

# L-D Debate

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Congratulations on qualifying for the UIL State Meet! A tentative program with contest times and location is posted on the League's website: [www.uil.utexas.edu/academics/speech/index.html](http://www.uil.utexas.edu/academics/speech/index.html), along with maps, hotel information and other details. Please read the following pertinent information concerning your contest.

All of us in the League office who work with debate hope that your experience at the State Meet will be a rewarding one. We offer the following reminders:

- Coaches should note that any school that qualifies for the State Meet **must provide an experienced judge** for **each** debater who qualifies for the state competition. (See *C&CR*, pg. 108) Judging forms must be submitted on-line: [www.uil.utexas.edu/db/ldjudge.html](http://www.uil.utexas.edu/db/ldjudge.html).

Final deadline for submission of all forms to avoid disqualification is **Tuesday, April 28, 2009**. Give careful consideration when recording your judging philosophy. Check for grammar and spelling. Competitors will receive a copy of exactly what you submit. If you qualify more than 1 debater, be sure all of your required judges submit their forms by the deadline. If you have questions, call the State Director immediately after regional meet.

- Judging paradigms for State LD judges will be posted online. Debaters should download these and bring with them to the tournament.
- Sunday evening at 7:30 pm, coinciding with registration, we will hold an informal question and answer period with each of the State contest directors in University Teaching Center 2.112A. Important information about your contest will be distributed. This provides an opportunity to ask questions about contest rules and procedures prior to the contest. Attendance is optional.
- **Bring a stopwatch.** We will not provide timekeepers, so you may have to let a judge borrow your stop watch.
- Prep time for UIL LD debate is 3 minutes.
- **Be on time!** Roll Call is scheduled in **University Teaching Center, 2.112A**. All debaters must be present at the assembly for roll call, even if you have registered prior to that time. After roll call is completed, alternates are called to take empty places. Once an alternate has been called and verified, even if you arrive, you cannot compete. Check the final schedule you receive at registration carefully.
- 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.
- Parents, family, friends, and school personnel are welcome to attend! We do ask that any **observers** remain throughout the entire round they are watching, and ask you to remind them that they **may not flow the round, take any notes, or record (audio and/or video) the round.**
- Don't hesitate to ask questions. Contest Directors are there to see that the Meet goes smoothly, and UIL staff will be available throughout the Meet. Ask any of them for assistance or clarification during the tournament.

Have a safe trip to Austin and best of luck at State!