and Contest Rules* (page 106) requires that a coach notify the regional and/or state contest director if a debater cannot compete or be in violation of the Academic Spring Meet Code. (See Section 901, (b) 10.) ***You should do this in writing, in a timely manner.***