

TFA NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS Archive – 2015-16

June 20, 2016 - CONGRATULATIONS to all of the Texas coaches and students who qualified for the NSDA National Tournament, and to all who advanced in their events!

June 1, 2016 - The FALL 2016 Congress Docket has been posted on the [CONGRESS PAGE](#). Congratulations to all of the authors for their legislation acceptance!

May 15, 2016 - The TENTATIVE IQT Calendar 2016/17 is now published [HERE](#).

April 27, 2016 - FINAL REMINDER - Regions 1,2,3,5 IQT application fees are DUE (RECEIVED) to Jason Warren THIS Sunday 5/1, along with Congress legislation to Cheryl Potts. (Region 4 IQT is due by Friday 5/6)

April 12, 2016 - MAY 1st DUE DATE REMINDERS;

- 1- Congress legislation is DUE to Cheryl Potts (visit the CONGRESS page for more details, templates, etc.)
- 2 - IQT application fees and online application are DUE to Jason Warren.

April 12, 2016 - First meeting of the newly-elected Executive Council, as of April 1, 2016. MINUTES from tonight's online EC Meeting can be found to the right in the Minutes section below.

March 30, 2016 - Looking for an excellent CAMP for your speakers, debaters and/or interpers this summer?? Head over to our CAMPS page to search some excellent choices for instruction and skill development.

March 20, 2016 - BIG THANK YOU to the coaches, staff, volunteers and administration of Hendrickson High School in Pflugerville, TX for hosting an amazing 2016 TFA State Tournament! Thank you to the Executive Council, Tab Staff, Student Honor Crew and all of the coaches, judges and volunteers who made this tournament a great success, and congratulations to all of the competitors who qualified, as well as those who made it to advanced rounds, finalists and State Champions (pictured above) and Scholarship Winners. We hope you had a great experience, and we hope to see you at the 2017 State Tournament!



March 10, 2016 - WELCOME TO PFLUGERVILLE, TX!!

We are here at the 2016 TFA State Tournament, tweeting live- be sure to follow us for announcements, updates and photos! Best of luck, students and coaches!

March 5, 2015 - TFA STATE is in just a few days! We are looking forward to seeing our coaches, sponsors, officers, committee chairs and members, colleagues, judges and our AMAZING students in Pflugerville, TX! *Please remember to FOLLOW US on TWITTER @txfastate. Safe travels, see you there!

March 5, 2016 - The TFA constitution has been updated to reflect changes from the October 2015 convention amendments. *NOTE: changes also include rules for INF and POI pilot events. *Please click the links under QUICK LINKS to the right >>.

February 17, 2016 - What better way to show your team your pride and gratitude than to place an ad in the 2016 TFA State Tournament Program/Information book. The ads are very affordable. A full page ad (8.5"x 5.5") is only \$100, half page (4.25"x 5.5") \$50 and a quarter page (4.25"x 2.85") \$25. As soon as you submit your ad, we will invoice you. You may submit your ad as a Microsoft Publisher file, a PDF or a JPG. College coaches – this is also a great opportunity to advertise your program! With over 200 schools in attendance, your message will reach across the state to tap into the pool of future competitors and camp attendees.

PLEASE have all ads emailed to samin07@gmail.com by Monday, February 22nd.

Please put TFA STATE AD in the subject line. As soon as you send us an ad, you will receive an invoice for payment.

February 10, 2016 - EC Meeting Minutes are posted in the section below.

****IMPORTANT INTERP UPDATE**** - the TFA constitution does not clearly address documentation of online sources for Oral Interp events material for verification at the State Tournament. Therefore, an EC Amendment will be proposed at Convention later this year. However, for the purposes of THIS 2016 STATE TOURNAMENT, the EC passed clarification that if an online publishing source (ex. Mushroom Cloud Press, Speech Geek, etc.) is used in a qualifying event performance, then it must appear on

the NSDA's List of Approved Online Publishers AND the coach/student/school must also provide proof (email receipt showing payment, paid invoice, etc.) of purchase of the material being performed at the Tournament.

*Further, INF manuscripts and POI sources must also be available throughout the State Tournament in case of protest, even though there will not be a "documentation check" for those events during the registration process.

REMINDER - ALL SCHOOLS MUST RESERVE THE NUMBER OF SUPP/CON EVENTS DURING ONLINE REGISTRATION, and then they must RE-REGISTER students on Friday night, after Main Event breaks are posted, per the State Tournament Schedule. Schools who did NOT pre-reserve entries WILL NOT be allowed to register students in those events.

**Thank you so much for keeping to the DEADLINES on the TFA STATE page --, BEST OF LUCK and SAFE TRAVELS to all!

February 2, 2016 - The TFA State Hotel list has been updated on the [TFA STATE](#) page.

January 29, 2016 - STATE DEADLINES begin in just a few weeks! Be sure to keep checking and BOOKMARK the [TFA STATE page](#) for important upcoming dates and deadlines. *REGISTRATION LINK is also on that page. See you in March!

