

WA State Knowledge Bowl – State Tournament – Saturday, March 22, 2014

TO: Regional Coordinators, and to Knowledge Bowl Coaches going to State

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State Meet Website: For info and details regarding the state meet, and to register your qualifying team(s) for the state meet, please refer to the state meet website: www.statekb.esd123.net.

Here are a few special reminders:

1. **State Meet Location:** All state tournaments (4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, 2B & 1B) will be hosted at the same site this year – Arlington High School in Arlington.
2. **Team Registration:** It is very important for qualifying coaches to go to the website and register their teams as soon as possible following your qualifying tournament. Please be sure to take care of this **right away** at www.statekb.esd123.net.
3. **Your help is welcome!** As you register your team(s) for state, please volunteer to help out as a reader/judge or as a timer. Attempts will be made to secure lots of local volunteers, but help from coaches is necessary. Thanks in advance.
4. **State Meet Rules, etc.:** The three documents of state rules, guidelines, and procedures are posted on the website, and should be up to date and in their final form. Following are a few of the important items to highlight:
 - a. Teams are allowed to make substitutions once during each oral round, immediately after the half-way point of that round (after question 25 in an oral round of 50 questions). Team captains may not be changed during an oral round. (It is recommended that Reader/judges take this opportunity to double-check and announce current scores at the time.)
 - b. Attempts should be made to resolve questions and conflicts during the oral round with the reader/judge. However, teams may choose to lodge a Formal Challenge. Any Formal Challenges must be lodged immediately with the reader/judge at the end of the round, and only on questions that the team challenged during the round at that time. The Formal Challenge will be passed on to the appropriate committee who will review the challenge and make a ruling. Teams and Reader/Judges may be contacted if more input is needed. Final decisions will be posted near the scoring area.
 - c. The Semi-Final and Championship Oral Rounds will be run as follows: At each level (4A, 3A, 2A, 1A and 2B), 9 teams will advance to the Semi-Finals, competing in oral rounds of three teams each. The winner of each Semi-Final oral round will advance to the Championship Oral Round to compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. The three 2nd-placers in the Semi-Final rounds will compete for 4th, 5th, and 6th, while the three 3rd-placers will compete for 7th, 8th, and 9th. The top three championship places will get trophies, while 4th-9th places will get appropriate plaques. Each 1st place championship team will also be awarded 6 medals for their team members. At 1B, the top 6 teams will advance, and compete in a similar manner.
 - d. The process used for breaking ties will be the same as last year, and is outlined in the rules and guidelines.
 - e. Every round – Written, Preliminary, Semi-Final and Championship – will consist of 50 questions.
 - f. We do, of course, expect good sportsmanship from our participants, and that is what we get from nearly all of them all of the time. Thanks in advance to the coaches for continuing to instill your team members with good sportsmanship.
 - g. There will be no specific ceremony to hand out trophies and plaques. As each Championship Oral Round is completed in a classroom, the awards will be presented immediately to those teams by the Reader/Judge, and those teams are then free to leave.

Numbers of teams from each region allotted to the State Meet this year:

Region	4A	3A	2A	1A	2B	1B	Totals
101	2	2	2	2	4	5	17
105	1	0	3	2	0	0	6
112	2	3	2	3	1	0	11
113	0	0	2	3	6	3	14
114	1	0	2	1	0	2	6
121	6	8	2	1	1	0	18
123	1	3	1	2	2	1	10
171	2	0	0	4	2	1	9
189	3	2	4	0	2	0	11
Totals	18	18	18	18	18	12	102

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

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