

Three weeks and a day, actually. That's when Kentucky NSDA starts! So let me remind you of a few items.

1. **You want to update your points in your chapter.** Not only will this give kids memberships who aren't members yet, but it also increases the size of your chapter so you can bring more entries to Districts. Also, please remember that ONLY kids who have registered with NSDA online count toward your entry quota or will appear as possible for you to enter into the District Tournament. Hit your Mentor up (new coaches) or me for any questions you have about how to enter points.
2. **Deadlines are approaching for nominations for Student and Coach of the Year plus Congressional Legislation.**

For info on ***Student and Coach of the Year***, click here. <http://www.joyoftournaments.com/nfl/ky/info.asp?p=9>

For ***Congressional Legislation***, all submissions must be to me as Word Documents (only – no Pages or PDFs will be accepted) by 5 PM Eastern time on March 9. I will post the packet that night.

Please ask your Congress kids to go to this website and use the templates there to prepare legislation. All legislation that comes to NSDA should have numbered lines (beginning with the first line after the name of the bill/resolution) and should be submitted by the school only, not a particular kid.

Template page: <http://www.congressionaldebate.org/resources/legislation-templates>

3. **Registration deadline is Friday, March 11.** See this link for step-by-step directions on how to register: <http://www.joyoftournaments.com/nfl/ky/info.asp?p=4> . You must register online AND submit signed paper forms to me by this date. There is much info on what you need to submit when on this page – please read it carefully.

4. **Oratory and Informative must submit paper copies of the speeches** with signed cover sheets (signature of kid and coach) declaring the speech the student's original work. No electronic copies please. You can give me these at Registration, mail them to me by US Postal service, or hand them to me with your paper registration forms on March 11 at KHSSL State.

5. Reminder that all kinds of resources published by the national office about our two experimental events, **Informative and POI**, are collected for you on the KYNSDA website: www.kynsda.org.

6. **Dramatic Interp, Humorous Interp, Duo Interp, and Program Oral Interp** must all register their selections online. There is a place to do so in the Registration section of Joy of Tournaments. For POI, please just type in the title of the program. Note that you will have to provide a sheet attached to your REGISTRATION FORM with FULL DOCUMENTATION of EVERY SELECTION in your POI to show that it is printed and published or on a NSDA accepted website. This is important. POI materials must be Prose, Poetry, or Drama and must be printed and published or on one of the approved websites.

A note here – every year, there are questions about what websites are acceptable for scripts. Here's the answer: very few are. If it's not on the list at this link, you cannot use that material at NSDA Districts, no matter if you are free to use it at KHSSL or CFL, which both have looser rules for Interp events and their publication. As your elected Chair, I will be enforcing this rule, and it's because it's the rule of the organization whose contest in which we are competing. I have kids in this game too, and their scripts will be fair and published. Yours must also be. The idea behind it all is that the material should be freely accessible to everyone via print or "stable website," not something someone writes and then self-publishes on a site for a contest. Please contact me with any questions you have, but don't wait 'til the last minute. The link for acceptable scripts published online: <http://www.speechanddebate.org/approvedwebsites> .

7. Don't forget to [reserve hotels](#) and make transportation arrangements! I can't wait to see you in Danville – please be in touch with any questions!

Steve Meadows, Kentucky District Chair