



**KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE
JUNIOR STATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
MARCH 23 AND 24, 2018
INVITATION**

You are cordially invited to the **2018 KHSSL Junior State Speech Championship, which will be held March 23-24 at the University of Kentucky**. Please read this invitation thoroughly and carefully. Also please note that as this year the three state tournaments are being coordinated by working coaches/high school teachers who are not University of Kentucky employees, arrangements are still being made (as fast as we can, we swear). Full information about parking, food, and the final schedule will be forthcoming as soon as they we know them. I promise not to inundate you with too many updates. ☺

Some basics:

- Registration is on Tabroom: <http://khssljr.tabroom.com>
- We plan to feed the judges heavy snacks both days because **we love you** and are sorry you have starved in years past. We also plan to make sure your kids can get to food on campus.
- **Entry fees** are \$12 for each individual entry, \$24 for each duo team entry.
- The [KHSSL Handbook](#) contains extensive information about how the State Tournament is put together and how tabulation is done to determine advancement. Coaches are responsible for understanding these procedures (or for asking for clarifications as needed) and for explaining them to your team and their parents, etc.

- Last year’s tournament schedule was unfortunate. This year, while we are still working with the room people at UK to obtain more rooms and possibly start earlier, we know already we are going to be able to avoid splitting up first round. Thus, our **TENTATIVE schedule** is this for the tournament.

March 23	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Registration
	1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.	Opening Meeting
	2:30 p.m.	Round I
	4:30 p.m.	Round II
	6:30 p.m.	Round III

I understand some coaches have expressed concern in years past about darkness and Round III. I share those concerns and am working to move rounds earlier if UK can get us the rooms. UK classes are in session on that Friday, and they are working on the rounds for Senior Speech and Debate tournaments first, so we are being patient in hopes that we can move everything a bit earlier knowing it’s a 50/50 chance at this point. Stay tuned.

March 24	8:00 a.m.	Half the Semifinals
	10:00 a.m.	Half the Semifinals
	1:00 p.m.	Finals
	3:30 p.m. or earlier	Awards

- **Registration deadline is Friday, March 9, at 5 PM Eastern.** This is a firm deadline for new entries. The Final Deadline will be Monday, March 19, at 5 PM Eastern. See notes below. Drops and name changes may be made without penalty by the individual coaches online until the March 9 deadline. After March 9, all changes go through Steve Meadows via email only.
- The following **finer** are copied from page 61 of the KHSSL Handbook. These are set by the Board of Directors, so I will not have liberty to amend them for you (meaning please don’t ask Steve because it isn’t fine for him to change them):
 - a. Contestant substitutions before the Final Deadline – Free.
 - b. Drops before the Final Deadline — entry fee plus \$10
 - c. Drops after the Final Deadline but before on-site registration—entry fees plus \$25
 - d. Drops during on-site registration—entry fees plus \$50
 - e. Judge drops after registration deadline- \$65 per day of obligation dropped plus \$100 drop fee. If the judge drop brings the school’s judge coverage below its obligation AND no hired judges are available to cover the slot, the school’s entry may be reduced.

- You may **ONLY enter as many entries as you entered for regionals**. If you applied for and were granted exemptions, these students are considered part of your roster for state. Students must have either attended the regional tournament or at a minimum two (2) KHSSL sanctioned tournaments to be eligible for the state tournament. As the coach, you will vouch for this qualification as a part of the KHSSL Code of Ethics.
- **In each speech event, you may have up to three (3) entries. Each individual student may enter up to three (3) events.** These entries DO NOT have to be the same students who competed in these events at the regional tournament. The students must be eligible for state competition. You do not have to enter students in the same categories as you did at regionals. The only restriction is TOTAL NUMBER of entries. This cannot exceed your regional total.
- **To verify student eligibility for competition at the state tournament, you will need to follow the procedures outlined below:**
 - A. Register your team for state using tabroom.com.
 - B. Print a .pdf file of your registration entry by competitor

The screenshot shows the Tabroom.com website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Circuits, Results, Paradigms, Help, and About. Below this, the main content area is titled 'KHSSL Senior State Speech Tournament' and 'Assumption (AE)'. There are several tabs: General, Signups, Emails, Entries, Competitors, Judges, and Website. The 'Adult Contact Information' section is visible, with fields for 'Adult contact (must be attending the tournament):' containing 'Daniel Hamm' and 'That contact's email:' containing 'danielhammahs@hotmail.com'. On the right side, there is a 'Printouts' section with a list of options: 'Print Registration By Event', 'Print Registration By Competitor', 'Excel Registration', and 'Print Tournament Invoice'. A red arrow points to the 'Print Registration By Competitor' option. At the bottom of the printouts section, there is a red button labeled 'DROP ENTIRE ENTRY'.

- C. Email a copy of the .pdf file to Ryan Brown at ryan.brown@rowan.kyschools.us for verification.
- D. In this email, please include a list of KHSSL tournaments that your team attended during the season to aid in verification of eligibility. Include Regionals. If you applied for and received exemptions for any students on your team, please include their names in the body of the email.

- You are required to provide one (1) **judge** for every six (6) entries or fraction thereof. So, if you have 7 entries total, you are responsible for 2 judges. Purchasing a judge costs \$130.
- **Details** regarding extemporaneous speaking topic areas, which events will clear to quarterfinals, etc. will be announced via the website, Facebook and Twitter closer to the tournament date.
- **Hotel information** will be handled by KHSSL Board Member and Hall of Famer Dustin Combs as in years past. dustin.combs@knott.kyschools.us. Stay tuned for more info.
- My **stated goals** for our State Tournament:
 - A good experience for all attendees, kid and adult.
 - We'll run on time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns, and good luck to everyone. I can't wait to see you in March!

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