

GENERAL CONTEST INFORMATION

1. Q. In individual events, does a contestant have to participate in a District Contest to be eligible to participate in the State Contest?
A. Yes.
2. Q. May a student who has received a Division I Rating in the State Contest participate again in this division or participate a second time?
A. See Article III, Section 7.
3. Q. Why is the State Speech Contest scheduled at the same time as the Boys' State Final Basketball Tournament?
A. There are not enough weekends to provide a separate weekend for each activity. This has been given lengthy review by the Unified Iowa High School Activities Federation. The minutes of May 1, 1966, Unified Iowa High School Activities Federation reveals discussion of this subject. "The President next invited the attention of the Federation Members present towards a final review of the 1966-67 calendar. Contained within this discussion was extensive review identified with District and State Speech Contest dates, such being prompted by presentation of subject matter contained in written communications filed with the Speech Association Executive Secretary by speech directors throughout the state; such communications indicating manifest hardship having been created through the conflict of State Speech Association Contest dates with those of the State Boys' Basketball Tournament final play and secondly the conflict of District Speech Contest dates with Girls' District Basketball Tournament play. Through an attempt to find a more desirable assignment of dates for speech contest work, attention was first given to the possibility of District Speech Contest work being conducted on March 25, 1967, with the State Speech Contest in turn being assigned to April 14 and 15. In the final analysis it was determined that this would create a severe conflict with the Easter Season. Attention was then turned to the possibility of contest dates being scheduled earlier in the year such as January and early February which in turn found critical analysis being given through a conflict with semester examinations, the early end of speech activity within the academic year, questionable weather conditions normally associated with January, and lastly significant conflict with basketball schedules. The discussion with possible dates also reflected concern on the part of the Federation Members present for the Speech Association Administration locating District Speech contest sites in the event there would be a scheduling of this activity on the weekend of the Boys' State Basketball Tournament. After this lengthy discussion and review, it did become the opinion of the Activities Federation Members present that the dates for 1967 should remain as previously announced."
4. Q. Should a judge act as a timer as well as a judge?
A. No. There should be a specific timer.
5. Q. To whom and when do I pay our school participation fee?
A. ALL participation fees for both District and State Contests must be sent to the State Office, Des Moines. The necessary fees will accompany participation fee and eligibility forms supplied by the State Office. Eligibility forms will not be forwarded to the District site until the entry fee has been paid. Fees will not be refunded.
6. Q. Is there a minimum time limit in speaking events other than Radio News Announcing and Radio Broadcasting?
A. No. However, a student may jeopardize their rating if they use too little allotted performance time.