

**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment requires that when the district Lincoln-Douglas debate championship format is preliminary rounds leading to an elimination bracket, all undefeated debaters must in be placed in the elimination bracket, and institutes the same procedure to be followed at the regional meet.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Current rules only specify districts to select round robin format or preliminary rounds leading to an elimination bracket, without instruction on advancement. This amendment would prevent debaters with undefeated records from being excluded from the elimination bracket when preliminary rounds leading to an elimination bracket is the format.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1002 (i) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2008, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1002: LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

(i) TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES.

(2) *Eliminations.*

(B) At the district meet, the championship may be decided **AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**, by round-robin or preliminary rounds leading to an elimination bracket **WHERE ALL UNDEFEATED CONTESTANTS SHALL BE PLACED INTO THE ELIMINATION BRACKET.** [~~at the discretion of the district executive committee.~~] All places (first, second, third and fourth) shall be determined. No ties may be awarded.

(C) At the regional meet, the championship shall be determined by preliminary rounds leading to an elimination bracket **WHERE ALL UNDEFEATED CONTESTANTS SHALL BE PLACED INTO THE ELIMINATION BRACKET.** All places (first, second, third and fourth) shall be determined. No ties may be awarded.

D. Legislative Council Consideration, Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2008.