

Maine ADvocate
September 1, 2011

Dear Coaches,

As we start out the new season, here are some general thoughts and happenings for **2011-2012**.
A special welcome to Julia Berry, Calais' new coach.

Coaches' Clinics

I will again be offering to meet with coaches this fall. I would like to have those meetings in September or early October. If you would like to host a coaches meeting let me know. First come, first serve on the dates. If there are any specifics that you are interested in addressing, let me know. I will have hard copies of registration materials for each attending school.

School Registration

You should have received an initial voucher for school registration costs (\$210) and the ME School registration for. **Please let me know by email about any corrections on your registration form. Also let me know if the form is correct as printed.** You do not have to return the form to me, only corrections. As I indicated in your email, this is to facilitate site planning, ordering costs for scoring etc. This initial registration is due November 4, 2011. **If you have a person (and email) in you central office, I can send the voucher to them directly.**

Important Dates:

November 4th: School registration form with payment (check or P.O. for \$210)
December 16th: Team/Alternate registration (12 members)
12 Student Releases/Codes of Conduct Forms
12 GPA Forms (transcripts)
Extras' Registration/Releases
Student Release/Code of Conduct Forms for each extra
\$30.00 for each extra over nine. (Vouchers for extras can be sent if needed)
T-shirt order.

A reminder that legally, student release/code of conduct forms must be in before you can forward transcripts and/or grades.

Important Dates and Sites

November 5, 2011 School Registration and Registration Fee (\$210 for a team of 9) are due
November 19, 2011 Preliminary Competitions (contact indicated coach for information)
December 16, 2011 Final registration forms due
January 21, 2012 Regional Competitions (contact indicated coach for information)
January 31, 2012 Essay Portion of the Competition At your high school
Week of February 6th - Essay Scoring
State Competition – Deering High School, March 3, 2012.

Web Site – The site includes all forms necessary for registration. I will also continue to email any needed information and forms. 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. Login with your name and password to see all the curriculum updates.

Please let me know of any other schools that might be interested. Registration materials will be emailed on October 1st. This year registration is \$210.00 per team (9 members) and \$30.00 per extra which includes a t-shirt. Vouchers will follow soon.

I am looking forward to my twenty-seventh year with Decathlon and seventh as State Director. Feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions you may have.

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