



Oregon School Activities Association

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To: Activity Directors and Speech Coaches
From: Brad Garrett, Assistant Executive Director
Subject: Speech and Debate Championships Reminders

Sportsmanship in Speech

Several situations have occurred where a participating student has attempted to resolve an issue by directly contacting a tournament personnel and/or a judge when they are unhappy with a result and/or requirements that they may have received or have not met. This is inappropriate on several levels and should not be occurring with OSAA sponsored activities. Students should not be reaching out to tournament personnel with issues and instead address those issues with their coach, who in turn, can evaluate the situation and decide on the appropriate course of action.

Championships Schedule

I am starting to get requests for the schedule for the 2021 OSAA Virtual Speech and Debate Championships. As you are aware the number of entries in each event will drive what any final schedule will look like and thus the Tournament Committee has made the decision to wait until all entries have been finalized to produce this year's Championship schedule. All schools will be notified when the final schedule is posted – anticipate this on April 12.

Asynchronous Event Upload

For all Asynchronous events, students qualifying for the Championships may submit the same video used at their qualifying tournament or they may re-record and submit a new video if they prefer. Video must be uploaded to <https://forms.gle/9X3L6Lcd1rmyQfsx7> by the established deadlines.

Alternate Qualifiers

The Alt Qual/Proven Excellence document is up to date and available at <https://tinyurl.com/AltQual2021>. Coaches can also request access by clicking the link and selecting "request access."

- Please use [this form](#) to request additions from out-of-state tournaments ASAP.
- District directors, please use [this form](#) to notify the state committee of any alt quals being used in your district. Deadline to report this information is April 11.

Manuscript Upload

Coaches need to have uploaded manuscripts of all qualifiers with accurate selection titles in DI, Duo, HI, Prose and LIELL. In ADS, Expos, Oratory, Radio, Poetry enter a topic/subject matter rather than a title. In order to prevent a student from speaking against someone with the same subject matter, we need to know it. Make sure you upload all required manuscripts using the DropBox links provided by your District Tournament Director.

Student Congress

Bills/Resolutions are due April 12 . Please upload them to your Districts Student Congress folder on DropBox.

Entry Certification

By entering participants in a state championship each member school certifies that, barring injury, illness or unforeseen events, or a withdrawal to avoid violating the religious convictions of team members, the individuals representing the school will participate in all rounds, that are part of that championship event, until the conclusion of the championship. Any withdrawal or intentional forfeiture for reasons other than those specified shall be considered a sportsmanship violation and shall be subject to reprimand and/or other penalties (e.g. fine, forfeiture, and/or sanctions) as determined by the Executive Board.

Judge Requirements

Since this year is so unique in that schools do not have to pay for food, travel, or lodging for judges each school is required to provide an appropriate number of trained judges based on the following needs:

- Asynchronous Events – 1 judge per 5 entries
- Synchronous Events – 1 judge per 3 entries
- Note: Synchronous Judges should be prepared to judge Extemp, Impromptu or any Debate form.

It is important that your judges have access to appropriate training materials prior to the Championships. Judges can find links to NSDA judge training information for all events here - [NSDA Judge Training Information](#)

If coaches have access to individuals who would be very good Congress judges and are not affiliated with their students, please send the names to Jane Berry-Eddings (ajbe1@comcast.net).

This year the Championships will implement a \$200.00 Judging Bond for each school with fines to be assessed if judges miss their rounds for avoidable causes.