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Revisions will be noted in **red bold underlined** font.

Dear Coaches,

You are cordially invited to register for the Senior State Debate Championship—10-11 March 2016. We begin Thursday morning, and will finish early afternoon on Friday. 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 **in all judge slots you expect to take** and student names; all fees are frozen at the Registration deadline.
2. Debaters and Congressional representatives will use codes during the tournament for identification.
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, 1 March 2016, and supplemented thereafter. Buildings used by event will be published as soon as the tournament is paired and set.
6. **Plan your arrive before 1040 on Thursday to avoid major congestion.**
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 29 February 2016. You will be able to make name changes for competitors and judges thereafter until 8 March 2016.
9. The Final Deadline is 5 pm EST on 8 March 16.
10. See the handbook for a full schedule of Drop Fees. Note that drops after 29 February are subject to the entry fee plus \$10. Drop fees after the Final Deadline will be added manually.
11. Entry Fees: LD is \$16; PF and CX is \$32 per team; Congress is \$12 per contestant. You may enter up to 3 in each Debate event. We will have Novice and Varsity divisions in LD, PF, and CX. You may enter up to 10 entries in Congress
12. Judges: In each of LD, PF, and CX, 1 judge for every 2 entries is required. In Congress, 1 judge for every 5 entries is required. We reserve the right to use Congress, LD, and CX judges who are not scheduled in a given round to judge Public Forum as needed.
13. Part-time coverage: Some judges will only be able to judge on Thursday or on Friday. 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 BOTH DAYS UNLESS OTHERWISE ARRANGED. 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 on Friday, (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.
15. **Congressional Debate Legislation:** Please submit up to four pieces of legislation per school via email to coachdeb8@gmail.com on or before 5 pm, 26 February 2016. I will do my best to have the Docket available by the 29th.

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

Sincerely,

William Cooper
Executive Director