

## **SR STATE SPEECH TOURNEY INVITATION (revised)**

February 22, 2023

Dear Coaches and Students:

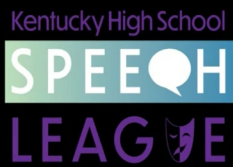
You are cordially invited to the 2023 KHSSL Senior State Speech Championship, which will be held **MARCH 10 & 11** at Northern Kentucky University. Please read this invitation thoroughly and carefully.

### **REGISTRATION AND ENTRIES**

**Registration** is on Tabroom: <http://khsslstatesenior.tabroom.com> and is due by **8 PM on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1**. **This is a firm deadline for all registration – judges, drops, adds, name changes, everything. After March 1, 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.

**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. Anyone in the world can access it at the KHSSL website: <https://www.khssl.org/handbook-and-constitution> Please make sure all coaches have reviewed how State tournament works before you come to campus.



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### **ENTRIES**

You may ONLY enter as many entries as you entered for Regionals (or fewer). If you applied for and were granted exemptions, these students are considered eligible to be on 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, schools may enter up to three (3) entries. Each individual student may enter up to three (3) events. Students must have qualified in an event by participating in that event at the Regional tournament OR by some other means to compete in that event at State. Several schools' entries will be audited for compliance, so please be sure your students have all "made State."

### **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. Schools must make all arrangements on their own.

Coffee and light snacks for judges will be provided Friday afternoon with coffee /water only on Saturday morning. All students and judges are on their own for meals. Students should eat breakfast OFF CAMPUS on Saturday.

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### FOOD ON CAMPUS:

REVISED – no box lunches this year

Starbucks        7 AM to 3 PM both days  
Sbarro            10:30 AM to 2 PM both days  
Steak n Shake   10:30 AM to 2 PM both days

They'll also have their Market convenience store in the Student Center open 10:30 -2 on Friday (snacks and chips and sodas and such).

## 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 the full tournament. **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.



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**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).

**JUDGE TIPS!** A new tool for your judges this year is our Judge Tips webpage. Judges should bookmark this on their phones so they can easily access it. On this page, Judges can see the full (the paper version) ballots for the events, the judging guidelines, and a 3-5 minute video from a KHSSL Coach explaining what they look for when they are judging that event. There are even sample performances of each event on this page if judges have time to see what an event looks like before they go in a round.

**<https://www.khssl.org/team-4>**

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### **PARKING/MAPS/ORATORIES/INFORMATIVES**

#### **PARKING MAP OF NKU HERE.**

Buses can park in Lot K & Lot L, which are the two lots next to the Kenton Garage. The map shows where these places are at NKU as well as the Student Union, where registration (and food) will be. All of these lots and the garage are on Kenton Drive.

All other guests will need to park in Kenton Garage. Gates will be down for part of the day on Friday, any guests leaving during that time will be responsible to pay the hourly rate. If the gates are up when you leave, you got free parking for the day! Go you!

#### **UNIVERSITY ADDRESS**

NKU is located at 100 Nunn Dr. Highland Heights, KY 41099.

#### **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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SWAG ON SALE AT STATE

BLYTON BEARS (2023) \$25



Bring CASH for these.
\$5 upcharge for credit cards.



T-SHIRTS:

Purple with white lettering KHSSL shirts \$12

Adult S-M-L-XL-2X-3X-4X

Gray with purple shirts \$12

Youth S & M plus a few adult S

We also have a couple of gently used "black books" (binders good for Poetry/Prose) we'll sell for \$5 to the first folks who need them.
BYOS (bring your own script).

Image of three enamel pins in display boxes. ENAMEL PINS
Three different colors! These pins are tripling! Each comes with display box (pictured). \$5 each



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### From the Director

I have high hopes that all coaches and students will have their best experience ever at KHSSL Senior. 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).

**As a note to you, based on Regional entry numbers, our Senior State tournament should be approximately 42% larger than last year's meet! YES!**

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!

*STEVE*

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### **KHSSL SENIOR STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT 2023 SCHEDULE**

#### **Friday, March 10**

**Registration 10 AM to 11:30 AM  
in Student Union by rooms 108 and 109**

Judges' Meeting: 11:45 AM

Rounds at 12:30 PM, 2:15 PM, 4 PM

Finish up for day 6 PM

#### **Saturday, March 11**

Rounds at 8:30, 10:30, 12:30, 2:30

Mix of Quarters/Semis/Finals

We anticipate Quarters in BRO, EXT, IMP, IMPROV, POE, & PRO.

Awards at 5 PM in Ballroom / Student Union





## 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.

**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.***