

Dear Debate Coach,

December 5, 2009

You and your students are cordially invited to participate in the O`ahu District Debate Qualifying Tournament hosted by Mid-Pacific Institute.

WHAT: ALL O`AHU DISTRICT DEBATE STATE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

WHERE: **Mid-Pacific Institute 2445 Kaala Street Honolulu, Hawai`i 96822**

WHEN: Saturday, March 20, 2010

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday March 5, 2010

PARTICIPATION: Open to all HSL member schools on the island of O`ahu which have paid their HSL membership dues and submitted their signed membership form.

DEBATE EVENTS:

1. PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE: **Topic—NFL 2010 March Public Forum Debate Topic (Topic will be release on February 1st at www.nflonline.org).**
2. LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE (NOVICE and CHAMPIONSHIP): **(NFL 2010 January-February) Topic – “Resolved: Economic sanctions ought not be used to achieve foreign policy objectives.”**
3. POLICY DEBATE (JUNIOR VARSITY and VARSITY): **Topic—“Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase social services for persons living in poverty in the United States.”**

REGISTRATION:

All registration must be processed using our official League website (www.hawaiispeechleague.org).

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.** Please see the HSL handbook for event descriptions.

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:

Mike Tanoue

Pacific Law Group

Fort Street Tower, Suite 1415

745 Fort Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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 one (1) judge for every two (2) Public Forum entries. (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 be disqualified. We appreciate any additional, qualified judges you can provide. Please inform your judges to be at Mid-Pacific Institute for the orientation by 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. Reminders to judges will not be mailed out.

TIMERS: The league requires that all participating schools provide at least one timekeeper for every tournament. We are grateful for any additional timekeepers that you can provide. Orientation for timekeepers will start at 7:45 a.m. on Saturday.

SCHEDULE: The following schedule is tentative and subject to change

Saturday, March 20, 2010

7:30	Registration
7:30	Judges Check-in & Instructions ALL REGISTRATION FORMS DUE
8:00 – 9:45	Round 1
10:00 – 11:30	Round 2
11:45 – 1:15	Round 3
1:30 – 3:00	Round 4
3:15 – 4:45	Round 5
6:00	Awards Ceremony

AWARDS: Certificates will be presented to all participants in the quarterfinal, semifinal, and final rounds. Trophies/plaques will be presented to all participants who qualify for the State Championships.

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 me immediately if there are changes to your entries. You can **e-mail** me at john_newkirk@notes.k12.hi.us or **call** me 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,
John Newkirk
HSL Tournament Director