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State Tournament Time!

The IQT season has ended. Only a few more weeks are left before TFA State. This newsletter contains important information about the State Tournament. Hopefully this information will help you have a great experience at State.

Dates and Location

This year, state will be held at **Hanks High School** in El Paso on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, **March 11-13, 2010**. **Shawn Mena and Ysleta ISD** are hard at work making preparations as hosts for this big event.

Please take time to read the information on the various pages of our Joy of Tournaments registration site.

They have all the details that used to be in this Newsletter.

Announcements, Information and Judging Requirements are the three pages you should go over carefully.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

STATE TOURNAMENT DATE

March 11-13, 2010

TOURNAMENT LOCATION

Hanks High School in El Paso

FINAL REGISTRATION @ Hanks HS
Wednesday, March 10th from 5pm – 9pm

LATE REGISTRATION @ Hanks HS
Thursday, March 11th from 7am – 8am

DEADLINES

Hired Judge Applications: February 25th

Entry fee payments (postmarked): February 25th

Online Entry deadline: February 25th @ 5:00pm

Mutual Preference Judge Ratings and IE strikes (online):
March 5th @ noon

Please review your IQT report ASAP. If there are changes there is a correction form at: <http://txfa.org/iqt-correction.asp>

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DON'T FORGET THESE DETAILS

- A typed oration is required at registration for each competitor in Original Oratory.
- Titles of interpretation selections must be submitted at registration.
- Original scripts must be available at the state meet. Students will not be allowed to compete without adequate documentation at registration. No exceptions.
- Orations and interpretation scripts need to be placed in a manila envelope with the verification form stapled outside the envelope.

Scripts

Titles of interpretation selections must be submitted at registration. Once the titles are submitted, a change in selection will result in the student's disqualification. Separation of selections will begin in elimination rounds if feasible.

During the online registration process, you will be asked to provide the title and ISBN number. This information will be verified during registration. A cover sheet for your use is provided on the TFA website and the Joy of Tournaments registration page.

Oratories

A typed oration for each student in that event must be submitted at registration. If the oration is not available, the student will be disqualified. All quoted material must be underlined and/or printed in red. Quoted material may not exceed 150 words.

During the online registration process, you will be asked to provide the title. A cover sheet with the title, student's name and signature, coach's name and signature, and the school name must be attached to the oration. A cover sheet for your use is provided on the TFA website and the Joy of Tournaments registration page.

Payment of Fees

Payment of some form must be provided for your school to enter the tournament. Payment may be in the form of a school check, a purchase order indicating that a number has been assigned, or we will hold a personal check until the coach can provide a school check in its place. Fees must be submitted to the TFA Treasurer, David Gardiner at Richard King High School, 5225 Gollihar Rd, Corpus Christi, TX 78412. Entry payments must be postmarked by February 25th.

All fees are due prior to tournament participation.

Debate Topics

The CX debate topic will be the **current** national topic.
The LD debate topic will be the **March/April** NFL topic.
The PF debate topic will be the **March** NFL topic.

Miscellaneous

1. Topic areas for Extemporaneous Speaking can be found on the Announcements page of the JOT registration site.
2. Answers regarding the use of computers in Extemporaneous Speaking Draw can be found on the Announcements page of the JOT registration site.
3. Cover sheets for Oratory and Interp can be found on the Announcements page of the JOT registration site.
4. Deadlines and cross entry rules can be found on the Information page of the JOT registration site.
5. Requirements, rules and ethics expected of coaches, school judges and hired judges can be found on the Judging Requirements page of the JOT registration site.
6. **ALL** judges must enter their information into the system through the Judge Signup page on the JOT registration site.

Please feel free to email any of the Executive Committee Members should you need further assistance with this process.
We are here to help.