

Moundridge High School

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Dear Scholars' Bowl Coach –

Greetings from Moundridge High School! We hope you're having a great school year! Congratulations on qualifying for the 2021 2A State Scholars' Bowl Tournament! The purpose of this letter is to invite you to join us for the 2020-21 Scholars' Bowl State Tournament on Saturday, February 13, 2021. We have 8 teams involved in this meet – all Regional Champions! Registration will begin at 11:30 AM in the commons, and will be followed by a coaches/participants meeting at 11:45, and play at 12 PM. We hope to be finished between 3 and 4 PM. A schedule is included in this packet that lists rounds, rooms, etc.

The tournament will be round-robin format, with the top 4 teams advancing to the playoffs, where they will compete to be 2A State Champions. Playoff procedures are like Regionals; the top 4 teams will compete in a bracket to determine 1st – 4th place finishers. We will again be using the questions provided by KSHSAA in this tournament. Trophies will be presented to the top 3 teams, and medals to the top 4, as a way to recognize their accomplishments.

COVID-19 Protocols for this event will be in place. At Moundridge HS, and with KSHSAA guidance, this will include:

- Temperature checks for all participants, coaches, and spectators
- A limit of 2 spectators per competitor. Adult sponsors (coaches, admins, drivers) may bring ONE additional guest.
- We'll sanitize, clean, etc. as well as we can between rounds, and will have rounds set up to minimize the need for this.
- Masks are required at all times by all persons involved. Judges, moderators, parents, coaches, competitors – all will need to be properly masked.
- You may bring your own food and drink, as this year we won't be providing any due to COVID. We would also encourage you and your team to arrive as close to "on time" (11:30) as possible so that we minimize time waiting around prior to the event starting. Even if you arrive closer to 11:45, that will be fine; I just want to minimize contact in common areas. Finally, we do ask that if you bring food and drink in, you please dispose of all containers, trash, etc. so as not to burden our facilities staff.
- We will provide writing devices and scratch paper for teams to carry with them throughout the event.

T-shirts will be available for sale at the State Tournament. A flyer is included here with more information. Preferred method of payment is cash or card. Shirts will also be available for purchase online for 30 days following the event, in the case that your size is not available or we run out of shirts. You'll be able to order through the KSHSAA website.

There are plenty of options for meals and lodging in surrounding communities. McPherson, Newton, and Hutchinson are all convenient stops on the way to and from Moundridge, as are Salina and Wichita. We don't have many options in town, so if you plan to eat, drink, or be merry – we won't be a lot of help in that department!

You will need to submit form SB-3 to the KSHSAA offices by February 9, along with your \$100 State Tournament registration fee. And, please make sure to submit your Entry Form SB-2 to Adam Robb so that we have your team roster. These should be submitted by February 8. (Both of these forms are available to fill out digitally on the KSHSAA website, but are included here for you as well!) Our fax number, if you want to fax it in, is (620) 345-8831. If you prefer to send it digitally, you can e-mail it to robba@usd423.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail either of us at the addresses below, or call us at (620) 345-5500. And, substitutions will be allowed the day of the event, so please don't fret about that! Finally, if you have a buzzer system, we ask that you please bring it.

Congratulations on your team's accomplishments! Looking forward to seeing you on the 9th!

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