

## 2020 KASBC MAILER (August 4, 2020)

Athletic/Activities Director: Please forward this e-mail to your current Scholars Bowl Coach. Thanks.

Attached are the pages of the 2020 Kansas Association of Scholars Bowl Coaches Mailer. This mailer includes a letter from our new President, Bert Lewis of Fort Scott and additional information on membership, Clinics and Volunteer Validation. You will also receive a hard copy of them in the mail (they were put in the mail on July 31, but I believe they didn't go out from the school until August 3).

Significant changes from last year:

- 1) We are trying to automate the registration process. The registration form is at <https://bit.ly/KASBCReg20-21>. A copy of the responses from the survey will be e-mailed to your e-mail address so you can pay from that "invoice". Once payment is received, I'll send the released questions to you. This year's released questions are from the 2012-13 competition year.
- 2) KASBC will be hosting 5 physical (face-to-face) coaches clinics on Saturday mornings starting September 12 and continuing each Saturday through October 3. DeSoto and Wichita West will each host a clinic on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Fort Scott on the 19<sup>th</sup>, Satanta on the 26<sup>th</sup> and Hays on October 3. PLEASE fill out the clinic information on the registration form so we can have accurate counts. Remember that the Clinic attendance counts as the online rules meeting required by KSHSAA. We will also be speaking about the possibility of online tournaments and if Regionals and State have to go online instead of in-person.
- 3) Quality questions are the crux of our ability to produce a quality Regional and State Scholars Bowl tournament. You can do your part by writing quality questions for the Validation Committee to go through. This dedicated group of 20-30 coaches and retired coaches go through the 11,000+ questions to determine the best 10% of those question to be included in the Regional and State competitions. If you are interested in being part of the Validation committee, the link to the Volunteer form is at <https://bit.ly/KASBCValidation20>.
- 4) We have had several changes in leadership in the KASBC this year:
  - a. Bert Lewis (Fort Scott) is the President of KASBC, after her term as KSHSAA Rep was completed.
  - b. Ryan Burrows (Satanta) is now the KSHSAA Rep for KASBC. He can serve up to two, three-year terms. He was the former President of KSHSAA for over 10 years.
  - c. Travis Lamb (Topeka Hayden) is now the Vice President of KASBC. He formerly served as 4A Rep.
  - d. Angela Webster (Girard) is now the 4A Rep. She previously served as the 3A Rep (Girard changed classifications).
  - e. Peter DeVries (Wichita Collegiate) is now the 3A Rep. This is his first year serving on the KSHSAA Board.
  - f. Adam Robb (Moundridge) is now the 2A Rep. He previously served as one of the 1A Reps (Moundridge changed classifications).
  - g. David Reed (Stockton) is now one of the 1A Reps, along with Kathy Banister (Brewster). This is David's first year on the KASBC Board.
  - h. Mary Beth Mattingly was appointed as the Validation Coordinator (new position). She formerly served as Vice President for many years, but retired from teaching a couple of years ago.

Again, please consider joining KASBC. If you have any questions, please contact me at [pwanger@usd259.net](mailto:pwanger@usd259.net) and I'll try to get an answer to you.

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August 3, 2020

Dear Scholars Bowl Coach:

As we start this “new normal” school year, we need to work together for our students to make this a fantastic year. No we don’t have all the answers, or do we know what the season will be like as of now.

For me, part of being a better coach is being involved in the Kansas Association of Scholars Bowl Coaches (KASBC). “I want a seat at the table, not to be on the menu!” has been my quote for years. 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.

Please join us in working together to build these connections for our kids’ and our association. 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 incredible experience for our kids.

Sincerely yours,

*Bert Lewis*

Roberta M. Lewis “Bert”  
KASBC President

### The KASBC Executive Board:

Bert Lewis (Fort Scott), President  
Sarah House (Wellington), Secretary  
Kathy Reddy (ret. DeSoto), Past Officer  
Kathy Banister (Brewster), 1A Rep  
Adam Robb (Moundridge), 2A Rep  
Angela Webster (Girard), 4A Rep  
Velya Randolph (Wichita North), 6A Rep

Travis Lamb (Hayden), Vice President  
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Ryan Burrows (Santana), KSHSAA Rep  
David Reed (Stockton), 1A Rep  
Peter DeVries (Wichita Collegiate)3A Rep  
Phil Hamilton (De Soto), 5A Rep  
Mary Beth Mattingly Validation Coordinator

# Your Participation Matters!



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



For many years, Scholars Bowl coaches have felt that the limit on the number of tournaments an individual player can attend is low. Working with KSHSAA Assistant Executive Director Rod Garman and Bert Lewis, the KSHSAA Board of Director's passed for the 2020-2021 school year that **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.** We are looking into modifications for this next year, watch for updates. 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 host and hold the regional and state tournaments this year. Recent and continuing events have created new challenges, which we hope to address. More generally, we hope to continue to develop ways to encourage consistency in the way's tournaments are organized and rules are enforced. Please remember Invitational tournaments are just that invitational and can be run with modifications.

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!) must 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 continued support in this process!**

**Registration Forms are online this year at <https://bit.ly/KASBCReg20-21>**

**Volunteering for validation? That form is at <https://bit.ly/KASBCValidation20>**

# Kansas Association of Scholars Bowl Coaches

## Registration Form

This year, the registration form will be online. The form can be found at <https://bit.ly/KASBCReg20-21>

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### KASBC 2020 Coaches' Clinics

**September 12, 2020 9:00-1:00**

**Wichita West HS** 820 South Osage, Wichita, KS 67213 Ph: (316)519-8507 e-mail: [pwanger@usd259.net](mailto:pwanger@usd259.net)  
**DeSoto HS** 35000 W 91st Street, DeSoto, KS 66018 Ph: (402)681-9744 e-mail: [phamilton@usd232.org](mailto:phamilton@usd232.org)

**September 19, 2020 9:00-1:00**

**Fort Scott HS** 1005 S Main, Fort Scott, KS 66701 Ph: (620)223-0600 e-mail: [blewis@usd234.org](mailto:blewis@usd234.org)

**September 26, 2020 9:00-1:00**

**Santanta HS** 100 Caddo, Satanta, KS 67870 Ph: (620)649-2611 e-mail: [rburrows@usd507.org](mailto:rburrows@usd507.org)

**October 3, 2020 9:00-1:00**

**Hays HS** 2300 E 13th, Hays, KS 67601 Ph: (785)623-2600 e-mail: [rburrows@usd507.org](mailto:rburrows@usd507.org)

*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

COVID Protocols

Writing Quality Questions

Hosting a Tournament

Virtual Tournaments

Organizing a Team, Selection, Lettering, etc.

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

Registrations for all clinics can be found on the Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/KASBCReg20-21>

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### KASBC/KSHSAA Question Validation Volunteer

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.

**Twenty four people are needed to work Validation on Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, 2020.** 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, no later than 1 October 2020. The link to volunteer is at <https://bit.ly/KASBCValidation20>.