

INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION AUGUST NEWSLETTER--2009

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Time for School and another season of competition!

This summer has certainly been interesting in how cool it's been (at least in Indiana). Please read through the following information as you prepare for the season and the upcoming school year..

- ◆ The updated tournament manual should be posted on the website. Please make sure it lists the title page with The date—July 21, 2009 as the update. The changes made at the summer meeting will be spelled out at the end of this newsletter as well. Be sure to keep updated with the rules.
- ◆ **SPECIAL NOTE:** Make sure your treasurer has the correct address for sending money. All fees should be sent to Jeff Stutzman, c/o Concord High School, 59117 Minuteman Way, Elkhart, IN 46517.
- ◆ **COACHES' CLINIC:** Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 10-12, 2009. This year we are delighted to have three special guest coaches sponsored by the NFHS and the IHSFA. They will be conducting most of the workshops and participating in a panel discussion on current trends and issues facing our activity.
- ◆ Location: Indianapolis-St. Vincent Marten House. Clinic pre-registration fee is \$75.00 only if **received on or prior to September 2, 2009.** Registration **INCLUDES FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET.** Late Registration fee and walk-in Registration fee is \$100.00 [with no Banquet ticket]. Banquet cost for extra tickets is \$25.00. Banquet reservations **MUST** be made in advance; the hotel can only allow for a small number of walk-ins for banquet preparations. Pre-Registration form is on web site.
- ◆ **NEW COACHES TRAINING SESSION:** Brand new coaches are encouraged to participate in the new coach academy. See below for specific details. As always, a new coach session will take place Thursday evening; all coaches with 0-3 years experience are invited to attend. A reception for new coaches will be hosted by the IHSFA Executive Council following the session.
- ◆ **LODGING FOR COACHES CLINIC:** Rooms are corporate rate of approx. \$82.00 single and \$82.00 double occupancy (plus tax). Call Marten House 1-800-736-5634 and mention the **IHSFA** rate. There have been disappointed coaches in the past because they did not get a room at the Marten House. It's easier to cancel than to get a room after deadline.
- ◆ **CLINIC BUSINESS SESSION:** The business agenda is enclosed. Tournament Manual changes and agenda items will be open for discussion at the Thursday evening open forum with the Executive Council. The Constitutional motions will then be officially discussed and presented for a vote on Friday, September 11th at the business meeting.
- ◆ **CALENDAR:** The calendar for 2009-2010 is on web site. Calendar additions must be submitted via the Request Form signed by the principal. The form is on web site. **All requests to Mary Fridh.**
- ◆ **WEB SITE:** Margaret Hollies is our webmaster. Visit us at www.ihfsa.org and access newsletter, Constitution, Tournament Manual, up-to-date calendar and all forms needed throughout the year.
- ◆ **SEPT/OCT L/D TOPIC:** Visit www.nflonline.org to access the current LD topic.

- ◆ **FORENSIC QUARTERLIES:** Policy Debate topic material. Anyone needing a set should write or call the National Federation. Order from their web site www.nfhs.org.
- ◆ **NOVICE DEBATE TOPICS:** [Oct/Nov] Novices will be debating both affirmative and negative sides of the Poverty topic. Specific topic areas will be posted on the website as soon as they have been announced.

