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Dear Coaches,

You are cordially invited to register for the Junior State Speech Championship. Full information will remain on the League website at www.khssl.org, but please note several key factors for this year.

- 1. The registration deadline is earlier than in previous years. The tournament will use a number of new buildings and a revised routine. Please enter names <u>in all judge slots you expect to take</u> and student names; all fees are frozen at the Registration deadline.
- 2. Contestants who and Schools which qualified through the Regional tournament are expected to attend State.
- 3. Codes will be set on the evening after the Registration deadline and will not change.
- 4. It is my intent to rigorously enforce Drop fees after the Registration Deadline. The need to carefully place rounds to minimize travel time will be for naught with multiple drops. Please keep everyone healthy.
- 5. Information on parking, food, logistics, and other tournament matters will be posted on the League website and announced through tabroom to all registered schools. All this information will be posted by Tuesday, 15 March 2016, and supplemented thereafter. Buildings used by event will be published as soon as the tournament is paired and set.
- 6. <u>Please plan on arriving at UK on Friday morning between 1010 and 1040, 1110 and 1140, or 1210 and 1240.</u> Between quarter-to and five-past the hour, student traffic will greatly slow your progress down.
- 7. As of this writing, the Tentative Schedule published on the website will be the tournament schedule. If revisions need to be made, they will be announced as soon as possible—but I do not anticipate revisions.

- 8. The Registration Deadline is 5 pm EST on 14 March 2016. You will be able to make name changes for competitors and judges thereafter until 23 March 2016—but remember that any student you substitute MUST be fully-qualified for State.
- 9. The Final Deadline is 5 pm EST on 23 March 2016.
- 10. See the handbook for a full schedule of Drop Fees. Note that drops after 14 March are subject to the entry fee plus \$10. Drop fees after the Final Deadline will be added manually.
- 11. Entry Fees: single-contestant Speech Events are \$12 each; duo entries are \$24.
- 12. Judges: One judge for every 6 entries is required. If you know that you will have a person to cover a judge slot, please enter a name by the 14th. You'll be able to change it for free until the 23rd. If you need to hire judges, please note that on tabroom.
- 13. Part-time coverage: Some judges will only be able to judge on Friday or on Saturday. Please note that in tabroom.com, and note that if the number doesn't balance, you may owe for a one-day hire.
- 14. ALL JUDGES ARE OBLIGATED TO JUDGE DURING SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS ON SATURDAY MORNING. We are members of a League, and the league depends on everyone being present for our students. Stay and watch elimination rounds. Judges who (a) are scheduled to judge during semis or finals, (b) do not show, (c) did not request and receive special dispensation to be absent from that obligation, and (d) were not suffering from a personal situation of an emergent nature, will subject their school to a \$165 drop fee.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at UK in March!

Sincerely,

William Cooper Exective Director