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2026 Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) Program Changes

We strive to create the best program experience for students and chaperones alike. Based on feedback from the 2025 KYA Season, the following changes will be implemented beginning in 2026.

- I. **ADVISOR HALL OF FAME REQUIREMENTS**
- II. **ADVISOR SUPPORT ROLES AT CONFERENCE**
- III. **CLERK ROLE APPLICATION-BASED**
- IV. **KYA & KUNA REGISTRATION OFFICE HOURS**
- V. **MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESIDING OFFICER POSITIONS**
- VI. **LOBBYISTS & BILL SPONSOR MEETING**
- VII. **SUPREME COURT TEAM AVAILABILITY**



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I. ADVISOR HALL OF FAME REQUIREMENTS

- a. Eligibility to receive the Advisor Hall of Fame now starts at 5 years of advising at KYA and/or KUNA.

II. ADVISOR SUPPORT ROLES AT CONFERENCE

- a. During advisor check-in, advisors will be asking to sign up for a support role during conference to assist with monitoring students and programming (for example, lobby monitoring, Starbucks monitoring, sleeping floor monitoring, etc.).

III. CLERK ROLE APPLICATION-BASED

- a. Presiding Officer Chamber Clerks will now be an application-based role (this does not include Chairs or Clerks on the first night of debate).

IV. KYA & KUNA REGISTRATION OFFICE HOURS

- a. Starting when KYA registration opens, weekly office hours will be available for advisors to join for registration and/or conference preparation support.

V. MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESIDING OFFICER POSITIONS

- a. Starting in the 2026 KYA season, a Middle School Editor-in-Chief (EIC) and a Middle School Secretariat of the Executive Cabinet (SEC) will be elected within their special program.

VI. LOBBYISTS & BILL SPONSOR MEETING

- a. A time will be added on the agenda for bill sponsors to formally meet with their lobbyists prior to debate to prepare their speeches.

VII. SUPREME COURT TEAM AVAILABILITY

- a. We are excited to grow our Supreme Court program and allow up to 24 teams per high school conference.