

## **REGIONAL SPEECH TOURNAMENTS** *(this entire section rewritten summer 2020)*

During the month of February, a regional speech tournament will be conducted for each division (Junior and Senior) in each of the regions.

While the League will retain general oversight of all regional tournaments, the administrative details and actual conduct of each regional tournament are entrusted to a Regional Manager appointed by the Director and approved by the Board.

The following rules and regulations apply to all regional tournaments:

1. The date and site of each regional tournament will be set by the Regional Manager. The Regional Manager should schedule the tournament with due regard for standardized testing and other conflicts affecting a large number of students. He/she will forward this information to the League office which will, in turn, provide this and other general information to the schools registered in that region at the first of the school year. Dates of regional tournaments will be established at the beginning of the academic school year, unless schedule mandates change.
2. Each region must hold a tournament regardless of number of schools entered.
3. Regional tournaments may not be held on Sundays.
4. Detailed instructions for each regional tournament will be sent by the regional manager as tournament time nears. The regional manager is solely responsible for setting the schedule for his/her regional tournaments (time of rounds, flighting, etc.), and will make such decisions as may be necessary when weather threatens postponement of the tournament.
5. Regional tournaments may be conducted on tabroom.com or on paper by the Regional Manager. Regardless of how tabulation is conducted, Registration will be conducted on tabroom.com. The Executive Director will set up the regional tournaments on tabroom.com and give access to the Regional Manager and any other tabulation officials designated by the Manager. Regional Managers are encouraged to establish a system allowing schools to phone/text any last-minute changes while they are en route to the tournament.
6. The registration deadline must be at least seven days before the Tournament; this deadline is set by the Regional Manager. Adds after the registration deadline are subject to judge availability.
7. The Final Deadline is 8 pm local time the Tuesday before the tournament.
8. The Regional Tournament will carry the following drop fees and fines; the Regional manager may waive them for good and sufficient reasons, with documentation:
  - a. Substitutions between the registration deadline and the Drop/Add deadline = free
  - b. Drops and Adds between the registration deadline and 5 PM the day prior to the tournament (the Drop/Add deadline) = entry fee + \$10 nuisance fee
  - c. Substitutions after Drop/Add Deadline = \$25
  - d. Drops after Drop/Add deadline = \$50 plus the entry fee.
  - e. Judge Name Changes until the Drop/Add deadline = free

- f. Judge Name changes after the Drop/Add deadline = \$10
  - g. Judge Drops after the registration deadline = \$100 fine plus hired judge fees for the shortage. In addition, if a judge Drop leads to a school not covering its judge obligation, the school's entries may be reduced, but the school will still owe ALL entry fees. This is to protect Regional tournaments from judge shortages.
- 9. Entry fees for the regional tournament are \$6.00 per individual entry and \$12.00 per duo entry (Duo Acting, Duo Interpretation, and Improvisational Duo).
- 10. A school must provide a judge for each six entries or fraction thereof. Each school failing to fill any judging slots will be charged \$65 per judge needed. The names of those serving as judges must also be listed on the regional entry form. Substitutions are permitted but dropping a judge at any time will result in a \$100.00 drop fee. Again, coaches are urged to obtain commitments from judges before listing their names on the form and find replacements when necessary so that judging drops only occur in the most extreme emergencies. Schools may only pay for ONE hired judge at the Regional tournament. The judge drop fees will go to the Regional Manager.
- 11. Each school may enter up to three students per event.
  - a. Schools MUST participate at the Regional Tournament in order to compete at the State Tournament.
  - b. A school may have no more total entries in any event at the State Speech Championship Tournament than it had in those same events at the Regional Tournament.
- 12. In the event that an exemption per State Speech Tournament Rule 3 is granted, the exempted student must be entered (in up to three events) at the Regional tournament; these entries count against a school's three entries in a particular event, and also count towards a school's total number of entries for the State Tournament. Fees for the entries are applicable.
- 13. Any Senior division school that attends the regional tournament but does not attend the State Championship will, unless excused for good and sufficient reasons by the Executive Director, be deemed to owe State entry fees as if its entries at the Regional Tournament were entered at the State tournament; these deemed entry fees must be paid before the school may join KHSSL for any subsequent competition year. This rule no longer applies to Junior Division schools, though they are strongly encouraged to attend the State tournament as well as Regionals.
- 14. Both junior and senior division individual students may participate in a maximum of three events at the regional tournament, and the school may have a maximum of three entries in each event.
- 15. Particular students may find it impossible to attend the Regional tournament owing to academic or familial reasons. If this occurs AND the school does not have another student to substitute in that event, an exemption can be requested. See the appropriate section under the State tournament for the exemption procedure. Exemptions must be requested no later than 10 days before the Regional Tournament.
- 16. At the regional tournament, all contestants participate in two rounds. The number of sections per round per each event depends upon the number of entries for that event. Sections will break down

according to this expectation: no more than 7, 6 is the preferred, no fewer than 4 (unless there are fewer than 4 entries).

17. When more than one section is used, there will be a different mix of contestants in each of the rounds. Whenever possible, students from the same school shall not compete in the same sections.
18. There will be one judge in each section of each round, and no judge shall evaluate the same event twice. Each contestant in each section receives a rank (the most effective contestant being ranked first or "1," the next most effective second or "2," etc.).
19. Each regional tournament will have a run-off to declare a regional champion and/or runner-up in an event **in case of an unbreakable tie**. The Regional Champion and Runner-up will receive awards.
21. In addition to these individual awards, schools accumulate sweepstakes points based upon the success of their entries. Each entry having a composite rank of 2 or 3 is worth five points while a composite rank of 4, 5, or 6 is worth three points and a composite rank of 7, 8, or 9 is worth one point. Trophies are awarded to the first, second and third place schools having the greatest number of sweepstakes points. Ties for these places are broken in the following order:
  - a. greatest number of ranks of one,
  - b. greatest number of composite ranks of six or less,
  - c. greatest number of entries with composite ranks of three or less.
22. If a team drops from the Regional or State Championships, they must pay all the drop fees or a nuisance fee of \$150 (whichever is lower) by the time of registration in KHSSL the following year unless excused for calamity by the Executive Director.
23. Coaches must have Oratory and Informative speeches electronically available for retrieval (or paper copies available) at Regionals and State tournaments should questions of originality arise, but these documents no longer need be turned in at Registration.