

KHSSL

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE

JUNIOR STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

MARCH 1 AND 2, 2019

INVITATION

You are cordially invited to the **2019 KHSSL Junior State Speech Championship, which will be held March 1-2 at the University of Kentucky.** Please read this invitation thoroughly and carefully. Full information about parking and food will be forthcoming as soon as arrangements are finalized.

Some basics:

- Registration is on Tabroom: <http://khssljr.tabroom.com>
- We plan to feed the judges heavy snacks both days. We also plan to make sure your kids can get to food on campus.
- **Entry fees** are \$12 for each individual entry, \$24 for each duo team entry.
- The [KHSSL Handbook](#) contains extensive information about how the State Tournament is put together and how tabulation is done to determine advancement. Coaches are responsible for understanding these procedures (or for asking for clarifications as needed) and for explaining them to your team and their parents, etc.

- Our **TENTATIVE schedule** for the tournament.

March 1	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Registration
	12:30 p.m.	Judge Meeting
	1:30 p.m.	Round I
	3:30 p.m.	Round II
	5:30 p.m.	Round III

This schedule is tentative until rooms are finalized by the University. If at all possible, this will be the schedule. Changes will be noted via the weekly email and on the Tabroom site. Stay tuned.

March 2	8:30 a.m.	Half the Semifinals
	10:30 a.m.	Half the Semifinals
	1:30 p.m.	Finals
	3:30 p.m.	Awards

- **Registration deadline is Friday, February 15, at 11 PM Eastern.** This is a firm deadline for new entries. The Final Deadline will be Monday, February 25, at 5 PM Eastern. See notes below. Drops and name changes may be made without penalty by the individual coaches online until the February 15 deadline. After February 15, changes go through Steve Meadows via email only.
- The following **finer** are copied from page 61 of the KHSSL Handbook. These are set by the Board of Directors, so I will not have liberty to amend them for you (meaning please don't ask Steve because it isn't fine for him to change them):
 - a. Contestant substitutions before the Final Deadline – Free.
 - b. Drops before the Final Deadline — entry fee plus \$10
 - c. Drops after the Final Deadline but before on-site registration—entry fees plus \$25
 - d. Drops during on-site registration—entry fees plus \$50
 - e. Judge drops after registration deadline- \$65 per day of obligation dropped plus \$100 drop fee. If the judge drop brings the school's judge coverage below its obligation AND no hired judges are available to cover the slot, the school's entry may be reduced.
- You may **ONLY enter as many entries as you entered for regionals.** If you applied for and were granted exemptions, these students are considered part of your roster for state. Students must have either attended the regional tournament or at a minimum two (2) KHSSL sanctioned tournaments to be

eligible for the state tournament. As the coach, you will vouch for this qualification as a part of the KHSSL Code of Ethics.

- **In each speech event, you may have up to three (3) entries. Each individual student may enter up to three (3) events.** These entries DO NOT have to be the same students who competed in these events at the regional tournament. The students must be eligible for state competition. You do not have to enter students in the same categories as you did at regionals. The only restriction is TOTAL NUMBER of entries. This cannot exceed your regional total.
- You are required to provide one (1) **judge** for every six (6) entries or fraction thereof. So, if you have 7 entries total, you are responsible for 2 judges. Purchasing a judge costs \$130. The handbook states that you MUST provide at least half of your required judges at the tournament with fractions owed rounded up.
- **Hotel information** will be handled by KHSSL Board Member and Hall of Famer Dustin Combs as in years past. dustin.combs@knott.kyschools.us. Stay tuned for more info.
- My **stated goals** for our State Tournament:
 - A good experience for all attendees, kid and adult.
 - We'll run on time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns, and good luck to everyone. I can't wait to see you in March!

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