

OHSSL-CA Fall Coaches Meeting
Willamette University – October 21, 2017

Rule Change From Last Year Updates – Rachel Wilczewski and Pat Gonzalez

Three rule changes that were approved by coaches at the state tournament April 2017 – addition of POI at state, LD changes from a speech event to a debate event, changes in IE and debate qualifying numbers. These three changes *most likely* will not go into effect for the 2017-2018-competition year. These changes need OSAA final approval, which takes time. OSAA needs to see if the change will increase the cost at the state tournament. Some of the costs are trophies, cost per student traveling, (OSAA reimburses school that travel more than 100 miles) and possible room charges.

- a. POI – will not be a state event for 2018.
- b. LIELL will not be dropped.
- c. State numbers will not be changed.
- d. LD *might be changed* to a debate event, which would give teams three more entries in speech events.

Why we need OSAA – Jane Berry-Eddings

Speech/Debate used to be an independent organization, however, many administrators wanted more consistency in the activity. During the 1980's speech and debate was added to the OSAA. This helps the organization with financing, consistency, and OSAA pays school for traveling to the state tournament and runs the state tournament. Schools do need to follow all OSAA rules. Please talk to your AD for more information.

As a side note, some coaches are interested in moving the location for state. Locations need to make a bid. There is talk that Linfield might put in a bid for the 2018-2019 school year.

Protest Committee – Pat Gonzalez

What I learned from last years state tournament as I was on the protest committee.

- a. Students need to have copies of their speeches and they need to check CAREFULLY for plagiarism. If they are caught plagiarizing, they are removed from the whole tournament. Coaches check carefully and vet your student's work. If they are in a partner event that event is dropped too. Remember, paraphrasing in length is still plagiarism. Speeches will be uploaded before district and state tournaments. Feel free to go to Paper Rater – it's free. Use the slower version. Be sure to have your student include a work-cited page too.
- b. The competitive season ends at the end of the state tournament held in April. If someone uses a script or writes a speech for something at

nationals or a debate camp past the state tournament, it is available for use for the following competition school year. For instance, if a student creates a new prose as a supplemental event at nationals, they are free to use it the following year in competition.

Nomination for State Tournament Committee –Rachel Wilczewski

Nominations can be given to Pat Gonzales today through December 1, 2017. The Executive Committee, (officers and district directors) elects first five committee members by January 1, 2018.

The voted state tournament committee then selects six more members, (pool comes from original nominations and other recommended coaches). State members are considered based on geography, school size and tournament experience.

Treasurer- Steve Barth

OHSSL-CA Coaches dues Invoices are online at speechoregon.org, (front page of the website). Send to Steve Barth. The \$25 supports awards for coaches, reimbursement for the attendee of the national wording committee, food for coaches at state, other incidentals and maintaining speechoregon.org.

There is a proposal to purchase a printer case and ink for Ameena to use at any OSAA tournament that she works at, including the state tournament. This was approved. If there is a need for something similar for southern Oregon this can be voted for at a future time.

Middle School Programs – Pat Leahy and Josh Scheirman

Send any information of active programs information to Pat Leahy. There is a link on speechoregon.org. The NSDA has a wonderful handbook that has useful information about middle school programs.

Josh Scheirman wants to promote the middle school program and is willing to come and help. The middle school events are modified and topics are easier. It can be really fun. The high school students can judge and can happen in an afternoon/evening.

It is important to keep the programs, (high school and middle school), separate since it is an OSAA violation to have middle school students compete at the high school level, and they will use a year of their eligibility.

NSDA Speech Educators Conference – Katie Kantrowitz

Both Katie and Kris Igawa attended this last year. It was awesome! They went to lots of workshops that had amazing teachers. They received lots of useable information and learned about research being done. They also got lots of swag and food.

The Participate platform was rolled out. Participate is social media account to share and discuss speech/debate information. All of the conference material is on Participate.

Next year it will be in Phoenix in July. They have form letters to tell your school why they should pay for you to go. The cost will be \$199 for NSDA members, \$299 for non-NSDA members. They are calling for presenters for next year.

Should we elect an Organization Historian – This would be a 5-year term – Rachel Wilczewski

Having a historian would be helpful to see past state records, such as when/where was the first tournament at, pictures, pictures of coaches, where were past tournaments at. Etc. Currently old papers and notes are with Jennifer LeSieur at Clackamas, but making this information more accessible could be done with the addition of a historian. Jenny Owen has 8 years of photographs. Contact Jenny Owen for the flicker account if interested.

Two Tournament Locations = One Tournament – Pat Gonzalez

The new reality is that some tournaments will need to be located on more than one campus or multiple campuses. In most of these cases debate will be held on one campus and individual events at another campus. Coaches are to provide judges and supervision at both sites.

District Director Update – Rachel Wilczewski

All Speech Special Districts are required to have nominated and selected their district-qualifying event directors by October 21, 2017. This information should be shared with Brad Garrett at OSAA (bradg@osaa.org) by October 23, 2017.

All district directors should have a Tabroom.com experience prior to districts. District directors will be provided a Tabroom.com preset tournament by OSAA. If you need help there are coaches that can help you. Ameena Amdahl-Mason

NSDA will probably use Tabroom this upcoming year.

OSAA Memo: Judge Bond – Rachel Wilczewski

At the state championship in April, schools need to provide qualified judges. There will be a \$100 judge bond fee. It will be refunded at the end of the tournament if you

meet your tournament-judging obligation. More details will be coming at a later date.

Hopefully, there is going to be a pool of judges available to hire.

OSAA Memo: Participation Limitations – Ameena Amdahl-Mason

Each school may attend no more than 20 speech tournaments per year, not counting districts, state championship, or nationals. Any student entering an individual participant that represents a member school in any event counts as a tournament again the 20 allowed per year. A single event conducted at multiple sites on the same weekend counts as one tournament in the 20 allowed per year.

Discussion occurred about the pro/cons of adding more tournaments to the limits. OSAA needs to approve any changes. Other sports/activities has limits. Brad Garrett will send out more clarifying information if needed.

OSAA Memo” Hybrid Teams and Independent Entries – Ameena Amdahl-Mason and Rachel Wilczewski

Hybrid Teams – OSAA rules prohibit the combining of two teams or individuals on those teams for purposes of competitions unless they do so under the terms of an approved cooperative agreement. Hybrid teams shall not be allowed to participate in any event conducted within Oregon and competition against hybrid teams outside of Oregon would be considered a violation OSAA Executive Board Policy – Attached and Unattached Competition/Exhibition.

Independent Entries – Individual entered under an “Independent” designation shall not compete again “attached” (representing a member school) entries in the same event. If independent entries are accepted they must compete within a separate division of the event. At no time may a student be independent and attached on the same day at the same event.

Rule Changes: 2017-2018 – Mat Marr

Send rule proposals to Mat by Jan 8, 2018. ashlanddebateteam@gmail.com

Some ways to move our organization forward include:

- a. Try the event at an invitational
- b. More serious/permanent rule changes will need to be voted on at the state tournament meeting.
 - a. Some ideas – open prep for Parli
 - b. Adjusting Expos to Inform
 - c. Add a Historian to the state Executive committee
 - d. Allow point of order in Parli

- e. End alt qual and instead give each coach two-spots and/or change alt qual with congress.
- f. Look at the 20 tournament rule.