Dear Coach,

 You are cordially invited to the Derby High School Forensics Tournament hosted on March 10-11, 2017. On Friday, March 10, we will offer Congress, LD and PFD. On Saturday, we will offer Individual Events. Please note that the tournament will be hosted on Tabroom.com. All entries should be made on Tabroom.com and all entry adjustments should be made prior to the established deadlines. Please note that ONLY drops will be allowed after the IE deadline. No last-minute name changes or switches will be permitted. Please manage your entries through Tabroom.com and everything will run smoothly. I want to also note that **all results will be published online as they come in for all events.** This is for the convenience of coaches and those observing from outside the tournament, but I know that some coaches may be uncomfortable with this level of transparency with regards to competitors being able to access results. We are choosing an open system and hope that you will not be too inconvenienced by this decision.

**Friday Events:**

**Student Congress:** We will have one Senate and as many House chambers as is deemed reasonable for the number of entries. We will aim for 16 in each chamber, but will adjust that number as needed. You may enter as many students in House as you like and a maximum of 2 students in Senate. All legislation contained in the Sunflower NSDA packet will be available for debate. Coaches and/or Assistant Coaches will be expected to score up to two sessions of Congress.

**Public Forum Debate:** First round will be preset with all subsequent rounds matched for high-high power when possible. If entries are excessive from a couple of schools, we reserve the right to make matching decisions that seem to be the most reasonable per the tabroom staff. All debates will be flip for sides and the topic will be the March NSDA topic. No mavericks or partnerships from more than one school will be allowed.

**Lincoln Douglas Debate:** First round will be preset with all subsequent rounds matched for high-high power when possible. If entries are excessive from a couple of schools, we reserve the right to make matching decisions that seem to be the most reasonable per the tabroom staff. The topic will be the March-April NSDA LD topic.

**Friday Schedule**

**Registration 3:30 pm in room L-15**

Round 1/Session 1 4:00 pm

Round 2/Session 2 5:00 pm

Round 3/Session 3 6:00 pm

Round 4/Session 4 7:00 pm

Awards 8:15 pm

**Saturday Schedule**

**Registration BY 7:30 AM in room L-15**

**NOTE: ONLY DROPS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT REGISTRATION! PLEASE MAKE CHANGES ONLINE BY 7:15 AM.**

 Round 1 (Extemp Draw at 7:45 am) 8:00 – 9:15 am

 Round 2 (Extemp Draw at 9:15 am) 9:30 am – 10:45 am

 Round 3 (Extemp Draw at 10:45 am) 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

**LUNCH**

 FINALS POSTING AND EXTEMP DRAW` 1:45 pm

 Finals 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

 Awards 4:00 pm

We will offer the following events on Saturday:

International Extemp

US Extemp

Informative – KSHSAA (7 Minutes)

Informative – NSDA (10 Minutes – Visual Aid)

Original Oration

Impromptu

Dramatic Interpretation

Humorous Interpretation

DUO Interpretation

Prose

Poetry

Program of Oral Interpretation (POI – NSDA)

You may enter as many students as you like and students may enter in as many events as they would like to enter (students may only enter one extemp division and/or one informative division), BUT **PLEASE NOTE ROUNDS ARE ONE HOUR 15 MINUTES AND WE WILL NOT HOLD ROUNDS FOR ANY STUDENT WHO IS ENTERED IN MULTIPLE EVENTS.** If you enter more than 20 entries, you may be asked to assist with judging. If you enter more than 30 entries, you will definitely be asked to help with judging. All events will follow KSHSAA rules except those events not recognized by KSHSAA and thise events will follow NSDA rules.

**The Rules and other information**

1. **Entries fees are $5.00 per entry for Friday events and $6.00 per entry for IE events Saturday. Make checks payable to Derby High School. Invoices may be printed from Tabroom.com if needed.**
2. **Coaches and Tabroom personell representing Derby High School will make all final decisions regarding scheduling, tabulation, awards and all other matters not referred to a grievance process.**
3. **Grievances must be filed in a written format within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the round in which the questionable activity occurred. Mr. Miller will assemble a committee of 3 randomly selected head coaches who are not affiliated with the matter to render a decsion on the basis of KSHSAA or NSDA rules as they apply to the matter in questions. Decisions of the panel of coaches will be final.**
4. **Students making it to finals will receive a medal. Sweepstakes will be based on the top 20 IE entries with no more than 4 entries counting in each event towards sweeps. Only prelim ranks will be considered for sweeps. We will provide a trophy for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place sweeps.**
5. **Tabulation will be cumulative through finals for IE events.**
6. **Scorers’ nominations will be used to nominate and medal 6 from each chamber in Congress. We will also award a sweepstakes trophy, with the top four from each chamber counting toward sweepstakes.**
7. **Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum debaters may not participate in Student Congress. (LD debaters may not enter Public Forum.)**
8. **Extemp topics will be derived from a variety of sources but will be mainstream news events. They will come directly from reputable news sources. Categories will be released at the beginning of each round to help students narrow what they should expect to draw. We will try to provide some means of charging electronic devices, but no guarantee.**
9. **We may offer lunch options, but that will come out in subsequent emails and notifications regarding the tournament.**
10. **Three judges will be used in finals and all coaches are on stand-by to judge finals if needed. (Doubt it, but just FYI)**
11. **All results will be released on Taroom.com as they are tabulated. Results are NOT final until checked and verified prior to the start of finals. Once finals begin – all results are final and no further adjustments will be made.**
12. **We will do our best to fairly deal with issues that may arise, but at the end of the debate decisions of the tournament staff are final.**
13. **If you have any questions about anything, please email Mr. Miller at** **lmiller@usd260.com** **prior to the tournament for clarification.**

**Thanks,**

**Lynn A. Miller**

**Director of Debate/Forensics**