



TFA State Newsletter

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State Tournament is around the corner:

The 2011 Texas Forensic Association's annual State Meet will be held at Flower Mound High School in Flower Mound, Texas on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2011.

Registration:

Registration will take place on the morning of, March 10th, 2011 at the Hilton Garden Hotel (785 State Highway 121 Bypass Lewisville, 75067) from 9:00 A.M. till 12:00 P.M. The registration process will include receiving final tournament information, receiving judge information in debate, verification of orations and interp. selections, verifying judge strikes in IE's, and verifying the mutual preference sheet for debate. If you don't have everything in order, your students will not be able to participate and will be pulled from the tournament.

Deadlines:

On **February 15th**, you need to check the TFA website for accuracy of the IQT reports submitted for your students.

The entry deadline for all events is **February 25th at 5:00 pm**. All payments for entries must be postmarked by February 25th and sent to Cindi Havron.

Cross Entry Guidelines:

A student may enter a maximum of 3 events.
A student may enter one debate event: either C-X, P-F, L-D or SC.
A student may enter one division of extemp: either FX or DX.
A student in Duet Acting/Duo may not cross-enter in debate.
A student may enter both team interpretation events: Duet Acting or Duo Interp.

Consolation Events:

Registration for consolation events (Poetry & Impromptu) will be held outside the library on Friday night from 6-8 P.M. Participants could not have broken into any main event elimination rounds. Prose and Senate participants are ineligible for consolation. Each school will be allowed 5 entries in each consolation event.

Reminder:

All IQT FEES must be paid in order to compete at TFA State.

Documentation:

All Oratory and Interp verification will take place during registration. There will be specific stations set up so that once verification is completed; all oratories and interp documentation will be returned during the registration process. No student will be permitted to compete in these events unless the verification process has been completed during registration.

Interpretation Packet Cover Sheet

Oratory Certification Packet

Judging Requirements

Individual Events, Congress, Duo, and Duet Acting

1 judge (8 rounds) per 8 entries or portion thereof

CX Debate

1 judge (8 rounds) per 2 teams or portion thereof

LD Debate, PF Debate

1 judge (8 rounds) per 4 entries or portion thereof

The judge bond is \$500.00 and will be returned when schools have met all of their judging obligations. Schools have the option of donating the judge bond to TFA to be used for scholarship money for students.

One of those obligations is to judge one round beyond the elimination of all of your students (including consolation events.) At the very least, this obligates **ALL** judges to the first elimination round in both the IE and Debate events. Please don't ask to get out of an assignment for that round once it has been assigned.

Failure to meet this obligation will result in the loss of the judge bond. If a designated judge fails to meet a school obligation a second time, all remaining students from that school will be disqualified. If all students have been eliminated and the judge fails to meet a third assigned obligation, additional penalties may be assigned at the discretion of the Executive Council, including but not limited to, a letter to the schools Principal/Head of School. If the Executive Council finds the situation egregious enough, penalties may carry over until the next competitive season.
