

Maine ADvocate  
January 10, 2010



Dear Coaches,

Thanks to all of you who got in their school registrations. I am assuming that if I haven't heard from you, the list I sent you is correct. All GPA and releases must be in prior to the essay or scores will not count. I will be mailing the essay rosters, essay directions and essay topics on the 13th when I return from Key West (sorry). Thanks for your efforts getting in team materials.

**January 23, 2010 Regional Competitions (suggested sites are listed)**

Contact indicated coach to verify participation and for scheduling information. I will be sending tests to host coaches for copying by the 15th.

South - Scarborough High School - Matthew Davis [mdavis@scarborough.k12.me.us](mailto:mdavis@scarborough.k12.me.us)

Deering, Massabesic, Portland, Sanford, Scarborough, Thornton

Central - Monmouth Academy - Cathy Foyt [cfoyt@monmouthschools.org](mailto:cfoyt@monmouthschools.org)

Edward Little, Hall-Dale, Monmouth, Mt. Valley, Oak Hill

North - Bangor High School – Steve Godsoe [segodsoe@msn.com](mailto:segodsoe@msn.com)

Ellsworth, Bangor

East - Calais High school - Lynda Duplissea [herblyn@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:herblyn@nb.sympatico.ca)

Calais, Houlton, Woodland

I especially need numbers ASAP for the south. Mike Richards would like to do a practice run for the new scanner at Scarborough. If the numbers attending is different than you team list, please get me those numbers attending so I can send the answer sheets to him. 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 These scores will not be published but will be used for some PR with the newspapers about top finishers in the prelims.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 will send a form to each host school along with the exams. The November reports were on time from all sites, thanks.

**January 26, 2010 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 15th.

**State Competition - Volunteers**

Thanks to coaches' contacts, I have 29 speech/interview judges (need 32) and am waiting to hear from several others. I have all 12 proctors on board. Each school will be responsible for proctoring one team for Super Quiz. The assignment will be in your packet.

I am looking forward to this the 25th Decathlon year 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. I will be out of state until January 13th but will be checking email.

Happy New Year

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