Negative teams may not run counterplans, kritiks, or discourse. Novice restrictions are in place until December.
- ◆ **2009-2010 POLICY DEBATE TOPIC:** *Resolved:* The United States federal government should substantially increase social services for persons living in poverty in the United States.
- ◆ **PUBLIC FORUM TOPICS:** Released one month before use by NFL. Visit www.nflonline.org to access the current Public Forum topic. Also anyone interested in submitting public forum topic ideas, see me.
- ◆ **DISCUSSION PROBLEM AREA:** See the Tournament Manual changes below for information. The suggested topic areas will be posted once the committee has selected them.
- ◆ **SECTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:** Sectional speech tournament to be run by four member committee. The first-named member is to be the Chairman. All 28 comprise the State Speech Committee. (School name at end is the tentative site of the tournament.)
 1. [NW] *Chris Lowery, Don Fortner, Mitch Barnes, Dave Dutton* (Chesterton)
 2. [NC] *Dave McKenzie, Bob Brittain, Kevin Ong, Michael Yeakey* (Concord or Elk. Central)
 3. [NE] *Kirby Volz, Laura Archbold, Philip Fretz, Andy Comfort* (North Side)
 4. [WC] *Martin Fernandez, Samantha McCandless, David Moulton, Martha Lewellen* (Laf. Jeff)
 5. [C] *Matt Rund, John Love, JD Ferries-Rowe, GiGi Nash* (Fishers)
 6. [EC] *Kathy Shroyer, Susan Hittson, Holly Hathaway, Julie Alexander* (Greensburg)
 7. [S] *Jason Broshears, Eduardo Torres, Donna Lefler, Beth Perney* (TBA)
- ◆ **FIRST TIME HOST:** The Council encourages newer coaches to host tournaments, but strongly recommends a first-time coach hosting a tournament have a Sectional representative to the Council assist in planning and running the meet.
- ◆ **INVITATIONS:** One copy must be filed with the Assistant Executive Secretary (Mary Fridh). Indicate how sweepstakes are calculated. Do drops count? Up to total entry? Does novice count toward sweepstakes at combined meet? Form **MUST** be filed.
- ◆ **PHONE NUMBERS:** Call direct to IHSFA—574-875-6524 ext. 86110. Fax number is 574-875-8580. Fastest way to get a response will be email: jstutzma@concord.k12.in.us or jeff.stutzman@gmail.com.
- ◆ **BALLOTS:** The ballot order form is on web site. If the order is received by August 20th, the ballots can be obtained at the clinic [**handling charge must still be paid**]. To expedite filling of orders, all speech ballots must be ordered in packets of 25 (\$1.00 per packet). **In addition, the templates for all ballots will be available on the website for those who would rather print their own. Microsoft Publisher is needed.**
- ◆ **CONGRESS BILLS:** These are on web site.
- ◆ **NEW COACHES - WELCOME!:** If you are confused or have any questions, please feel free to ask any coach. We hope you will make plans to attend the Coaches' Clinic as it is very valuable for new coaches. We have designed a new coach track just for you, with mentors. Please make sure you introduce yourself to Jeff and Mary.
- ◆ **NOMINATIONS:** Deadline for nominations for the Executive Council is December 18th. The ballot will be part of the January/February newsletter. If you have questions about what is involved in being a council member, please ask. Please consider getting involved in your state organization.

- ◆ MIDDLE SCHOOL-JUNIOR HIGH: All contests must follow DSA-IHSFA guidelines for events. Some published [in invite] modifications are allowed. Please come to the clinic and learn and share ideas. Middle Schools dues are \$10 per year.
- ◆ HALL OF FAME: Current members include James Hawker, Bertha Thornburg, T. D. Reed, Ellis Hayes, Glen Maple, Laura Hall, Forest Fruits, Ralph Lawson, Richard Hostetler, Adeline Nall, Juanita Rucker, Winifred Ray, Laura McDowell, Lester M. Tucker, Joe Wycoff, Joe Dunbar, Max McQueen, Glen Percifield, Helen Engstrom, Don Queener, Francis May, Bob Brittain, Bill Hicks, Bob Deutsch, Bob Storey, Jeff Hufford, Larry Highbaugh, Joe Marcinko, James Robbins, Bob Brumley, Jerry Eiler, B. J. Siefert, Ida Reffett, David Fruits, Dan Tyree, Pam Deutsch, Linda Hicks, Jim Cavallo, Bob Kelly, Mary Yorke, Tom Oglesby, Diane Smith, Carol Biel, Dan Durbin, Linc Record, Charlotte Hicks, Claryn Myers, Chris Stepp, Barbara Funke, Denise Walker, Don Fortner, Thom Pabst, Margaret Hollies, Fred Monberg, Charlotte Tyree, Susan Richey, Larry Stuber, Gigi Nash, David McKenzie, Mary Fridh, Tom Huber, Jim Thorp, Eileen Thorp, David Moulton, Kim Giesting, Brandon Cosby, Gregg Reed, Jane Nelson, Kathy Shroyer, Holly Hathaway, Marlissa Hughes-Stauffer, Kevin Ong, Dennis Eller, Aaron Smith, Jeff Stutzman, Rhea Hoppes.
- ◆ QUESTION ABOUT MATERIAL: Coaches should check any questionable material they are giving students before it becomes a crisis matter. It is the coach's responsibility to get the air cleared ahead of time. If you suspect any problems with your own cuts, submit the question to the Council for a ruling.
- ◆ POSTMARKING IHSFA MAIL: Mailing machine postmarks are not official; using the office machine to stamp and date your last-minute pre-registration or entry forms could end up costing you a late fee. PRE-REGISTRATION MEANS THE FORM IS IN THE HANDS OF THE APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUAL BY THE DEADLINE. DON'T COUNT ON YOUR BUSINESS OFFICE TO MAIL IT FOR YOU. ALSO, DON'T COUNT ON YOUR TREASURER TO MAIL ENTRY FEES.
- ◆ BUSINESS AGENDA: See attached below.
- ◆ NFISDA: Every coach should join the National Federation Interscholastic Speech and Debate Association. Dues are \$20/year. Provides \$1,000,000 personal liability protection. Check the NFHS.org website or pick up an application at coaches' clinic.
- ◆ NCFL: The National Catholic Forensic League participation in Indiana is available through association with the Indianapolis Diocese. Dues are \$50 per year. Everyone qualifies for National Tournament. This year the contest is in Omaha, Nebraska over Memorial Day Weekend. Write Bill Hicks for more information and an application form. wshicks@aol.com
- ◆ OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR: Holly Hathaway, Connersville
- ◆ MENTORS: Will be assigned to all first year coaches. If you are a veteran coach, please consider mentoring a new coach in your area.
- ◆ STANDING COMMITTEES: At the summer meeting, the council appointed coaches to several standing committees to assist the state in several areas. If you are interested in serving on one, please contact Jeff Stutzman, Executive Director for more information.
 1. EXTEMP COMMITTEE: Kevin Ong, Chr., Nick Salemi, Chris Lowery, Bob Brittain, Susan Hittson, and Sara Berghoff. Plus anyone who wants to submit documented topics to Kevin [kong@elkhart.k12.in.us].
 2. BROADCASTING COMMITTEE: Doug Pishkur, Charlotte Tyree, Co-Chairs., Gregg Reed, Linda Arney, Kirby Volz, Windi Hornsby, Joe Troyer.
 3. BUDGET COMMITTEE: Kathy Shroyer, Chr., Jeff Stutzman, J.D. Ferries-Rowe
 4. CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Bob Brittain, Chr., Bill Hicks, Samantha McCandless, Kevin Ong

