



BLANKET PRINCIPAL AUTHORIZATION FORM

School _____

For legal purposes, the principal or similar administrative official is required to authorize the participation of a school in each MIFA activity (per Speech Activities, General Policy, Membership, Participation). For some schools, an activity by activity authorization is desirable, for it provides administrative review of each activity. In some cases, one conference to secure administrative approval may maximize the time and interest of both the director and the administrator. Principal authorization for any of the following activities does not constitute approval for a director to implement alterations, such as staff or faculty changes which are in conflict with MIFA rules.

In recognition that some schools use non-teaching personnel for the coaching of speech events, MIFA’s regulations ensure that non-teaching personnel also have authorization to serve as the representative of the school. At a minimum, MIFA will only accept individuals in paraprofessional coaching positions who have a high school diploma (or equivalent) and who have reached the age of majority.

By executing this form, I hereby acknowledge that the director(s) named below is either a full or part time faculty member or paraprofessional. I certify that the individual(s) are qualified under MIFA guidelines and local school board policy to serve as the coach/director of the designated speech activities. I have discussed the liability policies of the school with the designated coach/director. I also certify that all judges and chaperones not specifically named who attend MIFA events, whether paid or volunteer, have been appropriately vetted and approved according to local school board policy. Please retain a copy for your records.

I designate the Director (s) named below as my agent and attorney in fact with the authority to perform all necessary acts detailed below:

Director _____ Teaching Personnel ___ Non-Teaching Personnel ___

GENERAL (ALL MIFA EVENTS): To execute the MIFA membership form, to authorize payment of the membership fee. To execute and certify enrollment for purposes of determining school classification and to elect to advance our school to a higher classification for a specific interscholastic activity.

DEBATE: To authorize the participation in and the payment of the fees related to MIFA Debate events (Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate and/or Legislative Debate).

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: To authorize the participation in and the payment of the fees related to MIFA Regional and State Individual Events tournaments, the Original Interpretation tournament and the OLIE (online) tournament.

THEATRE: To authorize the participation in and the payment of the fees for participation in the District, Regional and State Theatre competitions.

MIDDLE AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS: To authorize the participation in and the payment of the fees related to participation in the Middle Level Individual Events, Middle Level Theatre Festival and/or Middle Level Public Forum Debate tournaments.

Principal or Administrator

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

This document supersedes all previous Principal Authorization or Non-Teaching Personnel forms and will remain in effect until revoked in writing or by submission of an updated Principal Authorization Form.