

Maine ADvocate
January 6, 2015



Dear Coaches,

Thanks to all of you who got in their school registrations. I will be sending individual emails with your team list and what is owed me. Please check student names for spelling. I need to order certificates and t-shirts ASAP if we are to have them for the competition. All GPA and releases must be in prior to the essay or scores will not count. I will be in GA from the 6th to the 13th. I will have email if you have questions. **All materials must be in by the 14th. I still will have to to essay materials for some as well as name tags, room assignments etc. The longer you wait, the harder it becomes for me.**

I will be mailing the essay rosters, essay directions and essay topics on the 20th to those teams whose materials are in. For those attending regionals at Monmouth, I will hand deliver yours if you let me know that you will be at Monmouth. Thanks for your efforts getting in team materials.

January 24, 2015 Regional Competitions (suggested sites are listed)

Contact indicated coach to verify participation and for scheduling information. I have sent tests to host coaches for copying. Tests will be emailed by the 16th as well at the music in MP3 format.

South - Scarborough High School – Shane Davis mdavis@scarborough.k12.me.us

Cheverus, Portland, Scarborough

Central - Monmouth Academy - Cathy Foyt cfoyt@kidsrsu.org

Hall-Dale, Monmouth, Oak Hill

North – Bangor High School – Carl Robbins crobbs@bangorschools.net

Bangor High School

East - Calais High school – Stan Sluzenski ssluzenski@calaisschools.org

Calais, Woodland

For the Regional Competitions (like the prelims), I would like to receive the high and low score from each school on each test. These will be shared with everyone. I would also like to receive team totals (top six students on the seven exams). These scores will not be published but will be used for some PR with the newspapers about top finishers in the prelims. The more PR we can get the better. I have sent a form to each host school along with the exams. The November reports were on time from all sites, thanks.

January 27, 2015 Essay Portion of the Competition At your high school 1st event of the state competition (**GPA's and releases must be in prior to taking the essay.**)

Each coach will be receiving a sealed envelope for the proctor with directions, team rosters and essay topics. Principal/guidance counselor/non-coach must proctor the essay. I will try to have the essay information to the schools by the 20th.

State Competition - Volunteers

Thanks to coaches' contacts, I have all speech/interview judges needed. I do not have the needed proctors. Each school will be responsible for proctoring one team for Super Quiz. The assignment will be in your packet.

Kristin Caperton Award

I was asked to remind each of you that nominations are desired for the Kristin Caperton award so please notify your coaches. There are two awards, one for a decathlete at the Nationals and one for a special decathlete who is on a team that is not competing at the Nationals. Information about the award can be found on the USAD web site under competitions.

State Competition Changes

The testing schedule has been changed (see web site) to accommodate the extra objective test. Students will be taking two tests back to back before speeches begin. I have also attached the general schedule and a speech/interview schedule to this email.

I am looking forward to this the 30th Decathlon Competition and I welcome any suggestions you have for improving the competition and widening its appeal. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Happy New Year

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