5. RECOGNITION COMMITTEE: Debate—Chris Lowery, Chr., Chris Stepp, Bill Hicks. Speech—Kirby Volz, Chr., Jane Nelson, Windi Hornsby, Eduardo Torres.
6. CONSTITUTION/TOURNAMENT MANUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE: Mary Fridh, Chr., Holly Hathaway, Aaron Smith

◆ EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACTIONS: Please read the summer minutes that are posted on the website to review council actions. Also—an overview of Tournament Manual changes will be posted on the website soon, along with an updated tournament manual. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!** Any questions or comments should be directed to Jeff Stutzman.

◆ STATE DEBATE: February 5-6, 2010. Ben Davis High School (TENTATIVE SCHEDULE):

Friday, 25	Registration	4:30-5:00pm		
	Judges' Meeting	5:30pm		
	Round 1 All events	5:30 pm		
	Round 2 Policy, LD, PF	7:30 pm		
	Congress chambers:			
	5:30-6:45	6:50-8:05	8:10-9:25	
Saturday, 2/6	Judges' registration	7:15-7:45		
	Judges' Meeting.	8:00am		

◆ STATE SPEECH SCHEDULE: March 20, 2010. Site TBD (TENTATIVE SCHEDULE)

Friday, March 19th, 2010

4:00-7:00pm Registration (strongly recommended)

Saturday, March 20th, 2010

6:30-6:50am Late Registration (not recommended)

7:00 am Judge and Contestant Meeting.

7:30 Impromptu Meeting

7:45 Extemp and Broadcasting Meetings

8:00 Round 1, All events except extemp.

8:15 Round 1 Extemp Draw; Speak at 8:45am

10:00 Round 2, All events except extemp

10:15 Round 2 Extemp Draw; Speak at 10:45.

11:30 Round 3, All events except extemp

11:45 Round 3 Extemp Draw; Speak at 12:15pm.

2:00 pm Semi A Extemp Draw; Judges' Meeting.

2:30 Semi A, All events

3:30 Semi B Extemp Draw; Judges' Meeting

4:00 Semi B, All events

5:30 Final Extemp Draw; Judges' Meeting

6:00 Finals, All events

7:30 Awards, Semi-finalists of all events

8:00 Awards, Finalists, Team, and Hawker

State Judges will all be pre-assigned for preliminary rounds. All judges and coaches will report to the Auditorium at 1:45, 3:30, and 5:45 for the assigning of semi-final and final round ballots.

