

Frequently Asked Questions

- **How do I enter the Congress Meet?**

There are no entry fees for the Congress State Meet. Online results from your region meet submitted to the state office by your Region Clerk serve as your official entry.

- **What paperwork is required?**

Legislation: Region Clerks submit the legislation selected from your region for each qualifying conference. At the completion of Congressional Region competition, students advancing to State Competition shall select one bill or one resolution for each conference to be submitted to the State Office to be considered as legislation for their conference chamber at State Meet.

Judges/Clerks: Each school qualifying a legislator shall provide one (1) individual qualified to serve as a scorer/clerk *for the duration* of the State competition. Deadline for online submission of scorer/clerk by **each** qualifying school is **December 1**.

Parliamentarians: Each Congressional Region (ESC) advancing competitors to State shall provide one (1) qualified parliamentarian *for the duration* of the State Competition. Deadline for online submission of parliamentarian by the **Region Clerk** is **December 1**.

- **Where do I register?**

Registration for State Congress for all conferences will be held in the University Teaching Center (UTC) at the University of Texas at Austin, room 2.102A on Monday evening, January 8th from 5:30- 7:00 pm.

- **What if I cannot come to State Meet?**

Notify your Region Clerk and Jana Riggins, State Director immediately if you are unable to attend State Meet. Alternates will need sufficient time to make arrangements for competing, so do this in a timely manner.

- **What do I do if I'm an alternate?**

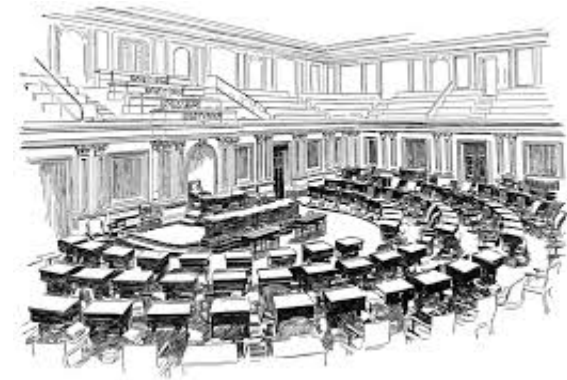
If you attend State Meet as an alternate, report to the assembly room for roll call. Official substitution of alternates will be made at the end of roll call.

- **What should I wear?**

Business attire is appropriate. State champions will be photographed so remain dressed appropriately in tournament attire to have your picture taken.

- **You misspelled my name!**

If you discover that your name or school's name is misspelled in any of the State Meet material or online, please contact the State Office immediately. Coaches will be notified when qualifiers are posted online. The sooner you inform us, the more likely we can get it corrected for your speaking placard and the state program.



5th Annual STATE CONGRESS

Tentative Program

Preliminary Congress January 9, 2018

Super Congress January 10, 2018

*Registration and Required training meeting for all school parliamentarians, scorers and clerks

January 8, 2018



University Interscholastic League

Welcome to State!

Displaying good sportsmanship and ethics reflects positively on you, your coach, and your school and community. Treating officials, judges and opponents with courtesy enhances the quality of the competition for everyone involved. Reviewing the rules reduces the potential for problems during the meet.

• A Texas Tradition

The UIL began in 1910 as the Debating League of Texas High Schools and merged in 1912 with the Texas Interscholastic Athletic Association. The UIL is the largest state association in the nation sponsoring 74 extra-curricular contests in academics, music and athletics.

• Judging Requirements

Each school must provide one judge (scorer) who attends the required training session and is in attendance both days of the Congress State Meet, unless otherwise assigned by the State Director. Failure to do so constitutes grounds for forfeiture. The coach may serve as this judge or another person experienced in judging Congress may be provided by your school to fulfill this obligation.

Your professional contribution to the quality of the competition is greatly appreciated. All schools must submit required judging forms to the League no later than **December 1** in order for your school to compete. Forms are on the UIL website at <http://www.uil texas.org/speech/congress>.

• Where to Park

Parking on the UT campus is limited and restricted. Do not park in spaces restricted to *Official Visitors, F Only, At All Times, Accessible* or *University Vehicle At All Times*. We recommend you pay to use the university parking garages (Brazos Garage, San Jacinto Garage, Speedway Garage). A UT campus map is available online at: www.utexas.edu/maps/. Paid parking is also available at the Dobie Mall Garage, located near 21st & Guadalupe. At the Capitol, parking is available in the Capitol Visitors' Parking Garage at 1201 San Jacinto. The UIL is not responsible for and cannot resolve parking tickets received during the state tournament.

• What and Where to Eat

Wendy's in Jester and at the Texas Union will be open. Dobie Mall has a food court with several fast food restaurants. In addition, many restaurants are located within walking distance, particularly along Guadalupe Blvd.

For further information, email jriggins@uiltexas.org or call the League office at (512) 471-5883.

Tentative Schedule

Congress State Meet

The University of Texas at Austin and the Texas State Capitol
Jana Riggins, State Tournament Director

The Official Program is available during registration at the University Teaching Center (UTC) to all contestants and academic coaches. Refer to the Official Program for the final schedule, including any changes.

JANUARY 8	MONDAY
5:30 - 7:00 pm	Registration: University Teaching Center (UTC) 2.102A
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Required training and instruction for all school Parliamentarians, Scorers and Clerks UTC
JANUARY 9	TUESDAY
8:00 am	Assembly: UTC 2.112A Announcements Roll call (all contestants must be present for roll call) Official substitutions will be made at this time. Chamber assignments Oath of Office
8:00 am	Scorers & Parliamentarians pick up packets: UTC 2.102A
8:30 am- Noon	Preliminary Congress Session I for all conferences
1:30- 5:00 pm	Preliminary Congress Session II for all conferences
7:00 pm	Verification
JANUARY 10	WEDNESDAY
8:30 am	Schools, Scorers & Parliamentarians Check-In (Capitol Extension Auditorium)
9 am-12:30 pm	Super Congress Session I (Held at Capitol)
1:30- 5:00 pm	Super Congress Session II (Held at Capitol)

Awards

An awards presentation will be held as soon as ballots of the Super Congress are tabulated. Championship pictures will be taken at this time, so please remain in congressional attire.

Congress sessions are open to the public.
We encourage audience attendance for Super Congress and medal ceremony held at the Texas State Capitol.