

Dear Speech and Debate Coach:

Congratulations on your students' successes in qualifying to this year's State Forensic Championships. This letter provides information and entry forms needed for this tournament. Please read the letter carefully.

WHAT STATE FORENSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHERE/WHEN Kamehameha Schools, Thursday, April 6, 2017 & Friday, April 7, 2017
Debate Preliminary and Quarterfinal and/or Semifinal Rounds
Congressional Debate Preliminary Rounds
Punahou School, Saturday, April 8, 2017
Debate Semifinal and Final Rounds
Super Congress
Speech Preliminary and Final Rounds

DEADLINES SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Debate and Speech Registration: Must be submitted online through the League website. All students from your school who have qualified for states are in a pull-down menu. Select them to register them for states.

Congressional Debate Registration: Must be submitted online through the League website. There is a link to a Google Form <http://bit.ly/StateCongress> for you to enter your delegation.

NSDA District Registration and Single Entry Letter of Intent: Must be submitted to Karen Miyakado by mail or hand delivered at the spring coaches meeting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Interpretation Verification Form, Orations, and Oratory Verification Forms: Must be submitted to Carol Halbur <chalbur@punahou.edu> as a MS Word and/or pdf documents by e-mail.

Debate Judges and Speech Judges: Complete the Excel spreadsheet or Google form <http://bit.ly/HSLStateJudges> and submit it to Bill Teter <bill_teter@universitylaboratoryschool.org> as an e-mail attachment. NOTE: Failure to meet your quota of judges by the deadline will result in sanctions, including but not limited to the withdrawal of student entries, a monetary fine, and the ineligibility of your school for any sweepstakes trophies.

Double/Triple Entry Form and NSDA Degree Form: Submit online using the link to the Google Forms. <http://bit.ly/HSLDoubleTriple> and <http://bit.ly/NSDAHonors>.

Participant Release Form: This form needs to be signed by **ALL state competitors**. Send scanned original signatures as an e-mail attachment in .pdf format to Carol Halbur. You may alternatively mail the participant release forms to Carol Halbur, Punahou School, 1601 Punahou St., Honolulu, HI 96822.

Congressional Legislation: Submit all legislation for the congressional docket to Nicholas Ernst <nkernst@gmail.com>.

Entry Fees: Send all entry fees to: Karen Miyakado, HSL Treasurer:
1051 Mokuhano Street
Honolulu, HI 96825

Note: Make checks payable to "Hawaii Speech League."

PARTICIPATION

Participants must have qualified in speech or debate at one of the following tournaments:

- Neighbor Island Tournament at Parker School in January
- Saint Louis School Speech Qualifying Tournament in January
- 'Iolani Debate Qualifying Tournament in February
- Any O'ahu or Hawai'i District Speech or Debate Tournament

Anyone who is not competing in another category may register for Congressional Debate.

REGISTRATION

Each school **MUST** complete the OFFICIAL REGISTRATION online for all state entries in speech and debate. **It is your responsibility to ensure that deadlines are met.** No exceptions will be made.

RESTRICTIONS

- A student qualifying for more than one event may enter a maximum of three (3) events provided he or she does not enter more than two national events. (*Exception: A student may enter three national events if one of the national events is Congressional Debate*). A student may not enter both USX and IX.
- Rules for National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) Events
 1. The following events are considered NSDA categories: Program Oral Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Original Oratory, U.S. and International Extemporaneous Speaking, Congressional Debate, Advanced Public Forum Debate, Championship Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and Varsity Policy Debate.
 2. A student **cannot** enter more than one debate category.
 3. Students are allowed to enter duo interpretation and a team debate (i.e. VARS, APF) if entered as the same team. Both competitors must mark the same event they agree to compete in at Nationals on the "Single Entry Letter of Intent" form should they qualify in both events.
 4. Students who enter two solo National categories (e.g., HI and DI) must submit a signed "National Tournament Single Entry Letter of Intent" form.
 5. If a student qualifies to Nationals in a partnership event AND an individual event, he or she must compete at Nationals in the partnership event. Partnership Event Exception: If two student qualify for National in a partnership event and BOTH individuals also qualify for Nationals in their respective individual events, the students may choose to enter Nationals in their individual events if indicated on their "Single Entry Letter of Intent" form.
 6. Failure to submit the "Single Entry Letter of Intent" form will result in disqualification from National Tournament entry.
 7. National Speech and Debate Association Membership: We strongly recommend that students entered in an NSDA category be enrolled as members of the NSDA. The school and student must be members of the NSDA a minimum of **7 days** prior to the start of the State Championships to qualify in the National Tournament. NSDA makes no exceptions to this rule. Please check your records and attend to this matter quickly if applicable. Student records must be updated each year for the member to remain active.

FEES

\$12.00 for every solo speech, Congressional Debate and Lincoln-Douglas Debate entry.

\$24.00 for every Duo Interpretation, Public Forum, and Policy team.

