2020 Drama

State Drama Representation
1. No more than the top 1/3, or any fraction thereof, of the entries that complete all rounds of an event at district drama will advance to State provided each qualifier received an excellent or superior rating.
2. State qualifiers shall be determined by a cumulative two or three-round ranking and rating. If a tie exists in the last qualifying position, both entries may advance.
3. Honest Effort: If a participant does not finish all rounds at District, he/she may be included in the count that determines the number of state qualifiers, provided the tournament manager determines that the non-finish was due to emergency circumstances beyond the student’s control.

District-to-state Representation
1-3 = 1 qualifier
4-6 = 2 qualifiers
7-9 = 3 qualifiers
10-12 = 4 qualifiers

Alternates
1. Alternates shall be determined at the district tournament. Each district may designate two official alternates for each event, provided they received a superior or excellent rating at the district tournament.
2. If a qualifying entry cannot attend State, an official district alternate will be entered, but will not receive redraw rights.
3. Alternates will not be entered if the number of district qualifiers exceeds allowed representation due to ties in the last qualifying position.
4. Drops shall be reported to the IHSAA and changed on the “Joy of Tournaments” website by noon on the Wednesday preceding State. Drops reported after that time will result in a fine being levied against the school (see speech arts general regulations).
5. Alternates replacing late drops will be entered up to the start of the first round at State. First choice will be the alternates from the #1 alternates’ pool and then from the #2 alternates’ pool.
6. Schools choosing to bring official district alternates to the state tournament must register them upon arrival at the tournament site.

Entry Limitations – District & State
1. At district and state tournaments, students may enter a maximum of three events as follows:
   a. two acting and one technical theatre event, or
   b. two technical theatre and one acting event
2. Students may enter an event only once.
3. At district tournaments, schools may enter a maximum of four entries per event.
4. At district tournaments, schools may enter a maximum of ten entries in any combination with a maximum of four entries per category.

State Drama Tournament Rounds / Sectioning
1. Acting events shall have two or three preliminary rounds with one judge. Three judges are used in semifinal & final rounds.
2. Technical Theatre events shall have one preliminary round with two or three judges. The final round uses three judges.
3. The number of preliminary rounds sections will depend on the total number of entries. Sectioning priorities will be followed to the extent possible:
   a. Entries will be randomly placed into sections of 5-8.
   b. Entries will not be in the same section as teammates.
   c. Entries will compete against different entries each round.
   d. Performance order should rotate each round.

Use of Materials
1. Material presented shall be appropriate for competition and public performance by high school students. A signed Principal’s Approval Form must be submitted to both district and state managers to verify the principal’s approval of all material presented by his/her students.
2. Materials and/or presentations may not be altered significantly from round to round or from district to state.
3. Contestants may not use any material that they have competitively performed at any previous years’ competition.
4. Plagiarism is prohibited. Plagiarism shall be defined as, “The practice of taking someone else’s work, performance, or ideas and passing them off as one’s own.”
5. Coaches must produce scripts and/or source materials upon request from tournament management.

Grounds for Disqualification at District and State
The following are grounds for disqualification from an event:
1. One or more rounds of “no show”
2. Violation of “Use of Materials Rules” above
3. Violation of the weapons rule
4. Use of properties in pantomime
5. Any outside assistance in any event
   a. Outside assistance is defined as: (1) any assistance given by a student, model, judge, parent or adult beyond the registered number of contestants for the individual entry once the round has begun; (2) any assistance given beyond the registered number of contestants toward the construction of required technical theatre contestants toward the construction of required technical elements for properties and costume design and (3) any application of makeup and hair prior to the application round during district and state tournaments.

Note: Judges do not disqualify competitors. Violations shall be reported to tournament manager for appropriate action. Any other rule violation shall be considered a “minor violation” and shall result in dropping one rank.

Timing Regulations
1. Timing violations in preliminary rounds will result in being dropped one rank. There are no “grace periods”.
2. Timing penalties are not given in semifinals and finals.

