Dear Coaches:

The Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association cordially invites you and your team to the 2015-16 Novice Debate State Finals to be held at Holt High School (Main Campus) on Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12, 2015. MIFA will host Novices in all 3 events - Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate and Legislative Debate as part of the tournament. In addition, MIFA is hosting a Middle Level Public Forum event and a Varsity Level Policy event in conjunction with Novice Debate State Finals. Policy divisions will run on Friday and Saturday. Public Forum and Legislative Debate will be held on Saturday only.

Registration is now open at themifa.org/debate through midnight on December 1st. Further details below. Hope you will join us!

Sincerely,

Jon Becker
Executive Director MIFA

Events:

Novice Policy Debate State Championship & Varsity Policy Invitational
MIFA will host 2-person teams for both events using the National High School Policy Debate Resolution for 2015-16, Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially curtail its domestic surveillance.
Entries: Novice is limited to (2) teams per school although you may change/rotate participants between rounds. Varsity entries are only limited by the logistics of the tournament.
Judges: One certified judge for every (2) two-person teams or fraction thereof PER DIVISION
Awards: State Champion, Runner-up, (2) Semi-Finalists will be recognized

Novice Public Forum Debate State Championship & Middle Level Public Forum Invitational
MIFA will host both events using the November-December 2015 NSDA Public Forum Resolution, Resolved: In response to the current crisis, a government should prioritize the humanitarian needs of refugees over its national interests.
Entries: PF entries are only limited by the logistics of the tournament.
Judges: One judge for every two 2-person teams or fraction thereof PER DIVISION. Any adult high school graduate, regardless of debate experience, may judge this division. Lay judges are encouraged.
Awards: State Champion, Runner-up, (2) Semi-Finalists and 1st-10th Speakers will be recognized

Novice Legislative Debate State Championship - POSTPONED UNTIL JAN 9, 2016 w/ VARSITY
All participating school must provide at least one piece of legislation.
All bills should be emailed to director@themifa.org no later than Wednesday, November 18, 2015
The docket will be provided to participating schools on Thursday, November 19, 2015
Judges: One judge for every ten entries or fraction thereof.
Awards: Presiding Officer gavel, 1st-10th Speakers will be recognized
GENERAL

Location: All debates will take place at Holt High School. Holt High School - Main Campus is located at 5885 West Holt Road, Holt MI 48842. Please enter off Kahres Rd and park on the north side of the building nearest Holt Rd. Use the main entrance and proceed to the Commons where registration will be held.

Registration: Please enter by completing the appropriate form(s) at themifa.org/debate. Deadline for entry is Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

Entry Fees: Includes hospitality for head coach and judges provided by the school.
- Novice Policy $50 per team (max 2 teams)
- Varsity Policy $10 per team
- Novice Public Forum $45 first team entry
- Novice Public Forum $25 each additional entry
- Middle Level Public Forum $25 first team entry
- Middle Level Public Forum $10 each additional entry (no limit)
- Novice Legislative $45 school fee
- Novice Legislative $5 per student competitor (no limit)

Hired Judges: A limited number of hired judges are available for policy, PF and legislative at $100.00/day.

Drops: Drops after 5:00PM on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 will be assessed the following fee in addition to forfeiting the original registration fee:

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Drops after 5:00PM December 1st do not decrease judging obligations. Drops which involve judges hired at the coach’s request by the tournament will be assessed their full fee for the judge regardless of the time at which the drop occurs.

Food: Food, snacks, and refreshments (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) for students will be sold in the cafeteria. Proceeds support our host, Holt High School Debate. Coach/judge hospitality is provided with registration.

Lodging: The MIFA recommends contacting Pam at Cadillac Travel to assist with your tournament lodging needs. They are negotiating rates 10-20% below advertised AT NO COST TO YOU.
Email pam@cadillactravel.com

Rules: The Tab Room/Tournament Administration will enforce MIFA rules including but not limited to: disclosure of decisions, reading of evidence, prompting or "tag teaming," paperless debate or evidence citation. Judges may indicate preferences in individual debate rounds. We only ask that judges announce their preferences to the debaters prior to the beginning of the rounds.

ALL Judges/All Events: Judges are expected to be available to judge all rounds including elimination. Additionally, all judges, are required to write or type (on tabroom.com) complete ballots whether or not they voluntarily decide to provide oral critiques.
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### Policy - Schedule - Fri 12/11

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