## 2015 Region 3 State Qualifying Tournament Info

# February 27th and 28th

# Site TBA

Greetings, Coaches!

Below, you’ll hopefully find answers to your pressing questions regarding our upcoming Regional Tournament, although I hope you’ll email me ([mdtfinance@prodigy.net](mailto:mdtfinance@prodigy.net)) if you have any remaining questions or concerns.

I encourage you to look over the rules for the tournament (in the CHSAA Handbook, pp. 21-33).  The state qualifying meet is slightly different than most invitationals. If you have questions about the rules, you can use this link for a copy of the CHSAA Handbook.

<http://www2.chsaa.org/activities/speech/pdf/2014COSpeechHandbookcombined.pdf>

**PRE-REGISTRATION:**

1. You should pre-register for the tournament via [speechmeets.com](http://www.speechmeets.com). Once you have pre-registered, print a copy of your invoice and send it with your payment to CHSAA. **The deadline for pre-registration is Friday, February 20th**. After that date, any drops will not decrease your fees, but adds require an additional fee paid to CHSAA ($12 for individual events and $24 for CX, PF, and Duo).

With online registration, you no longer need to submit a pre-registration form to CHSAA. Although you no longer need to submit your principal’s signature, please make sure your principal is aware that you are entering students for the Regional Tournament. Please send payment for the tournament to CHSAA **postmarked by Feb. 20th to avoid a $25 late fee.**

1. **Please note that students may only enter one Friday event (Drama, National Extemp, Foreign Extemp, Humor, Poetry, or Oratory) and one Saturday event (CX, LD, PF, or Duo).**

**DROPS AND ADDS:**

1. All drops after Feb. 20th must be submitted via email to [mdtfinance@prodigy.net](mailto:mdtfinance@prodigy.net). Any drops will create opportunities for registered alternates to be pulled into the tournament. This often allows more students to qualify for State. As in the past, alternates will be drawn randomly. Any alternates pulled in will assume the code of the dropped competitor and may have to hit their teammates in rounds.
2. You may add competitors after the pre-registration deadline by e-mailing me, but you will need to submit payment ($12 for each individual entry, $24 for each CX, PF or Duo team) to CHSAA in order for them to be allowed to compete.
3. Please note that any drops made the day of the tournament require payment of an additional $12 per student.

**FORMS:**

1. The Final Registration form (page 31-33 in the CHSAA manual and available on [speechmeets.com](http://www.speechmeets.com)) must be submitted at the time of registration. You must enter the names of competitors on this sheet. **Please enter competitors’ names on speechmeets.com no later than Tuesday, February 24th**. Any changes after that date should be e-mailed to me or highlighted on your final registration form.
2. A written or email copy of all Oratory entries must be submitted to me by February 20th with the required cover form (see page 29 in the Handbook or [speechmeets.com](http://www.speechmeets.com)). Follow directions for underlining quotes and be mindful of the 150-word limit for quoted material in an Oration. Do not send a copy of your oratory to CHSAA unless your student qualifies for State.
3. Double entry forms (see page 30 in the Handbook or [speechmeets.com](http://www.speechmeets.com)) for any double entered students must be submitted at registration.

**SCHEDULE:**

**Friday – Location: TBD**

**A Wave Events (Drama, Humor, NX, FX, Poetry, Oratory)**

3:00–3:30 pm Registration

3:45 pm Extemp File Check

4:00 pm Extemp Draw

4:15 pm Round I all other A Wave events

4:30 pm Round I Extemp

5:45 pm Extemp Draw

6:00 pm Round II all A wave events

6:15 pm Round II Extemp

7:30 pm Round III all A Wave events plus Extemp Draw

8:00 pm Round III Extemp

**Saturday – Location: TBD**

**B Wave Events (CX, LD, PF, Duo)**

7:15-7:45 Registration

8:00 Round I all B Wave Debate events except Duo

10:00 Round II all Debates, Round I Duo

12:00 Round III all Debates, Round II Duo

2:30 Round IV all Debates, Round III Duo

5:00 Awards Ceremony

We will run rounds ahead of schedule if possible, so please ensure that your competitors remain on-site and are ready to compete. In order to avoid confusion, **any competitor(s) that arrive more than 20 minutes after the posted start time of their round (or their designated speaking time in Extemp) are deemed to have forfeited the round.** Competitors in Flight 2 of debate events must be present at the end of the first flight in order to avoid a forfeit.

**JUDGES:**

1. Schools should attempt to bring judges to judge throughout the tournament based on the following formula:

1-10 entries: 2 judges

11-15 entries: 3 judges

16-25 entries: 4 judges

26 + entries: 6 judges

We will be spreading the word to judges via every other means possible, but your commitment to bring judges will help us run the tournament smoothly. ☺

1. Judges may be first-year-outs and beyond. In an effort to ensure a basic knowledge of the rules governing the events and the tournament, **all judges must complete the judge certification test.** Judges must also have judged at one or more tournaments prior to judging at the Regional Tournament. These requirements do NOT apply to coaches and assistant coaches. The test will be available soon via the following link:

<http://chsaanow.com/activities/speech/>

1. Judges will be paid $8 CASH per round.
2. Please bring 5 stopwatches. Label with your school name so that you can collect them at the end of the tournament.

**REMINDERS ON SPECIFIC EVENT RULES (From the CHSAA Handbook):**

1. INTERP EVENTS: Selection of material must be made from printed, published sources which have literary merit. ALL COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO BRING THE ORIGINAL OF THE SOURCE(S) TO THE REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS. Dramatic, Humorous, Poetry and Duo performances may be presented with or without scripts. A competitor may not compete with the same source used in any prior Regional or State Tournament, even if the source was used in another event.
2. ORATIONS: ARE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 150 QUOTED WORDS. ALL QUOTES MUST BE UNDERLINED AND THE NUMBER OF QUOTED WORDS INDICATED AT THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF QUOTED WORDS MUST BE INDICATED ON THE COVER SHEET. Extensive paraphrasing of another source is prohibited. No student may enter a state qualifying round or State Tournament with an oration used in a prior state regional qualifying or State Tournament. An orator holding a manuscript or notes will be ranked last.
3. EXTEMP: One note card is allowed (it may be 3 x 5, 4 x 6, or 5 x 7).

**OMBUDSMAN:**

We will once again make use of an Ombudsman from a school outside of Region 3. Their role will be to assist me in ensuring that we adhere to CHSAA rules and procedures in Tab and to resolve disputes and/or adjudicate grievances acting on my authority as Tournament Director.

**EXTEMP QUESTIONS:**

If you would like to submit potential extemp questions, please email them to me no later than Feb. 20th.

**AWARDS:**

This year, we will be awarding ribbons provided by CHSAA to all qualifiers in each event.

**FINAL NOTES:**

Once registration has closed, we will give you an update on events with alternates and how many qualifiers we anticipate. Please try to avoid drops after pre-registration in those events with no alternates!

We will NOT have a pre-scheduling meeting since we will be computer scheduling the Friday events.