



2017-18 IE Regionals

March 1, 2018

Dear IE Coaches:

The Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association cordially invites you and your team to participate in the High School Individual Events Regional Tournament. Registration for all Regional events is now OPEN on ie.hirelesmana.com. Further details are below and in the related documents on the website here - <http://www.themifa.org/ie-regionals--state-finals.html>.

Your MIFA membership should be in good standing in order to participate in this event. That includes having submitted a completed Principal Authorization Form & payment of membership fees and related tournament fees. Contestants who qualify will automatically be registered to compete at IE State Finals. You will receive email confirmation of your State IE qualifiers and judges typically within 48 hours of the completion of your Regional event. Please communicate with the MIFA office in a timely manner if you have a contestant who will not be attending State Finals for any reason.

Let us know if you have any questions. Hope to see you at Individual Events State Finals at Oakland Community College - Auburn Hills on April 27 & 28, 2018!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Becker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

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Dates & Locations: Regionals take place on various dates and at various locations around the state. That information can be found [HERE](#).

Competition: Regional tournaments will host all MIFA individual events including both 9/10 categories. Schools may enter a maximum of (2) contestants per category. Competitive categories with more than one section will have two preliminary rounds with 2 judges in each round and a cut to a final round with 3 judges. Competitive categories with only one section will have three rounds with ONE JUDGE in each round. Non-elimination categories may have just one round with one judge which will be considered the final round.

Registration: Please register your entries via <http://ie.hirelesmana.com/login.php> The deadline to register is 10 days prior to your regional event date. If you have any questions or difficulties registering, email your Regional Tournament Director or director@themifa.org.

Entry Fees: Can be paid online HERE - http://www.themifa.org/store/p11/Tournament_Registration_Fee_.html OR make checks payable to:

Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association (MIFA)
30238 Spring River Dr. Southfield MI 48076

School Fee	\$15
Individual Entries	\$8/each
Duo Entries	\$12/each
Multiple Entries	\$15/each
Coach/Judge Hospitality	\$10/person
Tournament Supplied Judges	\$TBD

Drops: Drops 10 or more days in advance of the event will have their registration fees waived. Drops within 10 days of the event will forfeit the registration fee. Drops within 24 hours of the event will result in a \$20 fee being assessed in addition to forfeiting the original registration fee. Drops after registration closes do not alter judging obligations.

Judges: Schools must provide **one certified judge for every five entries or ANY fraction thereof.** **Duo and Multiple entries count as 2 entries.** For example, 6 individual entries + 2 duos + 1 multiple = 12 entries requiring 3 judges. Please make every effort to secure unaffiliated judges so they can be used more easily. This will also minimize the shared expense of tournament supplied judging. Reminder: All judges must be available for the entire tournament unless arrangements have been made with the Regional tournament director.

Tournament Supplied Judges: Most Regionals require the tournament director to hire some number of judges in order to make the schematic work. Some Regionals estimate the number of additional judges that will need to be hired and provide schools with a proportional amount to be paid with their registration fees. Some Regionals will base this on the actual amount, in which case schools may receive an invoice after the fact for their share of the tournament hired judges.

Coach/Judge Hospitality: Most Regionals offer hospitality (coffee/pastries, lunch, snacks) for coaches and judges. A fee of up to \$10/person may be charged to cover these costs. Your director/host will communicate the details for your Regional. If you need this bundled with your registration into one invoice to facilitate processing a check request, please email billing@themifa.org.

Rules: Tournament Administration will enforce MIFA rules. The most recent version of Speech Activities can be found on the website [HERE](#). Each Regional event has a Tournament Director, a representative of the Council and a representative of the IE Committee on site to handle protests/rule questions.

ADA Accommodation: Coaches should initiate any request for an accommodation via email to the tournament director as part of the tournament registration process. Form available [HERE](#).

Food for Students: Each Regional handles student meals differently. Please see the “student food” [link for your event](#) on the website for details. Be AWARE: Some sites may or may not allow outside food to be brought in. Some may require food to be PRE-ORDERED. On-site cash purchases may or may NOT be an option. Plan ahead.