



## **Kansas Association of Scholars Bowl Coaches**

### **2023-2024 Coaches' Information**

July 31, 2023

Dear Scholars Bowl Coach:

As we start this school year, we need to work together for our students to make this a fantastic year. Please check the new updated manual as there have been some changes.

For me, part of being a better coach is being involved in the Kansas Association of Scholars Bowl Coaches (KASBC). KSHSAA and KASBC work together closely, listening to us and we listen to them. You are likely already aware of all the tangible reasons to join our organization: access to released KSHSAA state and regional questions to be used in team practices; reduced rates for coaches' clinics; participation at which eliminated the requirement to take the coaching test; help writing questions for submission to KSHSAA; 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, not only with our students, but also with each other.

Please join KASBC in working together to build these connections for our students and our association. Send in your membership form, follow us on Facebook, contact your classification representative with questions and suggestions, attend a coaches' clinic, and volunteer to work question validation. Together, we can build an incredible experience for our students.

Sincerely yours,

**Bert Lewis**

Roberta "Bert" M. Lewis  
KASBC President

## Why Your Participation in KASBC Matters

Scholars Bowl in Kansas is unique because it is largely coach driven. It is a direct reflection of the curriculum and standards taught in our schools, the tournaments we host and attend, and KASBC's special relationship with KSHSAA, where we continue to lobby for improvements and changes in our activity. As a member, you have direct access to the KASBC Executive Board who discuss issues that matter to you and your team. Sometimes, it is an arduous process, but when we work together, amazing things happen for our students and activity.

Here are a few ways your membership and participation in KASBC can benefit you, your team, and the activity in general:

1. Are you a new coach and need help getting a team started or taking over an existing team? KASBC members can help! We've all been first-time coaches at one point in our careers and love to talk about all things Scholars Bowl. You don't have to struggle through the process alone.
2. Coaches across the state noted on last spring's survey that they are concerned about the **electronic device rule** (pg. 16, Rule 2). KASBC is looking into modifications for this rule next year, so watch for updates. The key issue is consistency and we hope that the coming changes will help provide that.
3. Not sure you want to host a tournament? We all know that hosting a tournament can be stressful. Because of this, KASBC is working to extend its support of new tournaments and new tournament hosts. KASBC and its members are your go-to support system to help alleviate some of this stress. Also, as any experienced coach will tell you, you will get more invites to other tournaments if you are willing to host your own, even if you keep it small.
4. Are you wondering why you don't see many World Language questions at tournaments? We can talk to you about that and help you network with resources and coaches who love to write World Language questions, specifically for your tournaments throughout the season so your team can experience them before the Regional and State tournaments.
5. See a rule in the KSHSAA manual that you don't understand or think needs to be updated or changed? KASBC is here to listen to coaches and bring those concerns to the KSHSAA Board of Directors on members' behalf.
6. Need help finding tournaments or getting the word out about one you are hosting? KASBC is the perfect place to do that! Did you know that many members help each other out hosting tournaments and performing as judges and moderators over the course of the season?
7. What about the 35 questions that coaches must turn into KSHSAA by October 20, 2023? KASBC can help get you started writing and submitting high-quality questions that could be selected for Regional and State tournaments and explain

the validation process. Remember, Regional and State tournament questions are only as good as what coaches submit before the season begins! Remember, the questions for Regional and State tournaments are a direct reflection of what coaches submit.

8. Are you worried about the Online Rules Meeting **ALL HEAD COACHES MUST TAKE AND PASS between September 12 and October 16, 2023?** Register for a Coaches' Clinic presented by KASBC in September or October and we guarantee you will pass the first time!
9. New to Scholars Bowl coaching or the school you work in? KASBC can help you network with area coaches. Your registration and attendance at a Coaches' Clinic is a great way to start this process.
10. Do you need practice questions? KASBC members receive access to newly released KSHSAA Regional and State questions each year. Members also have the opportunity to submit one round of original questions and access a repository of questions written by coaches across the state.

In addition to the actions above, the KASBC board has also committed itself to further study of issues that were presented by coaches on the most recent survey. We are evaluating ways to improve hosting Regional and State tournaments and new challenges to this activity as they are presented. KASBC hopes to continue to develop ways to encourage consistency in tournament organization and rules enforcement. Please remember, Invitational tournaments are just that: invitational and can be run with modifications.

