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**THIS IS THE REVISED INVITATION**  
**(new info in red)**

February 23, 2022

Dear Coaches and Students:

You are cordially invited to the 2022 KHSSL Junior State Speech Championship, which will be held **IN PERSON** March 11 and 12 at the Northern Kentucky University. Please read this invitation thoroughly and carefully.

## REGISTRATION AND ENTRIES

**Registration** is on Tabroom: <http://khsslstatesenior.tabroom.com> and is due by **11 PM on Friday, March 4. This is a firm deadline for all registration – judges, drops, adds, name changes, everything. After March 4, changes go through the KHSSL email address ONLY ([khssl@khssl.org](mailto:khssl@khssl.org) -- no texts or calls for changes, and you'll be blocked from changes on Tabroom). After this deadline, \$25 fees are added to registration fees for any changes until tournament registration begins on Friday, when the fee doubles to \$50, so please try to be accurate early. This entry deadline is later than usual due to the constant state of flux all coaches and students currently live in, but we have to have a stopping point we can work from on this end, and it's 11 PM on March 4. **Entry fees** are \$20 for each individual entry, \$40 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, your judges, etc.



## **SENIOR STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT INVITATION**

**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. Coaches and schools who violate this Code (as discovered in the entry audit) can be sanctioned.

**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.

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.

## **FOOD AND LODGING**

**A list of hotels** is posted on the Tabroom site. 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.

### **FOOD:**

**Friday:** Sbarro, Steak & Shake, Qdoba in Student Center will be open for lunch.

**Saturday:** Nothing will be open for lunch. We can order box lunches though.

Do so as part of your registration (see the tournament website).

Starbucks in Student Center open 7 to 3 both days (see Michael Robinson dance!)



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## SENIOR STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT INVITATION

### JUDGES

**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. All judges are obligated through Semifinals and in Finals if they have any entries in Quarterfinals OR 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. You may not request exemptions from particular events (like “no limited prep.”). Remember that all judges at State must be OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL – no high school student judges allowed at Regionals/State. Judges should expect to judge every round of the tournament.

**Virtual Ballots:** Judges are expected to bring their own devices (tablet or laptop – do not plan to judge on a phone as it’s just too hard to do) to judge as the tournament will use virtual ballots. NKU has a free WiFi network anyone can sign up for upon arrival on campus. If you have “one of those judges” who just can’t pull off online ballots (or if someone’s technology breaks down) we will have a *few* paper ballot packs judges can use. Please alert me ahead of time about any such judges.

**Judge Training:** The Handbook states that all judges must be trained prior to State tournament. The Board voted to require anti-bias training as this training for this year. The link for this training is on the homepage of the KHSSL website, [www.khssl.org](http://www.khssl.org). Please make sure all judges have completed it no later than the registration deadline. If your judges already completed it for Regionals, they’re good to go (no need to complete it again).



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## SENIOR STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT INVITATION

### PARKING/MAPS/ORATORIES/INFORMATIVES

#### **BUS DROP-OFF AND LOADING AND PARKING –**

There is a circular drive right next to GRIFFIN HALL that should work for bus drop off. Buses should park in the K or L lots in the back (free).

#### **CAR PARKING**

Park in the Kenton Garage across from Griffin Hall. Maximum of \$9.25 Friday; free Saturday. Literally across the street from registration.

#### **UNIVERSITY ADDRESS**

NKU is located at 100 Nunn Dr. Highland Heights, KY 41099. [CAMPUS MAP \(click\)](#).

#### **MAPS OF CAMPUS**

A map of campus 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. <https://map.nku.edu/>

#### **ORATORIES AND INFORMATIVES**

Don't forget that your students' speeches in the Oratory and Informative categories must be physically available on paper or easily downloadable electronically should a copy be needed.



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## SENIOR STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT INVITATION

### COVID PRECAUTIONS

Students and judges must be masked at all times when they are indoors. **NKU is allowing performers to remove their masks when performing; all other people in competition rooms should remain masked at all times.**

Performers must be at least six feet from their audiences at all times, including the judges. We greatly prefer ten feet and that all audience members including the judge use the back of the room for seating (as far from the speaking area as possible) while also spacing out from each other as they can.

A judges' lounge will not be provided other than an area to pick up coffee and snacks. Judges and students should seek to eat outside and/or away from others whenever they eat or drink on campus.

At the Awards ceremony, students must remain grouped by school and separated from each other by at least six feet. The site for our awards ceremony is smaller than what will contain our full assembly, so the actual room will be reserved for groups of Finalists at a time as well as the Hall of Fame inductee's school and her guests. Teams will be assigned nearby rooms; awards will be broadcast live on Zoom.

