State is coming, y'all! We are just two months away from El Paso! As we approach the state tournament, think of this as your financial FAQ- all the inquiries you ever wanted to know about paying for the state tournament. Remember, all monies <u>must be received</u> by Friday February 27th (not postmarked, not a PO). Please read below and contact us if you have any questions.

When will the State Tournament be online?

We plan on opening the joy of tournaments page up on January 10th.

So when do I have to have my money to you?

Friday, February 27th.

And where am I sending this check?

Jason Warren 3633 Herschel Avenue Dallas TX 75219

Note: this is not the same address as previous years. Check with your bookkeeper. Make sure s/he knows where Jason lives.

Can I just send you a PO and bring you the money in El Paso?

Nope. It's due by the aforementioned deadline.

What about sending you a personal check? Will you just hold that until state starts?

Nope. You need to send a check that can be cashed (with the exception of the judge bond, see below).

Now here's the good news-let's say you send a personal check by the deadline, and then your school check shows up between February 27th and March 2nd- we will write you a refund at state! Yippe! That's good foldin' money! If the school check comes after that, refunds will be processed as they are received.

But my school district is slow and picky and they hate me.

Sounds like you live a tough life. Plan ahead. That's why we're sending this email in January.

My school district requires a W9- where is that?

It's on our website under the resources page.

Can I pay you with credit card?

Do we look like a Best Buy? No. No you can't.

What about Paypal?

This is an emergency last minute option- contact Jason Warren at <u>Jason.warren@speechanddebate.org</u> to talk about it. Once again, it's an EMERGENCY option, do not tell your bookkeeper they can just paypal us.

Do you accept Iranian rials?

Due to the geopolitical nature of that question, we plead the 5th.

How will we know if you received our check?

Login to your joy of tournaments account. Under the TFA state tournament, you should see a tab called 'fees'. Scroll down to the bottom of it and you will notice that checks received have been logged.

OK, I did that, but there's nothing there. What does that mean?

Jason hasn't gotten your money yet or he hasn't had a chance to log it. Give him 48 hours from receipt of your check to log your payment?

Should I email Jason just to see if he got my money?

You can do this, but he sets his email to this autoresponse: Login to your joy of tournaments account. Under the TFA state tournament, you should see a tab called 'fees'. Scroll down to the bottom of it and you will notice that checks received have been logged.

OK, so when can I mail Jason?

If you're positive he has your check in his hands and it's been 48 hours past that and your account still shows you owe money.

Can we send him chocolates?

Yes. He has no allergies. He prefers dark chocolate with nuts.

Oh hey, can we pay for t-shirts in advance?

Why yes, yes you can. But if you pre-order the shirts, you must pay for them by February 27th.

What happens if we overpaid?

We will cut you a refund check at state.

This Judge Bond Thing- What's That?

So you know how sometimes people sign up to judge tournaments and then they don't actually judge? Yeah, we're putting a stop to that. The judge bond is an amount of money we hold that gets returned to you once the tournament is over, assuming your judges pick up all their ballots.

Can I write a separate check for the judge bond?

Yes. If you provide us with two checks, the judge bond check will be held until the tournament is over. If you send us one check, we will cash it and write you a \$500 refund at the end of the tournament.

What if I miss a round at state? What happens to my judge bond?

The TFA EC would like to thank you and your squad for your generous donation to the scholarship fund.

Can I just donate my judge bond back?

The TFA EC would like to thank you and your squad for your generous donation to the scholarship fund.

But all my kids got knocked out on Friday and we want to leave early but you're making me judge midday Saturday and I'll be halfway to Mexico by then.

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Hey, you said this is an FAQ, but my question isn't listed here. Email the treasurer- Jason.warren@speechanddebate.org