◆ SCHOLARSHIPS: The IHSFA presented \$250 to Barrett Tenbarge, Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School at the State Debate Meet and Rebecca Moberly, Plymouth High School (AA), and Ben Silver, Canterbury (A) at the State Solo Meet. They were selected by the Executive Council as the recipients of the ANNUAL JAMES F. HAWKER SCHOLARSHIPS.

◆ MORE SCHOLARSHIP: If you are interested in donating to the scholarship fund, it would be appreciated and THANKS FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE SO FAR.

◆ NCFL National Results from Albany, NY:

Brebeuf Jesuit—Double Octa-Finalist in Lincoln-Douglas

Chesterton—Quarter-Finalist in Duo; Octa-Finalist in Drama; Quarter-Finalist in Extemp; Semi-Finalist in Oratory

Columbia City—Quarter-Finalist in Drama

Concord—Quarter-Finalist in Oral Interp

Connersville—

Munster—

Plymouth—6th in Declamation; Semi-Finalist in Declamation; 6th in Duo; Quarterfinalists in Duo (2); 3rd in Drama; Semi-Finalist in Extemp; Octa-Finalist in Extemp; Octa-Finalist in Oratory; Quarter-Finalist in Oral Interp

◆ NFL Nationals Results from Birmingham, AL:

Schwan School of Excellence in Speech—Plymouth High School

Bruno E. Jacob National Award in Speech—Chesterton High School

Plymouth—Quarter-Finalist in Oratory; 4th in Humor; Octa-Finalist in U.S. Extemp; 13th in International Extemp; Quarter-Finalist in Duo; 3rd in Impromptu

Munster—Octa-Finalist in U.S. Extemp; 4th in Prose; 7th in Senate; 3rd in House

F.W. Northrop—Senate Finalist; House Finalists (2); Octa-Finalist in International Extemp

Chesterton—Octa-Finalist in Oratory; 5th in U.S. Extemp; Octa-Finalist in International Extemp; Octa-Finalist in Duo; Round 9 and Round 10 in Public Forum

Brebeuf Jesuit— Round 10 in Public Forum

Fishers—Octa-Finalist in Duo

Ben Davis—Quarter-Finalist in Humor; Quarter-Finalist in Drama

Connersville—Octa-Finalist in Drama

Valparaiso—Round 8 in Lincoln-Douglas

Hamilton Southeastern—Octa-Finalist in Humor

West Lafayette—Round 10 in Policy

F.W. Snider—Quarter-Finalist in Humor

◆ FORMS available on the Website www.ihsfa.org

2009 Coaches' Clinic Pre-registration

Calendar Request

Ballot Order

Hawker Scholarship Application

Hall of Fame Nomination

Agenda for Business Meeting

Clip and Save: Avoid \$\$\$\$\$\$ penalties

DEADLINES:

September 2, 2009

Last Day to Pre-Register for Coaches' Clinic (Mary Fridh)

December 1, 2009

Last Day to Certify School for Tournaments [and pay \$75 dues].

[Dropped from all mailings if not certified]

*January 29, 2010

Last Day to Register for State Debate and Congress

*February 26, 2010

Last Day to Register for Speech Sectionals

***Please Note: Starred dates listed above for tournament registration are subject to change.**

MAKE SURE YOU STAY CURRENT WITH ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Summer Council Meeting Decisions
(Discussed and Passed at the 2009 Summer Council Meeting)

