

Maine ADvocate
November 2, 2009

Dear Coaches,

Just some reminders of upcoming activities/deadlines.

Coaches Clinics/School Registration

Coaches from 12 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 6th. I will be in Chicago this week, but will pick up the rest of the checks (I hope) on Saturday. Registration checks (or P.O.s) have been received from 11 schools thus far: Calais High School, Edward Little High School, Hall-Dale High School (P.O.), Houlton High School, Oak Hill High School, Monmouth Academy, Mt. Valley, Portland High School (P.O.), Sanford High School, Scarborough High School, and Woodland High School.

Team/Alternate registration, with specific names (up to 12), is due December 18, 2009. Also the forms for Extras (above 12) and t-shirt orders are due at that time. The new GPA Excel Spread sheets (9 team members and a single one for essay alternates) are on the web site.

Team Forms - December 18th: Team/Alternate registration (9 + 3 essayists)
12 Student Release/Code of Conduct Forms
12 GPA Form (transcripts)

Extras' Forms - December 18th: Extras' Registration
Student Release/Code of Conduct Forms for each extra

T-Shirt order form All participants and coaches

Important Dates and Sites

November 21, 2009 Preliminary Competitions (contact indicated coach for more information)
Copies of the Prelim Tests and CD will be sent out Monday, November 9th.

South - Sanford High School - Anne Cutten acutten@sanford.org
Central - Monmouth Academy - Cathy Foyt cfoyt@monmouthschools.org
North - Bangor High School - Steve Godsoe segodsoe@msn.com
East - Calais High school - Rick Chaffey rwchaffey@hotmail.com

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

January 23, 2009 Regional Competitions (contact indicated coach for more information)

South - Scarborough High School - Matthew Davis mdavis@scarborough.k12.me.us
Central - Monmouth Academy - Cathy Foyt cfoyt@monmouthschools.org
North - Bangor High School - Steve Godsoe segodsoe@msn.com
East - Calais High school - Lynda Duplissea herblyn@nb.sympatico.ca

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 26, 2010 Essay Portion of the Competition At your high school
1st event of the state competition

Week of February 1st - Essay Scoring

February 27, 2010 State Competition – Deering High School, Stevens Avenue, Portland

Maine Web Site – The State Web site address is 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)
- Proctoring (12 rooms)
- 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 19th to try to get other schools interested in 2011. If you know of potential schools, let me know.

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