No money will be refunded after the registration deadline.

PARTICIPANT RELEASE FORM

The HSL records the final rounds of debate at the state tournament. Links will be shared with HSL coaches for online viewing. Photos may be taken of the participants during the state tournament to show during the slide-show prior to the awards ceremony and for publicity purposes. The League thus requires **all competitors to** submit a signed "Participant Release" form prior to the tournament.

JUDGES

- There will be three (3) judges in all preliminary rounds of speech and debate events and five (5) judges in all quarterfinal, semifinal, and final rounds. Judges must be registered by the deadline.
- Your judges MUST be able to stay for the duration of the tournament. If a judge cannot stay for the entire tournament, you must bring an additional judge to cover the remaining rounds. Please remember that recent graduates cannot judge outrounds. Schools with an insufficient number of judges may be sanctioned by the HSL Executive Board. Sanctions may include disqualification from the tournament and/or Sweepstakes Trophy and withdrawing students from the competition. Judges are expected to judge the outrounds even if participants of the schools they are representing do not make it to the outrounds.
- Please provide **qualified** judges who are knowledgeable and have training/experience in speech and debate activities for this final tournament. Do not include your head coach as a judge, as he or she will be in the standby pool at all times. You must provide the correct number of judges based on the following ratios:
Speech events: 1 judge per every 3 entries (or fraction of 3 entries) plus 1 additional judge.
Debate events: 1 judge per entry + 1 additional judge for every 3 entries (or fraction of 3 entries).
Congressional Debate events: 1 UNAFFILIATED judge per every 4 entries (or fraction of 4 entries).

SCHEDULE **Thursday, April 6, 2017 Debate Events at Kamehameha Schools**

4:00	.....	Arrive on campus
4:15	.....	Orientation for judges, debaters, & coaches
	.....	REGISTRATION
4:30-6:00	.....	Round 1 Debate
6:30-8:00	.....	Round 2 Debate
8:30-10:00	.....	Round 3 Debate

Friday, April 7, 2017 Congressional Debate & Debate Events at Kamehameha Schools

4:00	.....	Arrive on campus
4:15	.....	Orientation for judges
4:30-6:00	.....	Round 4 Debate
4:30-6:30	.....	Congressional Debate Session 1
6:30-8:00	.....	Round 5 Debate
7:15-9:15	.....	Congressional Debate Session 2
8:00-9:00	.....	Break
9:30-11:00*	.....	DEBATE Quarterfinals (NLD, CLD) and Semifinals (BPF, APR, JV,V)

Saturday, April 8, 2017 Speech, Congressional Debate, & Debate Events at Punahou School

7:00	.....	Registration
7:30	.....	Orientation for judges, competitors, & coaches
8:00-9:45	.....	Round 1 Speech
10:00-11:30	.....	Round 2 Speech
10:00-12:00	.....	Congressional Debate – Super Congress
12:00-1:30	.....	Round 3 Speech
1:30-3:00*	.....	Debate Semifinals (NLD, CLD)
3:15-4:45*	.....	FINALS Speech
5:00-6:30*	.....	FINALS Debate
8:00-9:00	.....	Award Ceremony

*Start times are estimates; all students and judges should remain on campus for possible early or late start of rounds.

SPEECH EVENTS

1. **STORYTELLING (ST)**: No manuscripts may be used. Presentations must be prefaced by an introduction that includes the title and author of the selection. Selections must be from published or printed sources. Students are encouraged to use the floor space. **MAXIMUM TIME: 8 minutes.**
2. **PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION (POI)**: Manuscripts *must* be used. Presentations must be prefaced by an introduction that includes the titles and authors of each selection. At least two pieces from two different genres must be used. **MAXIMUM TIME: 10 minutes.**
3. **HUMOROUS (HI), DRAMATIC (DI) and DUO (DUO) INTERPRETATION**: Manuscripts cannot be used. Presentations must be prefaced by an introduction that includes the title and author of the selection. Selections must be from published sources. **MAXIMUM TIME: 10 minutes.**
4. **ORIGINAL ORATORY (OO)**: Manuscripts cannot be used; presentations must come exclusively from memory. Manuscripts must be the original work of the student and copies of orations must be submitted to the Tournament Director by the deadline. No more than 150 words of the oration may be direct quotations from any other source. **MAXIMUM TIME: 10 minutes.**
5. **IMPROMPTU SPEAKING (IS)**: Topics may include quotations, sayings, one-word items, personalities in the news, song titles, etc. Notes are NOT permitted during the delivery of the speech. **PREPARATION TIME: 5 minutes. MAXIMUM TIME: 5 minutes.**
6. **U.S. EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING (USX)**: Topics will cover U.S. foreign policy and U.S. domestic issues. **PREPARATION TIME: 30 minutes. MAXIMUM TIME: 7 minutes.**
7. **INTERNATIONAL EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING (IX)**: Topics will cover foreign policies and actions of many countries, including the United States. **PREPARATION TIME: 30 minutes. MAXIMUM TIME: 7 minutes.**

