PHS SPEECH TEAM CONTRACT 2015-2016

Team Expectations

You represent Perry and the speech team at all times. Actions at tournaments and in school reflect your character and your status as a member of the PHS Speech team. Members of the community, teachers, and parents shouldn't have complaints regarding your behavior.

Grades

You're required to maintain:

- At least a C or higher in every class
- Assignments and homework should be turned in on-time, especially when you have missed school for a tournament.
- Attend five tournaments prior to the end of the first semester on January 15, 2016. Failure to attend a tournament that you have committed to participate in will result in:
    - A grade of "F" for the tournament
    - A fine that covers the registration and drop fees for that tournament (usually around $10-$15; any unpaid fines will be reported to administration.)

If you fail to meet these standards it will result in suspension from competition, and possible removal from the team. Be cognizant of your actions in class; your teachers' opinions of you matter. They can prohibit you from missing class for tournaments and other activities for negative behavior and missing assignments.

Behavior in/out of school

Don't let your behavior influence your status on the team.

- Chronic absences, fighting with teachers, detentions, AEP, and not turning in quality assignments will reflect badly on the team.
- **Be respectful and open to all ideas.**
- Discrimination against any person concerning race, religion, gender, etc will not be tolerated
- Be conscientious of all verbal dialogue, especially on social media. Whatever you choose to do in your free time is fine, but don't open it up to the world. It reflects poorly on the team. KEEP IT OFF SOCIAL MEDIA. ☺

Attitude

Please be aware of your own attitude and how it affects the entire team. Be respectful to teachers, coaches, bus drivers, competitors, and teammates. A negative attitude can influence the entire team, and it can influence others perception of you. We all have a bad day, but please make sure to remain kind, respectful, and positive towards others.

Behavior in class/at tournaments

- Attitude/Tolerance-Don't be a disturbance. Speech class and tournaments are academic spaces meant for education. Treat others as you would want to be treated.
- Don't act rude or condescending toward other competitors.
- Make sure to keep your composure in the presence of competitors and judges. Their perception of you reflects on you and the team.

- Treating judges well and respecting them regardless of their ballot is important to influence their opinion of you and our whole team.
- Save your criticism/comments for after the tournament. You should not be found insulting fellow teammates, opponents, or judges at tournaments. There are major repercussions if someone overhears your negative comments.
- Wear appropriate dress when performing and during award ceremonies. Please pay attention to length, fit, condition of clothing. It is our responsibility to insure that you are "career ready." This is an extraordinary opportunity for you to "practice" for real life.
- Yelling and obnoxious behavior is not permitted on the bus or at tournaments, especially at the awards ceremony.
- Be respectful on the bus, don't yell, and make sure to listen to the instructions of the bus-drivers!
- Clean up after yourselves in ALL cafeterias, auditoriums, hotel rooms, etc. Please!

Practice

- You are required to attend practices; your success depends on it.
- Respect your coaches' criticism and the time they give to help you succeed.
- All practices should be taken seriously.
- Come with all the needed materials required to have a successful practice. It is a good idea to bring your script.
- Respect your leadership team; you should be listening to their advice as they understand what it takes to be successful.

Work Ethic

Your success and position on the team is influenced by your work.

- Complete all your assignments ON TIME, and make sure everything is completed to the best of your ability.
- If your work isn't completed, you will not compete.
- Practice in and out of class! Your success at tournaments depends on it!
- Be an active listener and participant in giving constructive criticism; be willing to take constructive criticism.

Proper Social Media Behavior

- **Texting-** Any rude, inappropriate texts to coaches and teammates are not acceptable.
- **Facebook/Twitter/any other social media-** all posts should remain appropriate, and kind. Any negative tweets about debate, team-members, or coaches shouldn't be posted; keep it positive! ☺
- **Emails-** if you are having an issue with someone on the team, you should discuss the problem with Mrs. Patron.

<u>Students have already read and agreed to the following expectations in a handout they received in September 2015:</u>

- I understand that I must maintain at least a C average in every course during the current semester in order to attend overnight tournaments.
- I understand that I must abide by school rules as I am an ambassador for the team. Further, I understand that if I am suspended for ANY reason, **I will not compete** for the remainder of the season.
- I understand that I must maintain a good attendance record (not more than 3 days' absence) in order to be considered to represent Perry at overnight tournaments.
- I understand that I must display respect and good sportsmanship at tournaments, in class, during the school day, on social media, and in the community in general.
- I understand the lettering requirements and that my coaches will adhere to those requirements in all matters.
- I understand that practicing both after school and at home is a necessity to be considered an active part of the team, as well as to be successful in my endeavors as a competitor.
- I understand that I must attend at least five tournaments within the first semester if I wish to pass the class.
- I understand that I am considered an equal to my peers on this team, whether they be a member of speech OR debate, and that no matter how many times I place I am still not valued above or below any other individual.
- I understand that lateness, both to tournaments and to workshops, is not tolerated and if I am late or do not show to either of these, I will accept consequences.
- I understand that I will be asked to sign a contract with additional expectations in the coming week.

I have read and understand the PHS Speech Team Contract, and I/my student will abide by these expectations

Student Signature:_____

Print Name of Student_____Date_____

Signature of Parent or Guardian_____

Print Name of Parent or Guardian_____Date_____