

December 1, 2007

Dear Coach,

You and your students are cordially invited to participate in a State Qualifying Speech Events tournament hosted by `Iolani School.

- WHAT:** STATE QUALIFYING DEBATE TOURNAMENT
- WHERE:** `Iolani School (563 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826)
- WHEN:** Friday & Saturday, February 15-16, 2008
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** Friday, February 1, 2008
- PARTICIPATION:** Open to all HSL member schools which have paid their HSL membership dues and submitted their signed membership form.

EVENTS AND DEBATE:

1. PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE: Topic—**NFL 2008 February Public Forum Debate Topic (Topic will be release on January 1st at www.nflonline.org).**
2. LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE (NOVICE and CHAMPIONSHIP): **(NFL 2008 January-February) Topic – “Resolved: It is just for the United States to use military force to prevent the acquisition of nuclear weapons by nations that pose a military threat.”**
3. POLICY DEBATE (JUNIOR VARSITY and VARSITY): Topic—**“Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its public health assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa.”**

REGISTRATION:

All registration must be processed using our official League website (www.hawaiispeechleague.org). If you do not have a username or password, please contact Carol Halbur immediately.

LIMITS: Each school may register a maximum of sixteen (16) entries (with each Policy Debate and Public Forum team counting as one entry) in any combination of events listed above. **NO DOUBLE ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED.**

FEES: \$7.00 per participant. **As a reminder, Public Forum Debate and Policy Debate entries must be paid according to number of participants, not number of entries.**

PAYMENT: Payment is due before participation in the tournament.
Make check payable to: **Hawai`i Speech League.**
Checks may be mailed to the Treasurer: Karen Miyakado
1051 Mokuhano St.
Honolulu, HI 96825

CASH PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

JUDGES: Each school must provide one (1) judge for every Policy team, one (1) judge for every two (2) LD entries and every two (2) Public Forum teams. (For example, a school entering 1 LD debater and 1 PFD team must provide 2 judges). Schools not providing the required number of judges may have entries proportionally withdrawn. We appreciate any additional, qualified judges you can provide. Please inform your judges to be at `Iolani for the orientation by 3:30 p.m. on Friday and 7:30 a.m. on Saturday.

TIMERS: The league requires that all participating schools provide at least one (1) timekeeper for every tournament. We are grateful for any additional timekeepers that you can provide. Orientation for timekeepers will start at 4:00 on Friday and 7:30 a.m. on Saturday.

SCHEDULE: The following schedule is tentative and subject to change

Friday, February 15, 2008

3:30-4:00 REGISTRATION
4:00 JUDGES' CHECK-IN AND INSTRUCTIONS, `Iolani School
..... ALL REGISTRATION FORMS DUE
4:30-6:15 ROUND 1
6:30-8:00 ROUND 2
8:15-9:45 ROUND 3

Saturday, February 16, 2008

7:30 JUDGES' ORIENTATION, `Iolani School
8:00-9:30 ROUND 4
9:45-11:15 ROUND 5
11:30-1:00 ROUND 6
1:15-2:45 ROUND 7
4:00-5:30 Final Rounds
6:45 AWARDS CEREMONY

AWARDS: Certificates will be presented to all participants in the "out" rounds (i.e., quarterfinal, semifinal, and final rounds). Trophies will be presented to all competitors who qualify for the State Championships. A Sweepstakes trophy will be presented to the school with the best results in the "out" rounds.

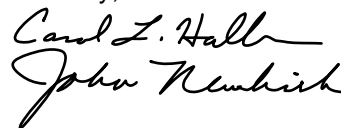
BALANCING ENTRIES:

All attempts will be made to balance the number of entries in order to avoid bye rounds. I will send out an e-mail at the close of the registration to inform coaches which events are uneven.

DROPS/NO-SHOWS:

Please contact John Newkirk immediately if there are changes to your entries. You can **e-mail** John at john_newkirk@notes.k12.hi.us.edu, **fax** him at 594-0407, or **call** him at 277-6271 (cell). As a reminder, all means will be used to reschedule the drops/no-shows prior to the start of the tournament. However, if rescheduling means extensive delay of the tournament, the first round will commence with the no-shows included.

Sincerely,



Carol Halbur and John Newkirk
HSL Tournament Directors