



2009 OSAA – U.S. Bank – Les Schwab Tires State Speech Tournament



Selected Coach Reminders Regarding the State Speech Tournament

DISTRICT RESULTS: Please confirm that your District Director has accurate names and titles/topics for the students from your school who have qualified for State. Accurate titles/subjects must be submitted to the Tournament Committee because Oregon rules prohibit contestants with similar topics or same titles from meeting in the pre-matched preliminary rounds if possible.

Also, please be sure to provide State Coach/Judge Information to your District Director for submission to the State Committee so the Judging Committee can begin planning judging assignments.

ENTRY CONFIRMATION: Coaches may check entries online on the OSAA web site starting on the Monday of State Tournament week to confirm that names, events, titles, etc., for their entries are correct. Contact Mike Wallmark (mikew@osaa.org) at the OSAA immediately if there is an error.

DROPS: If you find that you must drop a student who has qualified for State, it is imperative that you take the following steps.

- Contact your District Director immediately to report the drop.
- You (or your district Director) should then contact the coach of the Alternate to let him/her know that an opportunity to participate at State has become available.
- Remind your District Director that he or she must contact Mike Wallmark (mikew@osaa.org) at the OSAA to confirm the change. Changes in the District Entry may be made only by the District Director.
- Please DO NOT WAIT until you get to State to report a drop. That would be unfair to the Alternate, and makes it much more difficult for the Tournament Committee to make the matching revisions often necessary under State rules to address the change.

FOUR YEAR AWARDS: Contact the OHSSL Treasurer if you have a student who has qualified for recognition as a four-year State Qualifier.

ENTRY FEES: There are no fees for the OSAA State Speech Tournament. Expenses are covered by OSAA Corporate Sponsors, primarily U.S. Bank and Les Schwab Tires.

STATE JUDGING RESPONSIBILITIES:

- All coaches will be expected to judge IEs and Congress if assigned. Coaches with debate entries will also be expected to judge debate or provide qualified judges.
- Coaches should be available to judge each round. If a coach does not wish to judge during certain rounds, the coach should bring additional judges to cover for him/her.
- Schools with more than eight IE entries, or two Debate entries should provide additional judges due to the size of their State entry.
- Coaches are expected to be available to judge one round past the elimination of their last student.



BALLOT CHECK: Ballots may be picked up Thursday and Friday evenings at the end of the rounds. This courtesy is intended to allow coaches to check for possible tabulation errors.

ARRIVAL PACKETS: School arrival packets available at check-in will contain a tentative schedule (without room assignments) for the two preliminary rounds of Individual Events. To allow for students to enter two IE events without creating speaking time conflicts, the event sections run for all three hours scheduled for each round. If a student was double entered, every effort will have been made by the Tournament Committee to schedule the student in such a way that they speak only once each hour.

POSTINGS: Final IE postings (with rooms assignments added) will be posted about a half an hour before the first section speaks. Debate postings will go up no earlier than a half an hour before each round.

COACHES MEETING: The Coaches Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 11:00 AM on Friday. Be sure that you have paid your OHSSL-CA dues by January 15th so you may vote on issues at the meeting. Even if you do not qualify students for State, any coach who paid the yearly OHSSLCA dues may attend and vote at the Coaches Meeting.