**AWARDS AND TEAM ROOMS FOR AWARDS WILL BE IN GRIFFIN HALL.**

Any student who wishes to speak in mask may do so at no penalty from the judges. Schools may wish to examine the Clear Mask company's offerings which are being used at some contests nationally.



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## SENIOR STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT INVITATION

### From the Director

The Senior State Speech Tournament is the largest event KHSSL holds each year, and this year it will mark the end of what has been quite a season. I can't wait to have everyone together again in one place (a new place) for STATE!!!!!!!!!!

I have high hopes that all coaches and students will have their best experience ever at KHSSL Junior. Our planned schedule is on the penultimate page of this invitation, and I hope you'll also go through the "classy" expectations for tournaments with your students (the last page of this invite).

Let's make it our shared goal that we'll run efficiently and smoothly. We want our kids to make happy memories.

May the words be with you! 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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## SENIOR STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT INVITATION

### KHSSL SENIOR STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT 2022 SCHEDULE

#### Friday, 3/11/22

Registration 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

#### GRIFFIN HALL LOBBY

Judge Meeting 10:00 AM – Room TBA

Extemp Draw Round 1 10:30 AM

Round 1 11:00 AM

Extemp Draw Round 2 12:30 PM

Round 2 1:00 PM

Extemp Draw and Broadcasting Draw for Round 3 2:30 PM

Round 3 3:00 PM

#### Saturday, 3/12/22

Broadcasting Quarterfinals Draw 8:00 AM

Four Quarterfinals (Broadcasting, Impromptu, Poetry, Prose) 8:30 AM

Extemp Semifinals Draw 10:00 AM

Nine Semifinals (Declamation, Dramatic, Duo Interp, Extemp, Humorous,  
Informative, Oratory, POI, Storytelling) 10:30 AM

Broadcasting Semifinals Draw 12:00 PM

Five Semifinals (Broadcasting, Impromptu, Improv Duo, Poetry, Prose) and  
Four Finals (Duo Interp, Informative, Oratory, POI) 12:30 PM

Broadcasting and Extemporaneous Speaking Finals Draw 2:00 PM

Ten Finals (all not held at 12:30 PM) 2:30 PM

#### AWARDS

5 PM; **GRIFFIN HALL DIGITORIUM AND ASSIGNED CLASSROOMS FOR TEAMS TO WATCH ON TVS.**

Includes induction ceremony for Daviess County coach Karen Feldhaus into KHSSL Hall of Fame.



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## SENIOR STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT INVITATION

### HOW TO BE CLASSY AT A CONTEST

Be a polite audience member – watch your competitors with attention (and laugh and clap when appropriate). This applies for all other contestants – **don't leave anyone out.**

Be sure to **tell your judges if you are doubling or tripling** and need to go early in your room to leave.

If you are doubling/tripling & in extemp or a 3rd round of broadcasting, **go to extemp/broadcasting before you go to other events.** Tell the person running the draw room you are headed to other events as well.

If doubling or tripling in a duo event, **make plans with your partner** about when to meet them at the duo room (before other events or after other events) so you don't leave partners stranded waiting on you.

**Don't touch anything in the classrooms** other than the desk you sit in and chairs you use for Duo Improv. And avoid using the teacher's desk, even for judges. **Audiences must be at least six feet** from speakers!!!!

**Bring the supplies you need** with you: index cards, black book, pen/pencil, bottle of water, etc.

**Wait quietly in the hallway** until the judge arrives and invites you into the room. Once the contest starts, before you enter a room, wait in the hallway and listen carefully to make sure you are not entering a room while someone else is performing. No one wants to be that kid who interrupts.

Make sure your **phones are OFF** and won't vibrate or make noise during a round.

**At awards, be happy** for everyone, even if you don't win your event. You're on display, after all, for everyone – including other kids' friends, judges who will be evaluating you next tournament, etc. – and we work together to make ourselves better at communication using competition to inspire us, not to beat other people down. Use those acting skills if you are a finalist but don't get the place you want – many others watching would like to be a finalist getting a trophy, after all. Show grace. And go get 'em next time!

**Teams stand up** for any students on their teams who win awards, but they don't whoop and holler as this is a dignified event, not a rodeo (no offense to rodeos). Also, teams stand up for all 1st place winners as a tournament-wide recognition of the event champions and the overall team champions. It's just classy.

And we always **choose classy** when we have options.

***This is the way.***



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