Evaluation Scores
Entries receive two scores from each judge:
Rank - Entries shall be evaluated against one another and ranked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc. There can be only one first, one second, and one third. All other entries shall be ranked fourth
Rate - Entries shall also be evaluated against a standard of performance and rated as Superior, Excellent, Average, or Below Average according to performance quality. Any rating may be awarded to more than one entry. “Below average” will not be used at State Drama. “6” will be the lowest rate given in semifinals or finals at State.

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Determined Advancement at State Drama
1. Semi-Finals (Acting Events)
   a. The top 16 entries from preliminary rounds will be selected by rank and rate totals (14-16 to accommodate ties).
   b. Two semi-final sections will be set by dividing the power based on preliminary rounds rank totals, and then rating totals as needed.
2. Finals
   a. (Acting Events) The top four speakers in each semi-final section will advance to the final round. Selection will be based on: 1) rank totals, 2) rating totals, 3) judge preference in the semi-final round, 4) preliminary round rank and rate totals (#2 - #4 in case of ties).
   b. (Technical Events) The top 8 (7-9 to accommodate ties) entries from preliminary rounds will advance to the final round. Selection will be based on: 1) rank totals, 2) rating totals, 3) judge preference in the preliminary round (#2, #3 in case of ties). Tech entries that advance to finals will be awarded both semi-final and final points.
   c. Final round results will be based on: 1) rank totals, 2) rating totals, 3) judge preference in the final round, 4) semi-final rank totals, 5) semi-final rate totals, 6) preliminary rounds rank totals, 7) preliminary rounds rate totals (#2 through #7, will be used in case of ties).

Determining Team Champions
1. Team winners are determined by event finish. Points listed are the maximum possible.
   1st place 5 points
   2nd place 4 points
   3rd place 3 points
2. A tie for team placement will be broken by: a) number of entries breaking to finals, b) most first place finishers, c) number of entries breaking to semi-finals, d) squad efficiency.

ACTING EVENTS
Humorous Solo Serious Solo Musical Theatre
Humorous Ensemble Serious Ensemble Pantomime
Humorous Original Serious Original Solo Audition
Musical Theatre Solo

General Rules—Acting Events
1. Makeup, costumes, and props are optional and shall not be part of the evaluation. Props are not allowed in pantomime.
2. Ensembles are composed of two actors.
3. Time limits include set-up, intro, performance and strike.
4. Competitors shall receive no outside assistance once the round has started.
5. Presentations may not contain more than 25% singing, except the Musical Theatre category.
6. Props as Weapons
   a. The use of real weapons is prohibited.
   b. Props that represent weapons must be made out of unpainted, undecorated wood, foam or cardboard and must not have moving parts, sharp points or sharp edges.
   c. All props representing firearms must be made out of unpainted, undecorated wood or cardboard.
   d. Props that represent weapons must be checked in at the tab desk immediately upon arrival by the coach.
7. Discharge of any type of dispersing machine or pyrotechnic device (i.e., fog machine, flash pot) is prohibited. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification. Airbrush equipment and aerosols may be used during the makeup process under the supervision of the assigned proctor.
8. The performance will be staged for ¾ arena or proscenium with the acting area not larger than 15 feet by 15 feet.
9. Recording of a competitor’s performance in any format, photographs or video, during the rounds is strictly prohibited.

Ensemble Acting—Humorous / Serious
Time Limits: 12 min. max
1. Scenes must be from a published, non-published, or copyrighted script* not written by a high school student. Recordings or videos shall not be used as the primary source. *Script shall refer to plays, librettos, ballets, film and television scripts, song lyrics and cuttings from literature.
2. The emphasis shall be on acting and direction rather than on technical aspects (lighting, makeup, stage setting, etc.) and may include dialogue.
3. Students may perform a cappella, or will provide recorded instrumental accompaniment without lead or backup vocals. No live instrumental accompaniment shall be allowed.
4. Students will provide their own sound equipment.
5. Song(s) must be from a single published musical script.

Solo Acting—Musical Theatre
Time Limit: 2-8 min
1. Scenes must be from a single published, non-published, or copyrighted script* not written by a high school student. Recordings or videos shall not be used as the primary source. *Script shall refer to plays, librettos, ballets, film and television scripts, song lyrics and cuttings from literature.
2. The emphasis shall be on acting, singing and movement rather than on technical aspects (lighting, makeup, stage setting, etc.) and may include dialogue.
3. The student may perform a cappella, or will provide recorded instrumental accompaniment without lead or backup vocals. No live instrumental accompaniment shall be allowed.
4. The student will provide their own sound equipment.

