



KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE

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Dear Coaches,

We are at that time! You are cordially invited to attend the 2017 KHSSL State Tournaments, to be held at the University of Kentucky. We have used the experience last year with a campus under construction to make this year's tournaments as easy as possible to attend—so that everyone can focus on the quality of the talent and competition we will bring to campus in March.

This first page will give you some general information for registration and participation; the second page will apply to specific tournaments. Please do read through the information here first, and then refer to the league website for on-going information. If you have not yet subscribed to the website for updates, I strongly urge that you do!

1. Registration deadlines have to be firm this year. Because of the many-moving-parts which make these tournaments work, I will have to be rigid on all deadlines. In addition, I will be very quick to impose appropriate nuisance fees, as set forth in the Handbook.
2. The Handbook contains key information—please refer to the Handbook to see how this tournament is put together.
3. Every student you register for either Senior or Junior Speech must be on your Roster. The roster is due to me by Saturday, 11 February 2017. Information on completing the roster is [on the website](#).
4. The “Registration Deadline” for a given tournament is the date by which you must have all entries in—fees and judge obligations are locked in on that date. You will be able to substitute competitor judge names until the Final Deadline—which is two days before the start of a given tournament. Adds and Drops after the registration deadline are subject to a \$10 nuisance fee. I will be assessing those nuisance fees this year; please make sure that your entries are claimed by the Registration Deadlines!
5. I will be sectioning after the passing of the Final Deadline. Drops after the Final Deadline but before your arrival on campus will be assessed a nuisance fine of \$10 plus forfeiting the entry fee. If you drop a student after your arrival on campus, you will be assessed a fine of \$50 plus the entry fee. Do NOT expect to ADD any student after the Final Deadline.
6. The schedules posted on the league website are tentative until after the registration deadline. I will announced when the schedules are set. Logistical information will be posted during the week of 6 February.
7. Hotel information will be handled by Dustin Combs, as usual. Hotel information will be on the League website during the week of 6 February.
8. Changes to this invitation will be noted on the website; information on the website will take priority.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Cooper".

William Cooper, Director

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1. The tentative schedule is on the league website. When the schedule is final, I will announce the posting; but the webpage will remain the same.
2. In each Speech event, you have 3 entries. You are required to provide 1 judge for every six (or fraction thereof) entries. Each student may enter up to three events. Your students **MUST** be on the roster submitted by 11 February.
3. We have a limited number of judges for hire. If you need to hire for the entire debate tournament, the hired judge fee is \$130. If you have to hire for either Friday or Saturday only, the daily hire is \$65.
4. I will allocate hired judges by 3 March.
5. Speech particulars:
 - a. The entry fee for individual events is \$12.
 - b. The entry fee for duo events is \$24
 - c. Original Oratory manuscripts are due to khssloratories@gmail.com by 5 pm EST on 17 March 2017. Submission of the manuscript indicates that you as coach and the student **BOTH** acknowledge that it comports with all applicable KHSSL rules. You **MUST** submit the manuscript even if it was submitted for the Regional tournament.
 - d. Extempers are reminded that we do not guarantee the ability to recharge laptops during Prep.
 - e. Extemp topic areas will be announced on 17 March.
 - f. Events clearing to quarterfinals will be announced on 17 March.
6. Timeline
 - a. Registration opens on 5 February 2017
 - b. The Registration deadline is 6 pm EST on 14 March 2017. Fees and judge hires are **FIRM** at that point. If you are short judges, you will be assessed for them.
 - c. You may change names freely from that deadline until the Final Deadline of 6 pm EST on 22 March. Adds/Drops during this time are \$10 extra each.
 - d. **ABSOLUTELY NO ADDS** after the Final Deadline will be accepted. Drops thereafter will be subject to payment of the nuisance fee and a \$10 nuisance fine.
 - e. If you drop a competitor on arrival at registration, you will pay the entry fee plus \$50.
 - f. If you drop a judge after your registration, you will have to hire a replacement; this ability to hire is subject to availability.