Utah-Wasatch District

Welcome to the District tournament. Here are some things to remember and consider.

All IE’s will be held at Morgan Middle School in Morgan Utah. Please have your students dropped off in the front of the Middle School and have your busses parked in the High School parking lot.

Big Questions will be held at Morgan High School. Students who are double entered in Big Questions and a speech event will need to avoid walking through our construction in the front of the High School. There will be a map that will show which entrances to use.

Tell your judges to meet at the Media Center at Morgan Middle School.

All Speech entries are due today Feb 9th.

Rounds are determined by ups and downs (2 downs and a student is out).

Round 1 will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday.

There will be at least 3 rounds per event.

We will be having rounds until we get down to the last 7 speakers in which there will be a final round.

Big Questions rounds will follow the same procedure for debates, 2 losses and the student is out.

Some corrective measures that are being taken.

We have had 2 schools who submitted documents as asked to myself, however their legislation did not come through. Based on consultation with committee members and using previous years we have determined the most fair way of placing their legislation into the docket.

The docket was drawn at random from legislation submitted by each school.

Morgan High student Rylee Wilkerson was the actual author of the e-cig bill that was submitted weeks ago to the UDCA.

Lastly, there is a setting error on the part of the NSDA for our tournament. I do not have access to change all settings. The error is currently preventing a student from doing 2 events plus Congress or Big Questions. They are aware of the issue and are working on getting it fixed by today. We are not the only District that has called them on the issue.

Judges: Please have 1 judge for every 4 Big Question entries and 1 judge for every 4 IE entries.

I will double check to make sure that tabroom is set to do that, but it seems that Big Questions is not accounting for judges.

Please have your judges in by Wednesday of next week on Tabroom. Schools that do not have a legitimate judge might have their entries waitlisted or dropped.  
We have not had enough judges in the past 2 years and this is our biggest stress.

It is not fair that other schools pay for judges that others do not bring.

The NSDA updated their judge rule, a judge just needs to be college aged.

I would suggest that if you use judges that competed last year, do not assign them to compete in the events that they participated in! If they know the student they are judging they should excuse themselves.

Lastly, the rule book was changed to allow that we have only 1 judge until the final rounds. That said, every final round has to have a 3 panel judge.

We will be providing concessions at the concession stand in the High school from 12:00-3:30, drinks, snacks, pizza, burger, and philly’s are available.

Thank you

If you have any concerns please text me at 801-821-9172

Layne Carter

District Chair