

Maine ADvocate
January 15, 2012



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 23rd. For those attending regionals at Monmouth, I will hand deliver yours. Thanks for your efforts getting in team materials.

January 21, 2011 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 and CD's will be in the mail by Tuesday.

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

Deering, Portland, Scarborough

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

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

North – Bangor High School – Steve Godsoe segodsoe@msn.com

Bangor High School

East - Calais High school – Julia Berry jberry@calaisschools.org

Calais, Houlton, 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 These scores will not be published but will be used for some PR with the newspapers about top finishers in the prelims.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 31, 2012 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 23rd.

State Competition - Volunteers

Thanks to coaches' contacts, I have 13 speech/interview judges (need 24) and am waiting to hear from several others. I have 5 of 12 needed proctors on board. 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 USAJF web site under competitions.

I am looking forward to this the 27th 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.

Happy New Year

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