Solo Acting—Humorous / Serious
Time Limit: 2-8 min
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2. The student may act the part of one or more characters.

Original Acting—Humorous / Serious
Time Limits: 12 min. max - ensembles; 2-8 min. - solos
1. Original Acting selections must be written by a student or students, although not necessarily by the student(s) who are performing them.
2. The student(s) may act the part of one or more characters.
3. Ad-libbing and/or improvisation are not permitted.
4. Adaptations and paraphrases are not considered original.
**Pantomime**

**Time Limits:** 5 min. max.
1. A pantomime may include one or two contestants.
2. No properties shall be allowed. Intentional use of clothing will be considered use of properties.
3. Pre-recorded instrumental music and/or sound effects may be used.
4. No human vocal sounds, live or recorded, are allowed.
5. With the exception of “OH” and “AH”, all mouthing of words is prohibited.
6. A maximum of three black cubes (16” – 18”) may be used during the performance. The cubes may not be intentionally moved once the contestant completes the introduction.
7. A printed title and the contestant’s entry code of the presentation must be used only to introduce the piece.
8. Pantomime scripts/routines can be original or adapted from plays, librettos, ballets, film and television scripts, song lyrics and cuttings from literature.

**Solo Audition**

**Time Limits:** 5 min. max
1. The contestant acts the part of a character in each of two contrasting pieces. Choices may include serious v humorous; modern v classical; contrasting characters, etc.
2. Scenes must be from a published, non-published, or copyrighted script* not written by a high school student. Recordings or videos shall not be the primary source. *Script shall refer to plays, librettos, ballets, film and television scripts, song lyrics and cuttings from literature.

**TECHNICAL THEATRE**

Technical Theatre is composed of four categories in which contestant displays support the action on the stage.

**General Rules - Technical Theatre**

1. All technical entries must fit into an 8’x8’x10’ area and must be able to fit through a standard double door.
2. A maximum of two (2) student-contestants may design and present a single technical entry. One (1) additional high school student model may be used to model a costume design, makeup design, or property. The model may not speak in the presentation, and must be asked to move (in order to model the design) by the student-contestants.
3. Contests shall be available for interviews during the judging period and must be prepared to answer questions from the judges. Only the judges may ask questions.
4. The contestant’s presentation shall not exceed 8 minutes. Total time for each entry (including judges’ questions) shall not exceed 15 minutes.
5. Contestants must provide a summary (at least one paragraph in length) of the script and the student’s intentions in preparing the entry. The summary may be displayed or handed to the judge. The summary shall include: a) the intended mood; b) the general style of production, theatrical period; or type of stage; c) title of the script for which the entry was produced.
6. The contestant’s entry code must be displayed.
7. Props as Weapons
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**Technical Theatre Events**

1. **Scene Design:** Hand or computer-generated renderings and/or models for one script with a floor plan, or light plots, or examples of special staging effects.
2. **Costume Design:** A set of hand or computer-generated renderings (including swatches) for three characters of a script and one student-contestant constructed/asssembled costume for one of those characters. Makeup shall not be included as part of a costume.
3. **Makeup:** Hand or computer-generated renderings and/or photographs of three characters from a script and one actual completed makeup (done at the tournament) of one of those characters.
   a. Makeup must be applied at the tournament by the student-contestant in a designated public location. The makeup model must not leave the application room. The makeup area will be available three hours prior to the start of the makeup round.
   b. Application of makeup must be completed by the start of the round. Makeup may be applied to all parts of the body except the torso, defined as the area from the armpits to length of fingertips on the model’s thighs. The torso must be covered in clothing that is not see-through or flesh-toned.
   c. Hair shall be included in the makeup.
   d. Costume shall not be included as part of makeup design presentation.
4. **Properties:** A complete property plot and one or more actual student-contestant constructed properties of a produced / non-produced script. Note: Types of properties categories may include: a. stage furniture; b. set dressing; c. hand props; d. personal props; e. visual effects.