**REGION 10**

**FORENSICS/DEBATE GUIDELINES**

***Region Tournament: Saturday, February 25, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. start time, 8:30 am registration***

1. The Region Tournament will be held February 25, 2017 at Park City High School, 1750 Kearns Blvd., Park City, UT, 84060. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. for a 9:00 a.m. start.
2. Region Format:
   1. *Entry Limits:*
      * 1. Policy 4
        2. Lincoln-Douglas 4
        3. Public Forum 4
        4. Student Congress 3
        5. National Extemp 3
        6. International Extemp 3
        7. Original Oratory 3
        8. Impromptu 3
      1. Additional entries past these limits will be put on a waitlist. Coaches may choose to substitute spots from other events. A total of 31 entries is possible but only 25 may be taken to state. For example, if a coach wanted to have six entries in impromptu and one in LD that is possible but only 2 could actually qualify for state in impromptu. It is up to each individual coach to understand the entry limits for state.
      2. Only 3 in each debate event, 2 in each speech event, and 2 in congress may be sent to state. Please refer to UHSAA state guidelines for additional information.
      3. Entry and substitution rules may be found on the UHSAA website at: <http://www.uhsaa.org/Publications/Handbook/ActivitiesSections/SpeechDebate.pdf>
   2. *Judges Requirements:*

One judge for every 4 IE entries, 3 Congress entries, 2 Debate entries.

* 1. *Region Entry:*

Please complete your team’s signup in Tabroom by Friday, February 19, 2016. Direct entry questions to Brett Rydalch, Grantsville’s coach [brydalch@tooeleschools.org](mailto:brydalch@tooeleschools.org) or [rydalchb@gmail.com](mailto:rydalchb@gmail.com).

* 1. *Debate Pairings:*

Round 1 will be randomly paired. Rounds 2 through 4 will be power-matched high-low within brackets. Teams will not be allowed to compete against other teams from the same school unless absolutely necessary. If it is necessary that the same debaters or debate teams come up against each other a second time in later rounds, then they speak on the opposite side of the resolution from the round in which they met.

* 1. *Individual Even Pairings:*

Four rounds of competition will take place. Pairings will try to 1) Avoid competitors from the same school being placed in the same room. 2) Place participants in rooms with other participants who they have not previously competed against. 3) Vary speaker order. 4) Avoid placing participants with judges from their own school unless absolutely necessary.

* 1. *Congress pairings:*

All contestants are placed in one house. A panel of three judges (including a parliamentarian) shall be used. To make the house more competitive, one bill should be selected from the State docket by each Congressperson. Bills must be submitted to the Tournament Director by Monday, February 15 to be distributed among the coaches.

* 1. *Scoring:*

The top ¼ of contestants are given superior (CX,PF – 10 pts; other Events – 5)

The next ¼ of contestants are given excellent (CX,PF – 6 pts; other Events – 3)

The next ¼ of contestants are given good (CX,PF – 2 pts; other Events – 1)

The bottom ¼ of contestants will score no sweepstakes points.

Only contestants pre-registered for Region Tournament will be included in the Quartiling for Sweepstakes. No-shows and drops will automatically be placed in the lowest quartile.

1. Tournament limitation is ten meets per individual per year, excluding region, state, and national competitions.
2. Each school must find and pay for its own judges. Region X will be paying for trophies. Coach and judge hospitality will be taken care of by the host school. The host school may charge for this service payable at registration.
3. Trophies will be awarded.
4. Schools will be responsible for bringing one judge for every four IE contestants, one judge for every two Lincoln-Douglas debaters or a portion thereof, one judge for every two Public Forum teams or a portion thereof, one judge for every two Policy teams or a portion thereof, and one judge for Congress.
5. **March/April** **LD Topic** will be used at the region tournament. The **March Public Forum** **Topic** will be used. **February Extemp Topics will be used.**