



COSBY HIGH SCHOOL

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To: All VHSL Region 6AB and 5CD Speech Coaches, and Activities Directors
Date: February 1, 2025
Subject: VHSL Region 6AB and 5CD Speech Tournaments

Dear Coaches,

Greetings to you all! The VHSL Super-Region 6AB Forensics Tournament will be held at **Clover Hill High School** on **Saturday, February 22nd, 2025**. Additionally, the Super-Region 5CD Forensics Tournament will also be held concurrently at the same location. We are conducting these tournaments in-person, and we are excited to have you join us! You will find the essential information regarding the tournaments below.

Please note that because we are hosting two separate tournaments concurrently, it is important that you register your students in the correct categories and regions (either 6AB or 5CD). Please see the lists below if you are unsure of which region your schools belong.

Tournament Format

We will operate 3 consecutive rounds with 2 judges per round. All competitors must compete in all 3 rounds. Since there is no final round for this tournament:

- All 6 ranks & scores will count unless dropping the worst rank is needed to break a tie in both rank and score
- For sweeps, a 5-3-1 scoring system will be used

Eligible students are those who placed in the top three of every event at the regional tournament. Coaches of alternates / students who placed 4th or 5th will be notified ASAP of any call-ups.

Where to Report

Registration will be from 9:00 - 9:30 am outside of the Commons. All individuals will enter through Door 11- which is through the student lot/ broad side of the building. Vending machines are available on-site for concessions. There will be a hospitality lounge for coaches and judges. More information about student lunch options to be announced.

Tournament Schedule

Our tournament schedule is as follows:

Registration:	9:00 - 9:30 am
Judges Meeting:	9:30 am
Extemp Draw:	9:30 am
Round 1:	10:00 am
Extemp Draw:	10:45 am
Round 2:	11:15 am
Extemp Draw:	12:00 pm
Round 3:	12:30 pm
Lunch	After Round 3
Closed Coaches Meeting / Announcement of Awards	2:30 pm (or once tabulation is complete)
Open Awards Ceremony	After Coaches' Meeting

Tabulation Software

We will be utilizing Tabroom.com to operate this tournament, and for online balloting. If you do not already have one, you will need to set up an account and complete all registration via this platform. The link to the tournament site is here:

<http://vhsl6ab5cdsupreg.tabroom.com/>

Additionally, every student, coach, and judge will need to have a tabroom.com account linked to your school's account. All individuals will need to bring a connectable device with them on the date of the tournament. Students will need a device to access pairings. Judges will need a device (laptops preferable) to complete ballots. Coaches will need a device to access their dashboard, assist their students' technological needs, and troubleshoot any potential issues.

Final registration is due on Tabroom by Friday, February 14th.

Judging Obligations

Please secure 2 experienced judges for each tournament. Due to the possibility of unforeseen events, we ask that coaches refrain from listing themselves as judges. Any judges used will be paid an honorarium for their service (provided by the VHSL). Please add your judges to your Tabroom registration. We will notify you ASAP if there is a reduced need for judges. All judges must have Tabroom accounts and bring a connectable device with them to complete online ballots.

Extemporaneous Speaking Topics

Topics for Extemporaneous Speaking at the regional event are below. Super-Regional topics will be distributed shortly.

Round 1:	US Automotive Industry
Round 2:	Australia / New Zealand
Round 3:	Artificial Intelligence
Round 4 (Only if Needed):	Africa

Please be aware that the State tournament will be held at SALEM HIGH SCHOOL (Salem, VA) on March 29th, and information about the format and guidelines can be found at vhsl.org/speech. Any student who places in the top three of their events at super-regionals will qualify for the state tournament to be held on the above date.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks!

Sincerely,

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Super-Region 5CD- Hunter Clark (hunter_clark@ccpsnet.net), Nic Barker- Clover Hill HS