

Hey there, Coaches!

I hope that you and your students are off to a wonderful beginning of the Speech season! I know that we are nearing the end of 2017 and things are quite hectic, but I wanted to take an opportunity to let you know about some changes and upcoming dates to mark on your calendar.

### **District Tournament Information**

This year's District Tournament will take place on March 16-17, 2018 in Danville, Kentucky. Congressional Debate will take place during the day on the 16<sup>th</sup> at BCTC and individual events will be held at Centre College on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> and continuing into Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Registration for KYNSDA will be available online at [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com). PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.

Remember that the number of entries that your school may submit in each event is determined by the Degree Strength of your program. Therefore, it is important to make sure that you regularly keep up with entering points so that you can send more students to compete at the District Tournament!

### **Entering NFL Points**

If you have logged into the NSDA website lately, then you have probably noticed changes to managing your team roster and entering NFL points. There were lots of ch-ch-changes to this part of the website, but the National Office has done a wonderful job of ensuring that the website is more user friendly than ever! And, there are now Guides available on the NSDA website that walk you through entering points, purchasing memberships, and paying your bills! Those guides are available here: [https://www.speechanddebate.org/account-roster-management/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Guides&utm\\_campaign=Points%252B20171109](https://www.speechanddebate.org/account-roster-management/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Guides&utm_campaign=Points%252B20171109)

### **CONNECT**

The NSDA has created a NEW FORUM for coaches called CONNECT. Connect is an interactive community that allows coaches to share resources and collaborate in the Speech world! Join now and start exploring to further your CONNECTIONS in the Speech and Debate community! Start here: [https://www.participate.com/organizations/NSDA-Connect/d022242b-1d4f-40de-b1c6-ce579ef1b22c?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=CONNECT&utm\\_campaign=Coach+Newsletter+20171114](https://www.participate.com/organizations/NSDA-Connect/d022242b-1d4f-40de-b1c6-ce579ef1b22c?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=CONNECT&utm_campaign=Coach+Newsletter+20171114).

### **Rule Changes**

At the Fall Meeting of the NSDA Board of Directors, there were a number of rules and procedure changes. They include (but are not limited to):

- Dropping the Seven-Day Rule for District Registration

- Editing the Judging Requirements for District Tournaments
- Adopting the 2016-2017 Piloted Congressional Evidence Rules
- Changing National Tournament Rules & Procedures
- Allowing for Direct Questioning at the District Congress Tournament

Read more about these changes by reading the Rostrum by clicking here: [https://issuu.com/speechanddebate/docs/2017\\_november\\_december\\_rostrum\\_web/10?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Fall%2520Board%2520Minutes&utm\\_campaign=Leaders%252B20171115](https://issuu.com/speechanddebate/docs/2017_november_december_rostrum_web/10?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Fall%2520Board%2520Minutes&utm_campaign=Leaders%252B20171115).

### **Upcoming Tournaments**

These are some of our upcoming Kentucky tournaments to put on your calendar:

- December 2     [Murray HS](#)  
                    [Boone County HS](#)
- December 9     [Hilltopper at WKU](#)
- December 16    [Bardstown HS](#)
- January 6        [Daviss County HS](#)  
                    [Rowan County HS](#)
- January 13      [Paducah Tilghman](#)  
                    [Beechwood HS](#)
- January 20      [Assumption HS](#)
- January 27      Trinity/North Oldham

### **District Membership**

Please remember, if you have not yet renewed your NSDA membership, you need to do so soon. In order to compete at the District Tournament, your school must be a member of NSDA. Your school's membership includes some tremendous resources for you AND your students! Also, membership with NSDA gives your students the opportunity to earn membership and degrees in the National Forensic League – the NSDA Honor Society.

If you have any questions or need any help, please feel free to reach out and let us know! You can reach me at this email address or by phone at [270-293-7198](tel:270-293-7198). We look forward to seeing you soon!

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