RULES FOR EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

- A. No notes will be permitted during delivery of the speech.
- B. Competitors are not allowed to leave the prep room while preparing their speeches.
- C. Competitors will prepare their speech, without consultation of others and without reference to prepared notes, soon after they choose a topic. Students may have published books, magazines, newspapers, and journals or articles provided:
 - i. they are originals or photocopies of the originals;
 - ii. the original or copy is intact and uncut;
 - iii. there is no written material on that original or copy;
 - iv. they are a topical index without annotation.
- D. No other materials shall be allowed in the prep room other than those stated above. Extemp speeches, handbooks, briefs, and outlines shall be barred from the prep room.
- E. Highlighting in Extemp will be allowed if done in only one color.
- F. Topics are not to be altered by the participant; topic slips must be given to the judges.
- G. The use of electronic devices (e.g., laptops) must follow NSDA rules. Laptops must be fully charged; competitors will not be able to charge their laptops at the host site.
- H. Failure to follow any rules for Extemp may result in disqualification.

DEBATE EVENTS

1. **PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE (BEGINNING AND ADVANCED)**: **NSDA 2017 April PFD Topic**—"Resolved: *The United States ought to replace the Electoral College with a direct national popular vote.*"
2. **LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE (NOVICE and CHAMPIONSHIP)**: **NSDA 2017 March/April Topic**—"Resolved: *The United States ought to guarantee the right to housing.*"
3. **POLICY DEBATE (JUNIOR VARSITY and VARSITY)**: **NSDA 2016-2017 Topic**—"Resolved: *The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People's Republic of China.*"

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Congressional debate emulates the functions of U.S. Congress in that bills and resolutions are debated by competitors performing as legislators. Schools are strongly encouraged to submit legislation to be considered during the tournament in addition to a reserve docket drafted by officials of the Hawai'i Speech League. Congressional debate is open to all students who are not competing in speech or debate events at the State Forensic Championships.

TIMEKEEPERS

The league is grateful for any timekeepers provided by participating schools. Orientation for the timekeepers will start 15 minutes before the first round.

DROPS/NO-SHOWS

Please contact Carol Halbur immediately if there are changes to your entries. Timely notification is particularly important at the State Tournament because alternates are involved and must be notified about their participation. You can e-mail Carol at <chalbur@punahou.edu> or call her at **943-3651** (W) or **728-3672** (C).

BALANCING DEBATE ENTRIES

In debate, all debate alternates (designated at the All-O'ahu District Tournament) are on "*standby*" pending the number of entries at this tournament. Debate alternates will be scheduled in the tournament only if the given debate category has an uneven number of competitors. Alternates could be substituted or withdrawn from the tournament up to the start of the first round of the state tournament.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

This year, the NSDA National Tournament will be held in Birmingham, Alabama during the week of June 18-23, 2017. For your information:

1. The Hawai'i District will be eligible to send 1ST and 2ND PLACE WINNERS to the National Tournament in every national category.
2. The Hawai'i Speech League will not assume the expense of sending winners to the National Tournament. It is entirely up to the student and coach (and school if such funding exists) to bear the costs of attending this tournament. Be sure your principal, students, and parents are aware of this prior to the tournament.
3. Karen Miyakado (Hawai'i NSDA District Chair) will certify the eligible NSDA National Tournament participants for winners of the State Forensic Championships (our NSDA District Tournament).
4. Because of the short turn-around time for nationals registration, it would be helpful if you know before the tournament whether or not your qualifiers plan to attend the national tournament.

Please print legibly: School _____

Category/Categories _____ Student Name _____

Statement of Participation and Release Agreement

Hawaii Speech League

State Forensic Championship 2017

In consideration of my entry to the Hawaii Speech League State Forensic Championships, I hereby grant to the HSL and other parties it authorizes the irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide right and permission to record my participation in any HSL events and activities I participate in and to use, reuse, publish, and republish any such audio, video, photographic portraits or pictures of me or in which I may be included ("Recordings"), with or without alteration, alone or in conjunction with other images or elements of any type, in any manner, whether now known or later invented, by any means, and in any and all media without restriction.

I acknowledge that the HSL and its affiliates have no financial commitment or obligation to me as a result of this Statement of Permission and Release Agreement or the use of the rights granted in this Agreement.

I understand and agree that the HSL and and/or authorized representatives shall have the exclusive right, title, and interest, including copyright, in and to the Recordings.

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I represent that I am of legal age and have the full right to give this release.

Signature of Participant

Date

OR

I represent that I am a minor, and that I give this release subject to ratification by my parent or guardian.

Signature of Participant

Date

I am the parent/guardian of the person signing the foregoing release and I here ratify it and release all claims whatsoever which either I or the minor may have with respect to the matters covered by the release.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date