## Grievance Procedures

**GRIEVANCES AT STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL**

**ONLY THE FOLLOWING MISTAKES ARE GRIEVABLE AT THE STATE TOURNAMENT**

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<th>Alleged Mistake</th>
<th>When Must Be Grieved</th>
<th>If Upheld</th>
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| Judge misapplies or violates a rule, e.g.: speaker order, oral critique, conferring with other judges, manuscript used, timing rule (too much, too little, not timed) | Prior to next round  | If a judge is a coach:  
1st time: Tournament Director explains the problem to the judge, corrects problem if possible  
2nd time: Letter from CHSAA sent to coach’s principal  
If a hired judge:  
Tournament Director explains the problem to judge, corrects problem if possible  
And/or  
Judge is relieved from judging for the rest of the meet  
No rounds will be re-run |
| Scheduling Error                                     | Prior to beginning round  | Schedule changed  
After round: No change |
| Tabulation Error                                      | Prior to next break round  | Tabulation corrected  
After round: No change |
| Judge assigned incorrectly                            | Prior to round         | Judge reassigned if reported to judges’ table  
After round: No change |
| Student violates published CHSAA rules                | Prior to next round     | Student is disqualified  
After round: No change |
| Misbehavior by participants or observers during a round | Prior to next round     | Tournament Director may talk with offender(s), and/or ban offender(s) from further observation and/or disqualify offending student(s) |
| Judge’s conduct inappropriate, e.g.: sleeping, asks for evidence, fraternizing with competitors, incapacitated during round | Prior to next round     | Tournament director speaks with judge, corrects problem if possible  
After round: No change |
| Original judge unable to complete round               | Prior to next round     | Round will be re-run  
After round: No change |
GRIEVANCE FORM

Please complete the following and turn it in to the Ombudsman Table.

Name of person submitting the grievance ________________________

Name of School _____________________ Principal ________________

Event ____________________________ Round ______________________

What **specific** infraction of tournament rules or procedures have you observed?

What exactly is the resulting problem?

What action or correction are you asking for from the Grievance Committee?

Signature ________________________ Time/Date __________________

Time that the grievance committee reached a decision _____________