## KASBC 2023 Coaches' Clinics

KASBC provides Coaches' Clinics to ALL coaches, whether new, experienced, or somewhere in between. These clinics are a great place to network, get a rules refresher and learn about any manual changes, and complete the Online Rules Meeting that ALL HEAD COACHES MUST COMPLETE AND PASS before October 16th, 2023. Clinics are hosted in all parts of the state for your convenience. KASBC Executive Board members will be in attendance and ready to answer any questions you may have about the activity, hosting tournaments, writing high-quality questions, the differences between the regular season and Regional and State tournaments, and so much more! Coaches' Clinic dates and locations are:

### September 9, 2023

DeSoto HS (host Philip Hamilton) E-mail: [prhamilton@usd232.org](mailto:prhamilton@usd232.org)

35000 W 91st Street, DeSoto, KS 66018 Ph: (402)681-9744

### September 16, 2023

Moundridge HS (host Adam Robb) E-mail: [robba@usd423.org](mailto:robba@usd423.org)

526 East Cole, Moundridge, KS 67107 Ph: (620)345-5500

WaKeeney-Trego Community HS (host Ryan Burrows) E-mail: [rburrows@usd507.org](mailto:rburrows@usd507.org)

1200 Russell Avenue, WaKeeney, KS 67672 Ph: (785)743-2061

### September 23, 2023

Fort Scott HS (host Bert Lewis) E-mail: [blewis@usd234.org](mailto:blewis@usd234.org)

1005 S Main, Fort Scott, KS 66701 Ph: (620)223-0600

Satanta HS (host Ryan Burrows) E-mail: [rburrows@usd507.org](mailto:rburrows@usd507.org)

100 Caddo, Satanta, KS 67870 Ph: (620)649-2611

- Snacks and Lunch are included in registration.
- **BRING YOUR KSHSAA USER ID AND PASSWORD!**

You will need this to receive credit for the Online Rules Meeting that ALL HEAD COACHES MUST COMPLETE AND PASS by October 16, 2023!

### **Sample Agenda Topics**

KSHSAA Manual Rules and Concerns	Feedback from 2022-23 Season
Changes in the Rules	Writing Quality Questions
Hosting a Tournament	Advice/Guidance from Veteran Coaches
KSHSAA Rules Meeting	...and other topics

#### ***Door Prizes! (MUST be present to win)***

Registrations for all clinics can be found on the Membership and Registration form.

### **KSHSAA/KASBC Question Validation Information**

KASBC works with KSHSAA Assistant Director Rod Garman in developing and validating the questions for the Regional and State competitions. A group of Scholars Bowl coaches with Kansas curriculum content expertise spend two days reading, validation, sorting, and selecting questions for the rounds at the Regional and State competitions. Proofreading is especially important to the validation process. Coaches are selected based on knowledge base, subject area, ability to work both days, and the timeliness of completing this form indicating your interest. Each coach works in only one content area so the confidentiality and integrity of the questions are maintained.

At least 24 subject-area experts are needed to work Validation on Friday and Saturday, November 10 and 11, 2023. The Validation Committee will meet from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday and 8:30 AM until finished on Saturday at KSHSAA (601 SW Commerce, Topeka, KS 66615). KSHSAA reimburses mileage, hotel stay, and meals. Details will follow to those individuals who volunteer and are selected to serve. If you are interested, please complete this form no later than September 15, 2023.

Participation in this activity counts towards 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.

## KASBC Social Media

KASBC has an online social media presence that many coaches make use of throughout the season to share tournament dates and results, questions about Scholars Bowl in Kansas, a repository of original coach-submitted practice questions, and information for coaches to use throughout the season. Kaila Rice, former coach at Peabody-Burns, is the new KASBC Communications Coordinator and will be handling all social media accounts.



You can find KASBC on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KASBC/>.

A new KASBC website is under development and will be shared with coaches at Coaches' Clinics and on Facebook.

## KASBC Membership and Registration(s)

All Membership and Registration(s) info is online! Click on the link below to become a KASBC member, register for a Coaches' Clinic, and/or the Validation Committee.

<https://forms.gle/svRvD187ydvMuXCR7>

## KASBC Executive Board Members

**President:** Bert Lewis (Fort Scott HS)

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**4A Representative:** Ricardo Sanchez (McPherson HS)

**5A Representative:** Philip Hamilton (DeSoto HS)

**6A Representative:** Melisa Lunney (Olathe Northwest HS)

**Communications Coordinator:** Kaila Rice (former coach)

**Validation Coordinator:** Mary Beth Mattingly (former coach; retired)