



Kansas Association of Scholars Bowl Coaches



1 August 2019

Dear Scholars Bowl Coach:

This past May, I was honored to participate in the funeral of Randy Bane, who was my coach and mentor. In place of reading his obituary, I moderated a round of 16 scholars bowl questions based on his biography. Ten contestants, all former members of teams he had coached, rang in with answers that were (mostly) correct. There were tears, but there were far more laughs among the hundreds that gathered in his honor, many of whom viewed the funeral remotely from outside the packed sanctuary. The word that seemed to define the day was "legacy."

During my 21 years of teaching English and coaching Scholars Bowl, I've thought about Randy and his legacy almost daily, mostly to wonder if I could ever fill his shoes. I've come to the conclusion that he would only have one thing to say about this: "You already have." He saw what I could be long before I could see it in myself. That is the very definition of a good coach.

For me, part of being a better coach is being involved in the Kansas Association of Scholars Bowl Coaches (KASBC.). You are likely already aware of all the tangible reasons to join our organization: access to released KSHSAA state and regional questions for use in team practices; reduced rates at coaches' clinics, participation at which eliminates the requirement to take the coaches' test; and a potential role at question validation. Today, I invite you to join the KASBC because, in addition to such practical benefits, coaching is about relationships, both with our students and with each other.

Join us in working together to build these connections. Send in your membership form, follow us on Facebook, visit our website, contact your classification representative with questions and suggestions, attend a coaches' clinic, and volunteer to work question validation. Together, we can build a legacy.

Sincerely yours,

Ryan A. Burrows
KASBC President

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**Kansas Association of Scholars Bowl Coaches
2019-20 Registration Form**

School _____ 2018-19 Classification _____

School Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Head Coach Name _____

Preferred E-mail _____

Preferred Phone Number (_____) _____ Home Cell

Areas of Expertise _____

Asst. Coach Name _____

Preferred E-mail _____

Preferred Phone Number (_____) _____ Home Cell

Areas of Expertise _____

Annual School Membership (\$20/school, includes all coaches) \$ _____

Clinic Registration(s) (\$15 for members/\$20 for non-members) \$ _____

Wich West De Soto Satanta Ft. Scott (mark choice)

Last Chance Registration(s) (\$5 each) \$ _____

Total Cost \$ _____

Check Number _____ (make checks payable to KASBC)

*Submit a copy of this form and check to:
Paul Wanger, KASBC Treasurer
% Wichita HS West
820 South Osage
Wichita, KS 67213*

Your Participation Matters!

For many years, scholars bowl coaches have felt that the limit on the number of tournaments an individual player can attend is too low. Working with KSHSAA Assistant Executive Director Rod Garman, KASBC representative to KSHSAA Bert Lewis recently **presented a proposal that would increase the number of allowable tournaments to nine, providing the school adding the additional tournament is willing to host a home tournament.** We all know that hosting can be stressful. Because of this, the KASBC is working to extend its support of new tournaments and new tournament hosts. The KASBC should be the first place that coaches looking to host for the first time seek assistance. We are here for you!

Another issue that was a source of concern on our most recent survey was the **electronic devices rule.** Working with KSHSAA, we have developed language for next year's manual that addresses this issue, defining, for example, what constitutes an electronic device. The key issue here is consistency, and we hope that these changes help to provide that.

In addition to making these changes, our board has also committed itself to further studying issues that were addressed on the surveys. We're looking at ways to **improve the assigning of teams to pools at regionals as well as the format of the state tournament.** Recent changes in classification have uncovered new challenges, which we hope to address. More generally, we hope to continue to develop ways to encourage consistency in the ways tournaments are organized and rules are enforced.

Your feedback in this process is vital. Coaches are, and always have been, the driving force in Scholars Bowl in Kansas. For this reason, we also encourage you to double-down on your efforts to write and **submit high-quality questions for validation.** While KSHSAA receives thousands and thousands of questions each year, many (unfortunately!) have to be thrown out as committees of coaches work through the stacks of questions. While we believe that we have seen an increase in the quality of the questions since the process went digital, it is vital that we all remember that the questions that appear in the rounds are a direct reflection of what is submitted.

