Dear Coach:

You and your team are cordially invited to participate in the 32nd annual Kentucky Educational Speech and Drama Association Senior State Tournament LIVE and IN PERSON (we hope), February 19-20, 2022. For the first time, the tournament will take place on the campus of Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY.

Throughout our history, KESDA has given Kentucky’s senior high students a unique tournament experience combining multiple days of stiff competition and plenty of opportunities to socialize and bond with students from throughout the state. Students have always loved this tournament for those qualities. Now, after nearly two years apart, we hope your students are hungry to once again perform live, reconnect with old friends, and make a few new ones.

Things will look different this year, but we hope to offer the same type of great speech experience people have come to expect from KESDA. As always, we require no prequalification for entry; your entire team may compete**. All entries are unlimited**. Students may enter a maximum of five events, making KESDA a great opportunity to try something new!

Individual awards will be presented for 1st-6th place in each event as well as Pentathlon. The Pentathlon winner will win a one-time college scholarship. In addition to recognizingthe top, non-advancing novice in each event, as well as the non-advancing quarter and semifinalists, **we intend to offer at least one final round for non-advancing novices.** There are several opportunities for teams to take home team hardware. In addition to the overall team sweepstakes, up to three team awards will be given for the “Greynolds Sweepstakes,” open to schools with twenty or fewer entries. The traveling trophy, based on team efficiency, is also awarded.

We are so excited about the prospect of seeing everyone in person again and giving your students a chance to shine. We look forward to seeing you February 19-20 at the 2022 KESDA Senior Tournament!

Sincerely,

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**KESDA SENIOR** **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**TOURNAMENT DATES:** Saturday February 19-Sunday February 20

**TOURNAMENT LOCATION:** Georgetown College, 400 East College Street, Georgetown KY 40324

**FLIGHTS:**

Flight A Flight B

Informative Oratory

Prose Poetry

HI DI

POI Story

Broadcasting Declamation

Impromptu Extemp

Duo Interp Improv Pairs

Student Congress

**ENTRIES**:  All students except those in Student Congress may enter up to three events in each flight.   Each student may enter a maximum of five events.

Student Congress will count as a Flight A event, but will be run at a staggered time.

STUDENTS MAY ENTER ONE FLIGHT A EVENT AND STILL PARTICIPATE IN STUDENT CONGRESS.

**ENTRY FEES**:  $7.00 per entry.  $14.00 per Duo Interp and Improvisational Pair

**KESDA MEMBERSHIP FEE:** A $35 fee to join KESDA is due upon registration.

**TEAM FEE:** A $50 team fee will be due upon registration to help offset the cost of Tabroom and other tournament expenses.

**DEADLINE**:  Tournament registration will be on Tabroom. **Deadline for entries is Friday, February ~~4,~~ by 5:00 p.m.**

JUDGES:  Schools must supply one judge for every 6 entries or portion thereof.  There will be a $5.00 judge fee per uncovered entry.  For example, if the entry form contains 35 entries and you have 4 judges, your school is covering 24 entries with your judges.  Therefore, your school would have 11 uncovered entries. (35-24=11)  Since the fee is $5.00 per uncovered entry, your school's fee would be $55.00.  Duo and Improv Pairs count once in terms of computing the number of judges needed and twice for entry fees.

**Stand-by Judges:** Stand-by judges must remain by ballot pick-up until all sections have been covered and the round is announced as cleared.

Reminder: Please take care to insure that all judges and chaperones at KESDA have passed background checks.

**NUISANCE FEES:**

KESDA reserves the right to levy nuisance fees for problematic judge behavior which could include (but is not limited to) the following: judges not showing up for rounds or showing up consistently late, teams switching judges, not complying with event rules, being unavailable for stand-by, etc.

**STUDENT CONGRESS LEGISLATION:**

**All legislation submitted for Congress must be new**; it cannot have been debated during any tournament this school year. Also, we feel it would be best practice to have two judges in Congress if numbers allow. Therefore, coaches should familiarize themselves with the event.

**AWARDS**:  Awards will be presented to 1st-6th in individual events. First-Sixth Place schools will be recognized for Sweepstakes.  A school’s top three entries in each event will count toward sweepstakes. However, all students are eligible for individual awards.