1. Amend Tournament Manual IX. B. DISCUSSION to read as follows (changes in bold):

B. DISCUSSION

1. **From September until the end of February, individual hosts may use the current national debate and discussion topics, one of the six suggested IHSFA discussion topics, or a topic area and related questions developed for the host's invitational tournament. Discussion topics must be published in the tournament invitation.**
2. **The IHSFA Discussion Committee shall prepare several possible topic areas and three sub-topics for each topic area for the IHSFA Sectionals. The IHSFA Executive Council shall select the sectional topic area and specific questions from among those suggestions at the Council Meeting held the first day of the state debate tournament. None of the six suggested IHSFA topics announced after the summer council meeting may be considered for the sectional and state final tournaments.**
3. **The State final discussion topics will be related to the sectional topics, but no topic may be an exact version of any sectional topic. The Executive Council will select the topics from a list prepared by the Discussion Committee at its meeting prior to the state final speech tournament.**
4. Sectional rounds 1-3 will use the individual topics. A topic will be blind drawn before each round, and no topic will be repeated in the first three rounds. The final round will use the general topic. If a semi-final is needed, the semi-final round will use the general topic, and the final round will be a blind draw of the sub-topics from rounds 1-3. (passed 9/10/04).
5. Round table discussion is characterized by the many informal, spontaneous, brief exchanges of views **with the goal of arriving at a consensus solution rather than presenting a series of long individual prepared speeches.** The discussion shall follow the process of logical thinking: **analysis of the topic question, identifying the key problem or problems, and achieving a consensus for the best solution. The best solution must be the goal of each discussion group and must be based on the collaborative work of the group.**
6. The contestants shall be judged on their skills in the following areas: **Relevant Information, Analysis of the Topic, Collaboration, Participation, Delivery, and Adherence to Format.**
7. If the discussion becomes overly hostile or dominated by a few group members, the judge should intervene and attempt to remedy the situation. The offenders should be penalized on the ballot. **The judge should note this penalty on the critique sheet at invitational tournaments.**
8. The number of times a person speaks is not as significant as the quality of what the person says.
9. Each contestant shall be given a rank 1, 2, 3, etc. (no ties)
10. At the **sectional** and state finals, the moderators will be the starred judge in the round (passed September 2003). These moderators should provide leadership only when needed. Their major duty is to provide the introduction of the topic for the specific round and to introduce the contestants, by their first names only, to each other and the other judge(s).
11. The maximum time limit is **60 minutes.** At the state tournament, preliminary rounds will be 70 minutes in length. Semi-finals and final round will be 60 minutes. (passed July 2006)
12. **No one student should assume the role of moderator. The members of the group must work together to conduct the round using the steps listed in item 5 above.**
13. **Using its customary process for appointing committees, the IHSFA Executive Council shall appoint a state discussion committee that will create the topic and sub-topic questions.**

Discussion Critique

Code:_____ First Name:_____ Round:_____ Rank:____/____

Discussion Question:_____

The best discussor contributes meaningfully at each step in the discussion outline. The best discussor has many brief comments which add to and advance the discussion. The best discussor does not necessarily agree with what everyone says and his/her comments are based on research, analysis, and logic. The student talking the most is not necessarily the best discussor.

No student should assume the role of moderator.

Please evaluate this discussor’s performance based on the chart below.

A rating of 1 is excellent; a rating of 4 means needs improvement.

Relevant Information		Analysis of Topic		Collaboration	
Participation		Delivery		Adherence to Format	

What was this contestant’s greatest strength?

Suggestions for improvement:

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Rationale—After a year of study on the event, the committee chairperson, Bob Brittain-Columbia City, presented his findings and suggestions on changing the event to better serve students. The council believes the event is worthwhile and offers students the opportunity to practice communication skills in a committee style setting. It is the hope of the council that these changes will help the event better reflect the skills we, as coaches, would like to see when we're judging the event.

*All of these changes have been added to the most recent update of the tournament manual which should be available on the website (www.ihsfa.org). Please make sure you copy is the most current-it should have July, 2009 on the title page.

2009 NEW BUSINESS

The following will be voted on at the business meeting on Friday, September 11. Note—All changes are in bold.

Amend Article II of the Constitution to read as follows:

“The purpose of the Indiana High School Forensic Association is to foster essential communication skills through education and competition.

The IHSFA will:

1. host an annual clinic for educators and speech and debate coaches;
2. provide resources for competition and classroom use;
3. develop, coordinate, and expand competition opportunities;
4. provide students with opportunities to learn and improve critical life and communication skills; and
5. take a proactive role in developing and retaining a thriving speech and debate educational community.

(One of the steps the Council took this summer in looking toward the future was to examine the current purpose/mission of the organization. The council believes that the above statement better reflects the current purpose of the IHSFA and where the council wants to focus its energies in the future.)

RECOMMEND DO PASS

ONLY if not attending Clinic, a school may vote in advance. Please write “yes” beside the items you are in favor of and “no” beside the ones you oppose and mail, fax, or email to Jeff Stutzman, IHSFA, c/o Concord High School, 59117 Minuteman Way, Elkhart, IN 46517 before September 1st. Fax: 574-875-8580. Email: jeff.stutzman@gmail.com.

Name _____ SCHOOL _____