

Maine ADvocate  
November 6, 2011

Dear Coaches,

### **Coaches Clinics/School Registration**

Coaches from 6 schools met to go over changes and coaching materials during September. Their school registration forms are up to date. School registration for returning schools is due Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration checks have been received from 9 schools thus far: Bangor High School, Edward Little High School, Hall-Dale High School, Houlton High School, Mt. Valley High School, Oak Hill High School, Scarborough High School, Shead High School, and Woodland High School. 4 schools are on board but I am waiting for their checks. These are: Calais High School, Deering High School, Monmouth Academy, and Portland High School. Sanford High School has dropped and it looks like Thornton Academy will also not be competing due to a lack of a coach.

Team/Alternate registration, with specific names (up to 12), is due December 16, 2011. Also the forms for Extras (above 12) and t-shirt orders are due at that time. The GPA Excel Spreadsheet (9 team members on page one essay alternates on page two) is on the web site.

Team Forms - December 16<sup>th</sup>: Team/Alternate registration (9 + 3 essayists)  
12 Student Release/Code of Conduct Forms  
12 GPA Form (transcripts)

Extras' Forms - December 16<sup>th</sup>: Extras' Registration  
Student Release/Code of Conduct Forms for each extra

T-Shirt order form All participants and coaches

### **Important Dates and Sites**

**November 19, 2010 Preliminary Competitions (contact indicated coach for more information)**  
Copies of the Prelim Tests and CD will be sent out by Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

South - Scarborough High School - Matthew Davis [mdavis@scarborough.k12.me.us](mailto:mdavis@scarborough.k12.me.us)  
Central - Edward Little High School - Erik Gray [egray@auburnschl.edu](mailto:egray@auburnschl.edu)  
North - Bangor High School - Steve Godsoe [segodsoe@msn.com](mailto:segodsoe@msn.com)  
East - Calais High school - Julia Berry [jberry@calaisschools.org](mailto:jberry@calaisschools.org)

**Participating schools need to let myself and the host coach know which site you intend on attending and approximate numbers for copying purposes.**

**January 21, 2012 Regional Competitions (contact indicated coach for more information)**

South - Scarborough High School - Matthew Davis [mdavis@scarborough.k12.me.us](mailto:mdavis@scarborough.k12.me.us)  
Central - Monmouth Academy - Cathy Foyt [cfoyt@kidsrsu.org](mailto:cfoyt@kidsrsu.org)  
North - Bangor High School - Steve Godsoe [segodsoe@msn.com](mailto:segodsoe@msn.com)  
East - Calais High school - Julia Berry [jberry@calaisschools.org](mailto:jberry@calaisschools.org)

For both the Preliminary and Regional Competitions, 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.

January 31, 2012 Essay Portion of the Competition At your high school

1<sup>st</sup> event of the state competition

Week of February 6<sup>th</sup> - Essay Scoring

March 3, 2012 State Competition – Deering High School, Stevens Avenue, Portland

Maine Web Site – The State Web site address is [www.mainead.org](http://www.mainead.org) as corrections come in from USAD; I will forward them to you. These corrections can also be found on the USAD web site in the coaches' area. The can be located at <http://www.usad.org/coachesupdates.html>.

State Competition - Call out for sponsors and volunteers

I have contacted all judges and proctors from last year and have three proctors and 20 Speech/Interview judges lined up. Many of you have already sent names.

- Speech/Interview (two per team) Currently have 13 signed up.
- Proctoring (12 rooms) Currently have 2 signed up.
- Super Quiz (one per team – Usually coaches)

If you know of people who would be interested please send their names and emails to David Heckman. If you have decathletes who have been out of high school for at least four years who are interested, let me know. It is clear that geography dictates how many volunteers can be supplied by some schools.

I am looking forward to this 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 attending the MPA convention on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> to try to get other schools interested in 2012. If you know of potential schools, let me know.

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