

KHSSL State 2019

Senior High State Speech Championships

University of Kentucky

March 15th - 16th

Dear Coaches,

Congrats on a successful season of speech! On behalf of the Kentucky High School Speech League, we cordially invite you and your team to attend the 2019 Senior High KHSSL State Championship. This event, to be held at the University of Kentucky March 15-16, 2019, is designed to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of YOUR students. We are extremely excited and we hope you are as well!

Please read through this invitation thoroughly as it will address a number of questions and concerns you may have. Additional information regarding parking, food, and logistics will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Again, congratulations. We so look forward to seeing you at State!

Sincerely,
Dustin Combs
Tournament Director

Preliminary Logistics

- Registration is now live on Tabroom.com
- Entry fees are \$12 for each individual entry; \$24 for each duo/improv duo team entry
- You may only enter as many entries for state as those that you entered for regionals. If you were granted exemptions for certain students, these were considered a part of your regional entry and thus will be able to attend the State Championships. Students are required to attend regionals OR attend a minimum of two (2) KHSSL sanctioned tournaments in order to be eligible to compete at State.

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- The registration deadline is Friday, March 1st, at 11:00 p.m. EST. Drops and substitutions without penalty will be permitted via tabroom.com through Monday, March 4th. Any changes after this deadline must go through Dustin Combs via email only.
- In each speech event, you may have up to three (3) entries. Each individual student may enter up to three 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.
- The KHSSL Handbook explains the procedures of the State Tournament and how tabulation is done. It also details event rules and ethics policies. All coaches are tasked with understanding these policies & procedures, asking for any needed clarification, and ensuring their students, judges, and parents are clear on these.
- Fines for student and judge drops, as well as substitutions are outlined on pg. 61 of the KHSSL Handbook. These fees have been set by the organization and will not be waived. Please do not request this of the tournament managers. They do not have the authority to change this.
- You are required to provide one (1) judge for every six (6) entries, or fraction thereof. So, if you have seven (7) entries total, you would be responsible for two (2) judges. Purchasing a judge will incur a fee of \$130. The handbook states that you MUST provide at least half of your required judges at the tournament with fractions owed and rounded up. NOTE: Judges are required to be present up through finals. Schools whose judges fail to show for judging in these "out rounds" will be assessed a full judge drop fee (\$165) for each judge not attending. Again, all fees are addressed on page 61 of the KHSSL Handbook.
- A hospitality area with snacks and munchies will be offered for judges & coaches. Arrangements are also being made with campus food services to ensure students have dining options.
- Any schedules and details posted in this invitation and on the KHSSL website and tabroom.com are tentative until after the Change Deadline when we will know with complete certainty who be attending. When all logistics are clear and a final schedule is set, we will post to the website and announcements will be sent out via email.
- As in past years, hotel information will be handled by KHSSL Board Member and Sr. High Tournament Director, Dustin Combs. Hotel reservation forms were sent out in a weekly KHSSL email update and are also available by contacting Mr. Combs. We are hoping to offer early registration on-site at one of the partnering hotels on the evening of Thursday, March 14th. More details will be forthcoming regarding this.

Tentative Schedule

Friday, March 15th

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration
10:30 a.m. Judge/Coach Meeting
11:00 a.m. Round I
1:30 p.m. Round II
3:30 p.m. Round III

Saturday, March 16th

8:00 a.m. Limited Prep Draw for Quarters
8:30 a.m. Quarter Finals: Group A
10:30 a.m. Quarter Finals: Group B; Semis Group 1
12:30 p.m. Semis Group 2
2:30 p.m. Finals
4:30 p.m. Awards

If you have specific questions not addressed in this invitation, please contact Dustin Combs at dustin.combs@knott.kyschools.us . Again, we so look forward to seeing you in March! ☺



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