January 19, 2016 - Minutes from tonight's EC online meeting are below in the Minutes section. They include TFA State updates and other business discussed at the meeting.

--BIG REMINDER that ALL SCHOOLS who are planning to attend the TFA STATE TOURNAMENT with students who have QUALIFIED OR are just entering the two FREE EVENTS (Poetry and the Senate), MUST have paid their TFA DUES NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31st, or students may NOT enter the Tournament.

--Please continue to visit the TFA STATE page for payment and submission DEADLINES, Judge and event details, Cover Sheets for OO and Interp online documentation, t-shirt designs, and other important information. See you in Pflugerville!

January 6, 2016 - HAPPY NEW YEAR! Changes/updates are being made to the TFA STATE page quite often, and will continue between now and March. Please be sure to check back daily, make note of February/March DEADLINES, and check other important information posted on that page. See you in Pflugerville!

December 1, 2015 - The Spring 2016 Docket of Legislation is now posted on the CONGRESS page.

November 5, 2015 - The TFA State hotel list has been updated on the TFA STATE PAGE.

October 12, 2015 - REMINDER: November 1st is the DEADLINE to submit Spring/State Congress Legislation to Cheryl Potts: Cheryl.Potts@pisd.edu

*Legislation must be submitted using the templates found here: <http://txfa.weebly.com/congress.html>

October 12, 2015 - Several quick links have been added to the NSDA page, including Event Rule Guides, quick access to the National Tournament page, a link to quickly add Tournament Points, and the INFORMATIVE SPEAKING and PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION (POI) pilot event rules.

October 1, 2015 - Congratulations to newly and re-elected EC members: Jason Warren (treasurer), Rhonda Smith (region 2 rep), Debbie Waddell (region 4 rep) and Noah Recker (president). Thank you for attending the TFA Business Meeting tonight, all business was completed at this meeting, and we will next reconvene in October 2016 in San Antonio, TX. Please visit the CONVENTION page for a summary of the events. Have a great year, hope to see you in Pflugerville for State!

October 1, 2015 - WELCOME TO TSCA/TFA CONVENTION 2015! Be sure to download the GUIDEBOOK app for schedules, meetings and set reminders and your personal TO DO lists. Enjoy, and HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY TSCA!

September 27, 2015 - If you are planning to run for open offices at the TFA Business Meeting this Thursday night at Convention, please let your Region Rep know. We currently have one person running for President, Eric Mears (Flower Mound HS) and also an opening for Treasurer and Region Reps for 2 and 4. A tentative Convention Program is available [HERE](#). Hope to see you in Irving, TX this week!

September 15, 2015 - EC Meeting Minutes are posted below. NOTE: TFA EC positions open for election are President, Treasurer, and Region Rep for 2&4 (both current Reps, Rhonda Smith (reg2) and Debbie Waddell (reg4), are running again). *If you intend to run for one of these Offices, please contact Wendi and let her know. We will also take nominations from the floor at the TFA Business Meeting at Convention on Thursday night.

September 15, 2015 - Constitutional amendments that will require a simple majority to pass at Convention...

September 14, 2015 - TFA presidential candidates (up for election in October) so far: Eric Mears (region 2) and Lily Ogunbanjo (region 4).

September 5, 2015 - The TFA constitution has been updated and reposted to reflect changes from the 2014 Convention. Link is to the right under Membership.

August 29, 2015 - Just a REMINDER that Tues, Sept. 1st is the Constitutional amendments submission DEADLINE (in order for a simple majority to pass)! *See the calendar link above and click the event for details and amendment forms.

**Email amendments to Wendi Brandenburg with the subject "TFA AMENDMENT" and you MUST attach the correct form or amendments cannot be accepted- THANKS!

August 19, 2015 - WELCOME BACK! Hope you all have a successful and terrific new competition season, and a great school year! The tentative IQT Calendar has its own page for now, link is in the above menu bar.

June 26-28, 2015 - The EC met in Houston for the annual Summer Retreat. Agenda and Minutes will be attached below in that section.

June 26, 2015 - Changes/updates to the 2015-16 IQT Calendar is below.

June 11, 2015 - The EC voted in negation of a full budget for a big event, or Texas Party, at the NSDA National Tournament in Dallas, due to travel, planning, and cost concerns. There are some area activities scheduled nearby for Friday evening for those remaining in town.

June 9, 2015 - Below is the updated TFA IQT Calendar for 2015/16 with a few updates/changes. *Calendar remains tentative and subject to change.

June 4, 2015 - You can now find the Fall 2015 Congress docket of legislation on the CONGRESS PAGE.

June 4, 2015 - If you would like to watch the final rounds at NSDA Nationals LIVE streaming online June 18-19, [CLICK HERE!](#)

June 1, 2015 - Below is the TENTATIVE IQT Calendar. Please email Wendi with any glaring changes (wrong date, one day only, etc.). *Please NOTE: This calendar is VERY TENTATIVE and subject to change. As corrections come in, an updated calendar will be posted here.