Important BUDL Rules EMS

Division Rules:

Students may be registered in 4 divisions: Elementary, Novice, Junior Varsity and Varsity.

Elementary

Students in grades 4 and 5 are eligible to debate in the Elementary division.
Elementary partners are also allowed to compete in the Novice division if they:

- Ranked among the top three teams in at least three tournaments in the Elementary division.

Exceptions to these rules can be made, but coaches must submit their case to the BUDL staff at least one week in advance of the tournament. Special permission will be granted to hybrid teams and students who compete as mavericks.

Novice/JV

Debaters who have placed in the top three teams should move to the next division.

Varsity

Elementary debaters are not allowed to compete in the Varsity division.

Registration Procedures:

- No changes will be made after 915 a.m.
- Late students will not be permitted to debate.
- Buses will leave schools at the designated time to make it to the tournament on time.
- Teachers must register using the best available data (based on bus list and registration sign in) when they arrive, not later than 9:15.
- Schools registering after the Wednesday deadline will not be assured placement in the tournament. In the event of a judge shortage, priority for judge coverage will be given to those who registered within the deadline.
- Coaches who cannot attend a tournament must send a representative from their school and inform BUDL staff a week in advance.

Championship Eligibility:

Only two teams per school will be allowed to compete in the Championship tournament.
(K-8 schools will be allowed 2 elementary teams and 2 middle school teams.) There will be two divisions: Elementary and Varsity. There will be an automatic team bid for the winningest debate team from each school. We will maintain records and notify you of your automatic bid team. The second bid is to be determined by the coaches using the following criteria:

- Practice Attendance
- Tournament Attendance
- Team Dedication

EMS Restrictions:

Counterplans, kritiks, and topicality arguments cannot be run in EMS.

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