



January

State Debate

Rule Changes:

There are a few debate changes that you need to be aware.

1. Congress– Mandatory 2 minute cross-examination after the 1st negative speech of each bill/ resolution.
2. Public Forum– Final Focus is now 2 minutes in length NOT 1 minute.

Registration:

Make sure that you go to www.joyoftournaments.com to register for the state meet. The site is now open for registration.

Hawker Scholarship:

The Hawker Scholarship is once again up for grabs! Make sure you nominate a senior debater from your school. Forms are on the website and are due to Jeff by the end of this month.

News to Know

Executive Council:

Be sure to vote for Executive Council! The ballot can be found on the IHSFA website. These are due to Jeff by March 1st.

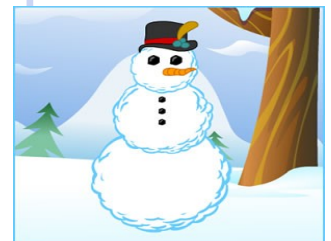
IHSFA Hall of Fame:

ANY coach is allowed to nominate someone for the IHSFA Hall of Fame. Criteria and forms are on the web.

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~Reminder~

Please make sure your school has registered. I need your payment as well as your registration form ASAP! Don't forget, registration is \$75 per school, and there is now a \$50 late fee as well. The quicker you do this, the easier all our lives will be.



Speech News

Tournament Manual Changes:

Be sure to check out the changes that have been made to the Speech Tournament Manual. Clarification has been added:

Oratory is to be memorized. NO notes of any kind are permitted.

Sectional Registration:

NOW is the time to begin compiling publication information for sectional registration. Please, **DO NOT** wait until the last minute! Registration will be via www.joyoftournaments.com. This should be ready by mid-February.

Questions?

If you have a question regarding a rule interpretation or legality of a piece, **ASK NOW!** It's better than getting disqualified later for rules you weren't clear on.

Jeff's News

As you will notice when you download the executive council ballot, I have decided not to run for re-election as the IHSFA Executive Director. For various reasons, I believe it's time for me to step aside and allow someone else to take over the leadership of our state organization.

I want to thank all of you for making my time as Executive Director an enjoyable one, and I encourage you to consider getting more involved with the IHSFA by running for council, serving on your sectional committee, or mentoring newer coaches in your area.

If you are interested in serving as Executive Director, please let me know via email (jeff.stutzman@gmail.com). I will gladly answer any questions you have about the position as well as send you information on what the job entails.

See you at tournaments,

Jeff



*"Once a word has been allowed to escape, it cannot be recalled."
~Horace*

