

# State Director's Training Day Notes

9/14/2016

**Super Quiz Relay** – DOES not count toward team score in Texas nor USAD. Each round will have 12 questions. National finals WILL include a math question for each academic level (20 seconds to confer and answer).

**Speech** – USAD National Finals – students will present their speech in front of three judges, one timekeeper, and a small group of peers. Peers will be sequestered until all in the group have given their speeches. Each competitor will have a DIFFERENT set of impromptu topics. Texas WILL not use this format for 2016-17

**Interview** – Traditional format. If possible, try to use an arena for competition. It encourages active listening on both the competitor and judges. Tables should be as far apart as possible with signage visible from entry. I have a countdown clock for PowerPoint presentation for this event.

**Essay** – Region essays will be written and scored onsite. State essays will be written electronically – practice on February 8; actual competition will be on February 9. Coaches WILL have access to essays to view; score will still be composite.

**Scantrons/Clickers** – Scantrons will be used by MOST regions. Large school state competition will be using Turning Tech clickers; medium/small will be using Scantrons this year but will have clickers going forward (based on Board approval for both purchases this year).

**USAD Scoring Program** – All regions will receive an updated manual once Duff finishes with the minor edits.

## **State Meet Information –**

Large School competition will be the region winners and the next highest scoring schools up to a total of 40 schools. The meet will be in San Antonio. Competition hotel is the Omni Hotel; competition site is the Omni Hotel and San Antonio College. Rick Hopkins and Amy Allison are the competition managers.

Medium/Small competition will be the region winners (must have a minimum of FIVE schools to automatically advance to state) and the next highest scoring schools up to a total of 30 medium schools and 10 small schools. The meet will be in El Paso. Carolyn Mackey and Billye Lucas are the competition coordinators.

Only those teams who have submitted payment or a purchase order to the state office by January 15 will be allowed to compete at region. Additionally, teams advancing to the state meets will be charged \$350 (Board vote – September 2015).