Clarification: Artificial Intelligence

The following statement serves as a clarification of the use of computers and presentation of evidence in CX and LD debate rounds in the current AI environment:

UIL rules for CX Policy Debate and LD Debate allow for use of computers during competition rounds; this would, of course, allow competitors to access ChatGPT or its AI equivalents.

However, in debate events, generative AI may *not* be cited as evidence: Chat GPT or other Generative AI reports are NOT evidence and cannot be used as supporting evidence. Any text read from a ChatGPT or other Generative AI report would carry no more weight than a debater's own assertions. Characterizing a ChatGPT or other Generative AI printout <u>as evidence</u> would represent a violation of the evidence rule – it fails to meet the source citation rules specified in the UIL rulebook.

In addition, from court rulings, it has been confirmed that source citations and quotes produced by artificial intelligence can be unreliable and often even non-existence. As per UIL rules, falsification of evidence is a serious offense that can lead to disqualification and may be grounds for suspension for the following year.

If debaters wish to use evidence from an AI source, they must locate the original and properly cite it – providing a source as reported from ChatGPT or other Generative AI product (without locating the original to determine its legitimacy) would never be sufficient.

Coaches and debaters are encouraged to access the expanded discussion on Artificial Intelligence included in this year's *A Guide to UIL CX Debate* in the article "Internet Debate Research" (Appendix: pages 66-67) and in the *UIL LD Debate Guide (pages 97-98)*.

Courtesy Links:

https://www.uiltexas.org/files/academics/CXhandbook_24_25_Final3.pdf

https://www.uiltexas.org/files/academics/LD24_25_Print_Final.pdf