



KINGSWOOD OXFORD

January 10, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of DANEIS,

We cordially invite you to attend the 2020 Kingswood Oxford Public Speaking Tournament on **Sunday, February 9** in West Hartford, Connecticut. Each school may register up to eight speakers. Every speaker must compete in two rounds of two events, meaning that each speaker will compete in two events in a total of four rounds:

- I) After Dinner Speaking **or** Persuasive Speaking
- II) Impromptu Speaking **or** Ethical Dilemmas

Our goals in departing from the traditional three single-round events followed by finals are the following: to encourage students to prepare one event really well, to offer more opportunity for learning over the course of the day, and to balance out any potential anomalies by determining awards based on two sets of scores. Guidelines for all of the events are attached. Also attached are copies of all the ballots we will be using along with sample ethical dilemmas. If you require further information about any of the events, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We ask that each school entering bring at least one adult judge for its first four entrants and one additional judge (who may be either an adult or a senior with public speaking experience) for any additional entrants. Student and adult judges will work together; neither will judge any speakers from their own schools.

Although there will not be separate advanced and novice divisions, we will award distinguished younger speakers competing in their first public speaking tournament. Awards will be given to the top three speakers in each individual category, the top three overall speakers, and the top three schools. In order to be eligible for a school award, a team must consist of at least four speakers.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to Heather Wayne at wayne.h@kingswoodoxford.org. At that time, please let us know how many speakers you plan to bring, whether they will be entering After Dinner Speaking or Persuasive Speaking; Impromptu Speaking or Ethical Dilemmas. The deadline for entering is **January 31**. The registration fee of \$20 per competitor (payable to Kingswood Oxford School) should be paid by check at the door. We look forward to seeing you on February 9.

Sincerely,

Michelle Schloss, Heather Wayne, and Ted Levine, Forensic Union Coaches



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Tournament Schedule

10:00-11:00	Registration and Hearty Brunch in Cafeteria
11:00-11:30	Meeting for Judges and Competitors in Cafeteria
11:30- 12:30	After Dinner Speaking and Persuasive Speaking, Round 1
12:45-1:45	Impromptu Speaking and Ethical Dilemmas, Round 1
2:00-3:00	After Dinner Speaking and Persuasive Speaking, Round 2
3:15- 4:15	Impromptu Speaking and Ethical Dilemmas, Round 2
4:30	Awards (preceded by an exhibition-round by the top speakers of a game similar to triple-speak, time permitting) in Tomasso

Drinks and snacks will be available all day in the Leadership Center between rounds.

Directions

Pick up 84 West in Hartford.

Proceed to Exit 43 (Park Road).

Take a right off the exit and then a quick left onto Trout Brook Drive.

After the first traffic light, a sign indicating the entrance to the school will be on your right.

Registration will be in the foyer of Meade Dining Hall (same building as the library).

On the morning of the tournament, should you need directions or have a last-minute change to your team, please call Heather Wayne at (321)439-1557 or Michelle Schloss at (860)670-7730.