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OSSAA–Speech/Debate/Drama

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To: All Speech, Drama, and Debate Teachers

Dear Teachers,

Welcome to a new school year. I hope all of you enjoyed your summer. I am looking forward to the school year with great anticipation. If you have NEVER read this letter in the past, I need you to do so this year.

I need you to find a few minutes in the next 48 hours to REGISTER AT OUR SPEECH WEBSITE if you have not already done so! If you have previously registered, you will NOT have to register again, you will simply need to update your student roster **AND CLICK ON THE AFFIDAVIT AGAIN!** If you have not previously registered, this is very important and there are detailed instructions in this mail out. The affidavit, your speech roster and many other things will now be done online, and the sooner you register the better for all of us. Contact information and students who have qualified for Regionals and State will also be posted. In addition, we will be using the website to enter One-Act Plays, Regional and State Speech and Debate. I highly encourage you to attend the coach’s meeting/workshop on September 11, 2021. This meeting will be held virtually in person at UCO, more information about this meeting will be emailed soon.

The “**2021-2022 Speech Rules and Regulation Manual**” is available for downloading **after July 1.** The manual is online at www.ossaa.com . Once there, click on “Non-Athletics” and then “Speech/Debate”. You can download and print the manual by clicking the small arrow in the upper left hand corner.

The coach’s meeting/workshop will be on September 11, 2021, and it will be face to face. Tournament Directors are required to attend the meeting (or another face to face meeting in Tulsa), all coaches are encouraged to attend. We will be having “break-out” sessions to discuss important issues. This is the chance for your opinion on important speech/debate issues to be heard. Also included at this meeting is a “New Teachers Workshop”. This is a

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great way for new teachers or teachers new to our state to get updated on the OSSAA rules and procedures.

Speech and Debate classifications are now done on a year-to-year basis. The latest ADM numbers can be found at www.osssaa.com, under classifications. **DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR CLASSIFICATIONS.**

Your speech advisory committee suggested some changes in last May's meeting, and the OSSAA board subsequently approved them in June. **Several significant changes have been approved. Be sure to read page SPE 48!**

For your information, a list of eligible schools will appear on the OSSAA Speech website. A school is considered eligible to compete when:

1. Affidavit has been submitted electronically.
2. Qualifying Speech Participants Roster submitted electronically.
3. All speech payments from the 2020-2021 school year are paid.

If I can help in any way, please call.

Sincerely,

Mike Plunkett
OSSAA Fine Arts Director

Activities- the other half of education.