

February 2020

Dear Coaches and Students:

You are cordially invited to the 2020 KHSSL Junior State Speech Championship, which will be held February 28-29 at the University of Kentucky. Please read this invitation thoroughly and carefully.

- **Registration** is on Tabroom: <http://khssljr.tabroom.com>.
 - Entry deadline is **11 PM on February 21. Eastern. This is a firm deadline for judges and entries; no adds after.**
 - **The Final Deadline will be Thursday, February 27, at 5 PM Eastern.** This is when the extra drop fees kick in (see Drop Fee Schedule on page 3).
 - **After February 21, changes go through the KHSSL email address ONLY** (khsslboard@gmail.com).
- **Entry fees** are \$12 for each individual entry, \$24 for each duoteam entry.
- **Judge Obligations:** The judge quota is set at one judge required per six entries or fraction thereof. Teams may hire up to but not more than half your quota for \$130 each if you are bringing other judges, but you must provide at least half of your judges required regardless. It is considered standard operating procedure for the team coach to be one of the judges you bring as this is state tournament, and we want our best people in the judging pool to determine the state winners! All judges are obligated through Semifinals and in Finals if they have any entries in Semifinals. **Please note** that judges must be available the full day to count for the day, so no “Please no finals” requests unless you’re willing to pay the \$65 per day charge for a judge. We need you! **All judges at KHSSL State must be high school graduates or older.**



JUNIOR STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT INVITATION

- **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, your judges, etc.
- **A list of hotels** is at the link below. Each of these hotels is in Lexington and is offering free breakfast, free parking, and free WiFi as part of the quoted rate. Schools are under no obligation or expectation to stay at these hotels, and KHSSL is only providing this list of hotels as a courtesy. KHSSL has no other connection to the hotels – schools must make all arrangements on their own.

[CLICK TO SEE THE HOTEL LIST HERE. RESERVE NOW TO GET THE HOTEL YOU WANT AND BY THE APPROACHING RATE DEADLINES!](#)

- **We plan to feed the judges** heavy snacks and coffee in a judges' lounge.
- **We are planning a birthday celebration** (KHSSL turns 100) during the tournament, so just be alert that there may be cake in your future.
- **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. Names and entry numbers will be checked before your state entry is considered accepted. Remember that students must have either attended the Regional tournament or been granted an exemption to be eligible for the state tournament. As the coach, you vouch for this qualification as a part of the KHSSL Code of Ethics when you enter your students for State tournaments.



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- **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, though of course 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.
- **Judge Training:** The Handbook states that all judges must be trained prior to State tournament. KHSSL is currently working with the NFHS to adapt its [free judge training videos](#) for our tournaments next year, so this year, as has been the practice the last few years, judge training responsibilities lie with the coaches of the schools providing them. This means that all judges must be able to judge all twelve KHSSL Junior events; requests for “no limited prep” and the like will be ignored.
- **Drop Fee schedule** (cut and pasted from page 57 of the Handbook):

School and entry registration must be made by the registration deadline. Changes after that deadline are subject to the following schedule of drop fees and fines:

- 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.*



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- **Parking at UK**

TBA – see Tabroom site for more information when UK provides it to us.

- **Maps of Campus**

A map of campus with our buildings marked that includes the schedule will be provided on the back of each judge's and contestant's "dance card," or individual schedule of rounds and rooms. You may also see it online at the Tabroom site once rooms being used are finalized.

From the Director:

It has been my honor to organize and run the Junior State Speech tournament for three years now. In this, my first year as your employee and Executive Director, I have high hopes that all coaches and students will have their best experience ever at KHSSL Junior. Our planned schedule is on the final page, and let's make it our shared goal that we'll run efficiently and smoothly – even more so than the last two years, which have been great fun. We want our kids to make happy memories.

May the words be with you, and may the snow be without us! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you have about the event, and good luck to you and yours at the State Tournament!

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SCHEDULE FOR KHSSL JUNIOR 2020

Friday (2/28)

Registration

10 AM to 12 PM The 90 building, Room 219 (this is the Tab Room)

Judge Meeting (mandatory for all judges and coaches)

12:30 PM The 90 building – Rooms 211/215 combined.

Round 1 All events 2:00 PM

Round 2 All events 4:00 PM

Round 3 All events 6:00 PM

POSTINGS FOR SEMIS WILL BE ON TABROOM.COM ABOUT 10 PM.

Saturday (2/29)

Semifinals Group A

(Extemp draw at 8 AM)

8:30 AM Duet Acting, Extemp, Humorous Interp, Poetry, Prose, Storytelling

Semifinals Group B

(Broadcasting draw at 10 AM)

10:30 AM Broadcasting, Declamation, Dramatic Interp, Impromptu, Improv,
Oratory

FINALS

1:30 PMish with Extemp and Broadcasting draws starting at 1 PMish.

AWARDS

4:00 PM or sooner. Memorial Hall. Huzzah!



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