



# Texas Forensic Association



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Dear TFA Coaches,

At the risk of being blunt, we have some coaches in our midst who are not doing their jobs in one very specific area. As you all well know, all schools must be members of TFA for their students to attend the State tournament. We have some coaches who have yet to take care of this simple task, yet have registered for the state tournament. Given the gestures of the Executive Council to already extend the original date memberships were due, I find this problematic. After consultation with several EC members (and against my better judgment) I am opting to accommodate the students one last time and giving coaches ONE LAST CHANCE to become/have their schools become a TFA member.

All coaches who plan to attend TFA State should verify that your schools are TFA members. If you are not a TFA member the following procedure must be followed

- Each school must have a check/money order/cashiers check for \$120 dues as well as a \$100 late fee (\$220 total) to be considered at this point for late membership. This form of payment will be cashed by the Treasurer.
- Each coach of a school applying for late application is required to send a letter indicating why the request should be considered.
- Each school must include a letter by the Principal acknowledging the delinquent application.

All three items must be overnighted to me and must be received by 5 pm Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>. NO exceptions. Letters received after that point would be returned unopened. If you are unclear as to whether you are a member or not please try to log in at [www.txfa.org](http://www.txfa.org) by clicking on member log in. If you can't log in then you are not a member.

Once all items are received I will then notify schools once their application is accepted. If the application is accepted this year, at this late date, the name of those coaches at those schools will be kept on file by the Treasurer. If that coach misses the deadline next year NO extensions will be granted.

All coaches should make sure they are members. This notice and the txfa website is all the notification you will receive. Again we feel that this decision is in the best interest of students. That said, with all due respect, the 13<sup>th</sup> is the final day to become a member. Please do not put us in the position of not letting student compete when coaches didn't take care of business.

Thanks and see you soon?!

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