

February 2, 2016

Fellow Coach,

I would like to invite you and your Forensics team to the Region 12 Speech & Debate Tournament.

**When:** Saturday February 27, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Juab High School, 802 North 650 East, Nephi, Utah

**Entries:** Schools may enter 4 contestants (or teams) in each event.

**Conflict Patterns:** Students may choose to be in one event from Pattern A and one from Pattern B, but they may not participate in 2 events within a pattern. Students who qualify in both patterns must select one event in which to compete at State. (See qualifying standards included below.)

**Pattern A: Congressional Debate, Lincoln/Douglas Debate, Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate**

**\*\*We will be using the March topics for both LD and PF**

**Pattern B: Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking, National Extemp., Impromptu, Original Oratory**

**\*\*Please register on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com)**

**Schedule:**

Check-in            8:00—8:15 AM @ Juab High School Cafeteria  
Welcome            8:15 AM

**Pattern A--Debate Rounds: CX, LD, PF (March Topics)**

Debate Round 1	8:30 AM	Two (2) Sessions* of Congressional Debate
Debate Round 2	10:00 AM	9:00-11:00 AM
Debate Round 3	11:30 AM	11:30AM -1:30 PM
Debate Round 4	1:00 PM	

\*(Priority will be such that every one who wants to speak on a resolution/bill will have that opportunity before the bill is voted upon. The Congress Docket is preset and resolutions/bills will be presented in that order. We will follow the UDCA Orders of the Day. There will be 1 judge from each school and 1 Parliamentarian.)

**Lunch Break: 2:30 – 3:30**

**Pattern B—Individual Events**

I.E.s Round 1        3:30 PM  
I.E.s Round 2        4:30 PM  
I.E.s Round 3        5:30 PM  
Dinner Break        6:30 PM

(Pizza will be provided.)

Awards        7:00 PM

**Judges:** Each school will provide 1 judge for each two LD, PF, and Policy entries. Each school will provide 1 Congress judge who does not know their school's students. Each school will provide 1 judge for every 5 I.E. entries. We will attempt to get some neutral local judges as well. Having sufficient and fair judges at a small qualifying meet such as this one--we would agree--is vital to its timely completion, integrity, and enjoyment.

**Deadline:** Complete your entries in [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) by **Wednesday, February 24th at 5:00 PM**. I can take replacements and drops until **Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM** once we have your initial entry.

Here are a couple of items from the handbook to remember regarding qualification:

***Section 7: Region Entry Recommendations***

*Regions may determine their own tournament methods, although significant region competition is strongly recommended. ... It is recommended that all 3A, 4A and 5A regions permit each school to bring a maximum of four participants in each Debate Event, and three Individual Events participants in each category to the region meets. Regions may choose to bring four from each school in Student Congress.*

(If no one objects, I recommend that we just make it 4 entries across the board.)

***Section 5: 3A/4A/5A State Qualification Limits***

*In 3A, 4A and 5A regions, no school may qualify more than 25 participants for the state forensic tournament. The allocation may not exceed 3 policy teams, 3 Lincoln-Douglas debaters, 3 public forum teams, 2 student congress participants, 2 original oratory participants, 2 impromptu speaking participants, 2 national extemporaneous speaking participants and 2 foreign extemporaneous speaking participants. The only exception is when a school uses the "substitution rule." (Ch. 3, Art. 1. Sect. 17).*

***Section 17: Entry Substitution***

*If a school qualifies more competitors than the rules allow in a particular event, the coach may choose to bring the extra qualifier to replace a region entry.*

*A. Extras in one event can only be entered if all entries in that event qualified outright at the region tournament.*

*B. Under this rule a student may only be entered in an event in which they competed at the region tournament.*

*C. Non-existing entries may not be dropped to meet the limit overall (substitutions may only be made for slots filled at the region tournament).*

*D. Entry limits shall not be exceeded:*

*1. The total number of entries per school shall not exceed 25 for 3A, 4A and 5A, nor shall it exceed 24 for 2A, nor 22 for 1A.*

*2. A policy or public forum team counts as two entries for the purposes of substitution. Two individual entries would need to be dropped to enter an additional policy or public forum team. Dropping a policy or public forum team would allow two slots in events where students compete individually provided the event limit is not exceeded.*

*3. No more than one extra entry per event may be made in the state tournament. (No more than four entries in individual or debate events shall be allowed in 1A and 2A. No more than three entries in individual events, nor more than four in debate events shall be allowed in 3A, 4A and 5A.)*

Best of luck with the rest of your season and at Region.  
We look forward to seeing you at Juab High School on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

With sincere regards,

Kiera Beddes – 2016 Region Host  
Gail Scoville — 2016 Region Tournament Director