



Training for the New Coach: The BIG PICTURE

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BEFORE WE GET STARTED

Register your attendance.

Complete this form for each session you attend.

Session numbers
are in the program.

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What is this thing called

UTL?

- **Your state association**
- **Oldest and largest of its kind**
- **Began in 1910**
- **Dream of Debate Coaches**
- **The University of Texas – Austin**

Who We Have Become

- **Over 1,500 secondary schools**
- **3,500 elementary/junior high**
- **Student body ranges in size from**
- **9 to over 6,000**

Academic Program

- **Enrichment and extension of the classroom curriculum**
- **Sponsor 30 high school academic contests and 20 e/jh events**
- **Largest Policy Debate State tournament, One-Act Play program most extensive in the world**

Scholarship Program

- **Disbursed over \$38 million**
- **Over 22,000 Texas high school academic competitors recipients**
- **This year, will award over \$1.1 million in scholarships**
- **For more information go to:**
www.tilfoundation.org

WHY COACH UIL?

- **Enrichment and extension of curriculum**
- **When students get excited about academic competition, they become more engaged in the classroom**
- **Standardized test scores are improved**
- **It challenges the bright but underachieving student**
- **Opens scholarship opportunities for students**

WHY COACH UIL?

- **Develops self-esteem, self-confidence; makes students feel worthy for being intelligent**
- **Enhances every part of the state curriculum**
- **Helps students grow in self-discipline and as human beings; prepares for real world**
- **The “whole” student is developed**
- **UIL gives EVERY kid a place to belong!**

Speech

- **6 Events from three skill categories**
 - **Debate**
 - **Extemporaneous Speaking**
 - **Oral Interpretation**
 - **Plus 7th event = Congress**

Speech

- **Students are permitted to enter 2 events in the speech area, plus policy debate, plus Congress = 4 speaking opportunities**
- **Also be aware of the Academic Conflict Pattern. Some students may compete in both speaking events and academic events. Know which events conflict.**

Know Important Dates

CX Debate

District Meet: held anytime between

January 3 – February 8, 2025

State Meet: **March 17 – 18, 2025 (1-2-3A)**

March 21 – 22, 2025 (4-5-6A)

University of Texas - Austin

Know Important Dates

Speech – Prose, Poetry

Informative, Persuasive,

LD Debate

District Meet: 2 sanctioned weeks

District I

March 24 - 29, 2025

District II

March 31 – April 5, 2025

Know Important Dates

Speech

Regional Meet : April 25 - 26, 2025

Site: 24 different colleges and university campuses in Texas

To find your regional site, access:

<http://www.uiltexas.org/academics/regional-information>

Know Important Dates

Speech

State Meet: May 19 - 21, 2025

Speech Coach Conference

Monday evening prior to contests

Site: University of Texas - Austin

Congress

- **Regions organized by Education Service Centers, not traditional UIL districts**
- **Legislative assembly modeled after the U.S. Congress**
- **Contestants write bills/resolutions**
- **Debate social and political policies using parliamentary procedure**
- **Handbook downloadable for free**

Prose and Poetry

- **Oral reading – not memorized**
- **7 minute performance – no grace period**
- **Prepare 2 performances: Categories A & B**
- **Category requirements**
- **Documentation to prove meet the categories**
- **Read the contest handbook**

Extemporaneous Speaking

- **Divisions: Informative and Persuasive**
- **Speaker draws 5 topics; chooses 1**
- **30-minute prep time; computer files allowed**
- **7 minutes maximum; may complete last sentence**
- **1 notecard allowed to use when speaking**
- **Know what can & can't be in prep room**
- **Read the contest handbook**

Debate

- **Cross-Examination Policy Debate**
- **1 policy topic used all year long**
- **Lincoln-Douglas Value Debate**
- **2 topics released from UIL State Office**
- **Fall Topic released in early August**
- **Spring Topic released in December**
- **Handbooks can be downloaded for free**

Debate

- If you qualify debaters to state in CX or LD debate, be prepared to provide a judge that is experienced to judge on the state level
- YOU can judge! Workshops teaching how at this conference. Take advantage of them!

RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH UIL TO ASSIST YOU

- **Constitution & Contest Rules**
- **Handbooks for all speaking events**
- **Website**
- **Digital downloads available of State final rounds**

RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH UIL TO ASSIST YOU

- **Capital Conference**
- **Student Activities Conferences**
- **Online Courses**
- **Mentors Regional Advisory Committee**



Register

- **Go to Speech homepage and Complete the online Speech Coach Form to receive:**
 - **Updates**
 - **Reminders**
 - **Rulings**
 - **Clarifications**

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST YOU

- **Staff Development Opportunities**
 - **Capital Conference**
 - **TSCA membership**
 - **October convention**
 - **Summer Coaching Institutes**



Who To Contact

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

Registration link,
presentations and handouts
are available on the website.

*Remember to register your
attendance for each session.*

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Handouts & More