**NOVICE FINAL ROUND:** We hope to hold at least one final round for non-advancing novices in interp. Most likely, it will be comprised of two students each in prose, poetry, and p.o.i. If numbers are good, we will have a prepared speech final for novices as well. Please note that this round will not count toward sweepstakes. In order to insure that all novices are eligible **coaches must indicate who their novices are on Tabroom before the start of the tournament.**

**PENTATHLON AWARD:** To compete, students must enter at least one event in each of the following areas:

**Limited Prep**:  Broadcasting, Extemp, Impromptu, Improv Duo, Student Congress

**Original Prepared**:  Original Oratory, Informative, Student Congress

**Interp**:  DI, Duo Interp, HI, Poetry, Prose, Storytelling, Declamation, POI

**Identification:**  Due to security concerns and for easy identification of KESDA State Tournament participants by KESDA and college personnel, **ALL tournament participants** (contestants, coaches, judges, and chaperones) will be issued KESDA identification, which is to be worn **at all times** during the State Tournament. Contestants will not be allowed to compete without the identification being displayed.  This id will allow the student entrance to the dance.  Replacement ids will cost **$5.00** each.  All Judges are requested to wear their identification while judging.

* **MANUSCRIPTS DUE**: Manuscripts of original speeches must be submitted via email as attached Word Documents up to February 18.The cover page with signatures must be submitted in hardcopy form at registration.
* For your protection, you should also have original manuscripts of ALL scripts with you at the tournament in case a question of authenticity arises.

**DROPS**:  Drops of student events or judges after **5:00 pm on Friday , February 4** will result in a drop fee of **$10.00 per drop**.  Entries dropped after **4:00 p.m. on** **Thursday,** **February 17** will be assessed a **$25 drop fee**. **Judges** dropped after **4:00 p.m. on Thursday,** **February 17** will be assessed a **$50.00 drop fee (substitutions for judges may be made)**.

**TAB ROOM STAFF:** KESDA senior board members will be manning the tab room. We also ask coaches to help in the tab room, ballot drop off and pick up, etc. We pride ourselves on running an efficient tournament, and we cannot do that without your help!

**TOURNAMENT HOTEL**: Georgetown College has an agreement with the Holiday Inn Express, 140 Osborne Way, Georgetown, KY 40324; 502-570-0220. Please let the hotel know that you are “Friends of Georgetown College” and here for a conference. The rate is $92/night per room. You might also reach out to Scott Hait at the Clarion (our normal KESDA home), since that hotel is about 15 minutes from Georgetown. His email is shait@bluegrasshotels.com, and phone is 859-825-5005.

**Saturday February 19**

8:30 a.m. Round 1A-INF, PRO, HI, POI, BRO, IMP, DUO

9:00-10:45 a.m. Round 1-Student Congress

10:15 a.m. Round 1B-OO, POE, DI, STO, DEC, IPV PRS

10:30 a.m. Extemp Draw Rd 1

11:00 a.m. Round 1 EXT

12:15 p.m. Round 2A- INF, PRO, HI, POI, BRO, IMP, DUO

12:45-2:30- Round 2- Student Congress

2:00 p.m. Round 2B- OO, POE, DI, STO, DEC, IPV PRS

2:15 pm. Extemp Draw Rd 2

2:45 p.m. Round 2 EXT

3:45 p.m. Round 3A- INF, PRO, HI, POI, BRO, IMP, DUO

4:15-6:00 p.m. Round 3- Student Congress

5:30 p.m. Round 3B- OO, POE, DI, STO, DEC, IPV PRS

5:45 p.m. Extemp Draw Rd 3

6:15 p.m. Round 2 EXT

**Sunday February 20**

7:30-9:30 a.m. Student Congress Final Session

9:00-11:00 a.m. Semifinals A- INF, PRO, HI, POI, BRO, IMP, DUO

9:30 a.m. Broadcasting Draw

10:00 a.m. BRO Semifinal

11:00-1:00 p.m. Semifinals B- OO, POE, DI, STO, DEC, EXT, IPV PRS

10:45 a.m. Extemp Draw

11:15 a.m. EXT Semifinal

12:45 p.m. Broadcasting Draw

1:00 p.m. Finals A- INF, PRO, HI, POI, BRO, IMP, DUO

1:15 p.m. BRO Final

2:15 p.m. Extemp Draw

2:45 p.m. Finals B- OO, POE, DI, STO, DEC, EXT, IPV PRS