Scholars Bowl in Kansas is unique because it is largely coach-driven. It is a direction reflection of our work in the classroom, at the tournaments we host and attend, and at KSHSAA where we continue to lobby for improvements. This isn't always pretty, but working together, we have built something remarkable. **Thank you for your role in this process!**

KASBC 2019 Coaches' Clinics

<p>Satanta HS 100 Caddo Satanta, KS 67870 Ph: (620) 649-2611 Ryan Burrows, Host & Presenter e-mail: rburrows@usd507.org September 21, 9:00-1:00</p>	<p>De Soto HS 35000 W 91st Street De Soto, KS 66018 Phil Hamilton, Host/Presenter Travis Lamb, Presenter e-mail: prhamilton@usd232.org September 7, 9:00-1:00</p>
<p>Wichita West HS 820 South Osage Wichita, KS 67213 Ph: (316) 519-8507 Paul Wanger, Host & Presenter e-mail: pwanger@usd259.net September 7, 9:00-1:00</p>	<p>Fort Scott HS 1005 S Main Fort Scott, KS 66701 Ph: (620) 223-0600 Bert Lewis, Host/Presenter e-mail: blewis@usd234.org September 14, 9:00-1:00</p>

These clinics are for ALL coaches, both new and experienced.

Snacks and Lunch included in registration!

BRING YOUR KSHSAA USER ID AND PASSWORD!

Sample Agenda Topics

KSHSAA Manual Rules and Concerns

Changes in the Rules

KSHSAA Rules Meeting

Question Sources

Writing Quality Questions

Hosting a Tournament

Sharing Session

Organizing a Team, Selection, Lettering, etc.

Door Prizes! (MUST be present to win)

Last Chance Rules Meeting

October 7, 6:30 PM, Wichita HS West Room E-9

\$5 per person (preregistered) \$10 at the door

Bring Your KSHSAA ID and Password!

Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- KSHSAA Presentation (online)
 - Discussion throughout
 - Additional Questions

Registrations for all clinics can be found on the Registration Page



KASBC/KSHSAA Question Validation Volunteer Form



KASBC works very closely with KSHSAA Assistant Director, Rod Garman, in the development and validation of the questions for the Regional and State competitions. **A group of Scholars Bowl coaches with Kansas curriculum content expertise** spend two days reading, validating, sorting and selecting questions for the Regional and State competition rounds. Each coach works in only one content area so the confidentiality and integrity of the questions is maintained.

Twentyfour people are needed to work Validation on Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16, 2019. The Validation Committee will meet from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday and 8:30 until finished on Saturday at the KSHSAA building, 601 SW Commerce, Topeka, KS 66615. Coaches are selected on knowledge base, subject area, ability to work both days, and the timeliness of the return of this form indicating your interest. Proofreading is especially important in this process.

Participation in this activity counts as PDC points as "Service to the Profession." Contact your local PDC council to make this activity part of your plan and request professional leave to participate in this activity.

KSHSAA reimburses mileage, hotel stay and meals. Details will follow to those individuals who volunteer and are selected to serve. If you are interested, submit a copy of this form to Mary Beth Mattingly, KASBC Vice President, no later than 1 October 2019. This form is available for download at the KASBC website (<http://kasbc.weebly.com>).

Name _____ School _____

School Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: School () _____ Home () _____ Cell: () _____

Email: _____

Best time to be called at school: _____

I plan to attend _____ both days _____ Friday only _____ Saturday only

I will need overnight reservations: Yes, Thursday Yes, Friday No

_____ I prefer a nonsmoking room

_____ I prefer not to share a room and will personally pay the difference if necessary.

Please rank the areas you are willing to assist in: (1 is first choice, 2 is second choice, etc.)

_____ Language Arts _____ Mathematics _____ Social Science

_____ Natural Science _____ Fine Arts

_____ World Language: (circle languages) Spanish French German

_____ Year in Review (Bring *Time* magazine and a laptop if possible)

List any special needs for diet: _____

Submit this form ASAP, but no later than 1 October, to Mary Beth Mattingly, 5633 S McCormick Drive, Shawnee, KS 66226 or at mbmattingly@gmail.com.