Coaches,

You are cordially invited to participate in the Glenn E. Burnett tournament hosted at Topeka High School on February 16-17, 2018.

On Friday, the 16th, we will be we will feature 3, one-hour sessions of Congress and 4 rounds of LD and PFD (numbers pending). Here are your specifics:

* Congressional Debate (Senate, House, and Novice House) (I would like chambers of no more than 25 and will bust them up accordingly).
* Open and Novice PFD (February Topic), these will collapse into one division if there are less than 6 Novice teams, or a lack of competitive diversity (ie 6 from 1 school and 2 from another, unless you are OK with debating yourself).
* Open and Novice LD (January/February topic……I’m willing to be persuaded). Again, these events will collapse if there are less than 6 novice LD-ers or lack of competitive equity.
* To allow for some diversity, you may be forced to debate yourself if the tournament is small or dominated by one school in terms of entries.

On Saturday, the 18th, we will host three rounds of prelims, semis and finals in the following state qualifying events:

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| **Open Events** | **Junior Varsity Events (NOVICE/2ND YR ONLY)** |
| * International Extemp * United States Extemp, * Inform (The KSHSAA 7-min variety) * Oration * Impromptu * Dramatic Interp * Humorous Interp * Duo Interp * Prose * Poetry | * International Extemp * United States Extemp * OIL (Your choice of Prose/Poetry) * Dramatic Interpretation * Humorous Interpretation * Oration |

\*In the JV events: the extemp events or DI/HI will be combined if either event falls below 15 competitors.

\*Also, if you have a 2nd year student who broke regularly in Open events, you probably shouldn’t put them in JV…..

We will also offer the following **NON STATE QUALIFYING** event: POI, Info 10. We will potentially eliminate these events if entries do not warrant.

Students may triple enter, but may not enter both extemps or enter the same event in both Open/JV.

You are allowed unlimited entries in Open events, **and I am tentatively capping JV entries at four per event** (until I see soft numbers) and may be willing to remove that cap. Flint Hills schools can have whatever you give me. All other schools are capped at 4/event or what you give me at your place.

Awards will be given to the top 6 in each event, sweepstakes will be awarded to the top 3 schools. Your entry fees are $5.00 per entry.

Finals are cumulative, sweepstakes are you picking your 20 (you may not count a student 3 times for sweepstakes, we will not count debate events or JV events this year for sweeps.).

We will also offer a JV sweepstakes trophy. We will count your top 2 JV entries in every event, and give an award to the top school.

Please enter on Tabroom.com. Please give me some TBA entries with a reasonable number to allow us to plan for judges.

Any questions? Feel free to email me back!

Thanks!

Dustin Rimmey Nell DeCoursey Brennan

Director of Debate and Forensics Tournament Director

**Stuff You Need to Know (Stolen and Altered from WaRu…Thanks!)**

**Entries:** Student participation: Students may enter **three** events. With the following caveat(s); Do NOT enter the same student in two draw events (unless one is impromptu) or the same event in both Open and JV, and they will not hold up the tournament waiting to perform either of their events.

**Extemp topics**: Topics will be written from current magazines and online news sources dated from December 1, 2016 to the present. Laptops may be used in the Extemp draw room. We do not guarantee an outlet for you to use. It is first come first serve. Topics areas will be emailed the week of the tournament.

**Impromptu topics:** Topics be our same old same old randomness, like Rimmey’s grocery list, this day in history, lines from whatever albums I’m feeling etc.. Topics areas will be emailed the week of the tournament.

**Time limits**: Judges will be informed of time limits for individual events as posted below. There may or may not be a timekeeper for all rounds. If there are no timekeepers, judges will be the final arbiters of time infractions.

**Event Max Time**

Oration 10

Informative 7

Extemp. 7

IMP 5

Dramatic/ Humorous Interp 10

Duo Interp 10

Oral Interp (Prose, or Poetry) 7

**Awards**: Awards will be presented to the top six finalists in each event. Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top three schools. Points will be awarded to the top 20 entries of your choosing (including LD/PFD):

5pts for a “1” rank

4pts for a “2” rank

3pts for a “3” rank

2pts for a “4” rank

1pt for all other ranks

We will potentially include semis and finals in sweeps calculation this year, final decision will be shared the week of the tournament.

**Judging**: We should have plenty, if we don’t I’ll beg….

**Fees**: $5.00/entry. Schools will be required to pay for all entries including “extras” requested after the entry form has been submitted. This includes “extras” given on the day of the tournament.

**Refunds**: Refunds will not be given for cancellations after February 15, 2018.

Any student who does not perform within the time limits of the round as posted will not be allowed to perform **or** will receive the last rank in the round. This is at the discretion of the tournament director.

If you have something to protest, they will be resolved between the head coach and Randy Baldwin in a round of Competitive Filibustering…….and my money is on Randy…..

**Finals:** Finals will be Cumulative. Also, there will be cross-ex finals in Extemporaneous Speaking. There will be a 3 minute rapid fire cross-examination period instituted. Speaker #6 will cross-ex speaker #1, speaker #1 will cross-ex speaker #2, etc… Contestants will be assigned an order to perform. Be aware it may not be in the order of placement. (This will happen only if there are not more than two double entries in finals.)

Tab is in 103. Ballots will be made available ASAP in room 102 (Schumann’s room).

The PFD Topic that will be debated is the **February** NSDA topic.

The LD topic that will be debated is the **January/February** NSDA topic.

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| **Friday-Congressional Debate**  Session 1: 3:30-4:30  Session 2: 4:45-5:45  Session 3: 6:00-7:15  Voting: ASAP | **Friday-LD/PFD**  Round 1: 3:30  Round 2: 4:30  Round 3: 5:30  Round 4: 6:30 | **Saturday-Speech/Interp**  Round 1: 8:30  Round 2: 10:00  Round 3: 11:30  Finals Draw: 1:30-ish  Finals: 2:00-ish  Awards: ASAP  \*All draws will begin 30 min before round start times |