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2022 Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) Program Changes

We strive to create the best program experience for students and chaperones alike. Based on feedback from the 2021 KYA Season, the following changes will be implemented beginning in 2022.

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I. ADVISORS

- a. Starting in the 2022/23 KYA & KUNA season, communication between Advisors and Y-Staff will occur via Slack instead of GroupMe or a group text change. An email will be sent to all advisors prior to the conference to join Slack. There will also be additional help offered to join the Slack during the Advisor meeting on the first day.

II. AGENDA

- a. Fun Time Options – There will be more fun time options added to the agenda in the 2022 season. Students will **NOT** be allowed to return to their rooms during Fun.
- b. School Arrival Times – schools will be given half hour periods of time to arrive to the Crowne Plaza on the first day of the conference. These times will be created after registration closes and will be listed on each assembly page.

III. AWARDS

- a. Senior Cord Qualifications – To receive senior cords, seniors must meet the following for their single cord: attended at least 2 KYA/KUNA conferences, including the one they are at when cords are given. In order to receive the double cord, seniors must meet the requirements for the single cord **AND** have been attended at least 4 KYA/KUNA conferences and/or has been a Student Y Member for at least 4 years. **Students must be present at their senior KYA/KUNA conference to receive their cords; cords will NOT be mailed.**

IV. CANDIDATES

- a. Business Cards – Candidates will no longer be required nor allowed to bring business cards with them to the conference.

V. CAPITOL

- a. Returning in 2022 – the KYMCA is returning to the Capitol in the 2022 KYA season. The tunnel between the Capitol building and Annex is closed, so those going in-between the buildings will need to use the outside entrances for both.

VI. CHAIRS AND DOORKEEPERS

- a. Doorkeepers Returning – The doorkeeper position will be returning to KYA 2022. Schools can appoint up to ONE student to be a doorkeeper. They **MUST** attend the on-site Chair & Doorkeeper meeting that occurs before Opening Session on Day 1 to fulfill their position.
- b. Number of Appointed Chairs – delegations can appoint up to **TWO** Committee Chairs on their registration. A third Chair request can be sent to Eli Cooper (eli@kymca.org) but is not guaranteed.

VII. COVID-19 Safety

- a. General COVID-19 Safety – During the pandemic, the KYMCA is striving to keep everyone as safe as possible so we can continue to provide in-person programming. Masks will be required at conferences and a COVID questionnaire will be sent to all participants 48 hours before their conference.
- b. Visitors – Visitors will be allowed to return to the conferences this year. Visitors must sign in at the Y-Desk with a photo I.D. to receive a visitor's nametag. The advisor will need to greet them at the Y-Desk. We ask that all questions from visitors go through the advisor to Y-Staff.
- c. Spending the Night – schools will not be given the option to NOT spend the night during conferences. If there are extenuating circumstances for specific students, Y-Staff can make exceptions. If exceptions are needed, please email Rianna Ayala at rianna@kymca.org.



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VIII. DEBATE

- a. Caucus – The first caucus will be removed from debate (the caucus that occurs after the Sponsor's Opening speech). The final caucus will be reduced back to 30 seconds instead of 1 minute.
- b. Middle School Veto Policy – Starting in 2022, Middle School Governors will be allowed to veto bills passed by the House & Senate Chambers.

IX. MEALS

- a. Provided Meals – Meals provided by the KYMCA will be buffet style so students can serve themselves.
- b. Pizza Orders – pizza sales will NOT be returning.
- c. Eating in Sleeping Rooms – with permission from the advisor, students are allowed to eat meals in their sleeping rooms. The KYMCA will not be monitoring this process.
- d. Cash Line Food on Registration – to reduce food waste, the KYMCA will be getting a better count of students purchasing food for Night 1 Dinner and Day 2 Morning Breakfast, by asking on registration that advisors put an estimated amount of students that will be purchasing food at the hotel.

X. REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

- a. Individual Payment – individual payment will not be an option for delegations.
- b. Final Invoice Deadline – no changes will be made on invoices two weeks from the first day of the conference. Any changes will need to be made onsite.

XI. ROOMING

- a. Pricing of Rooms – Each delegation is allowed a limited number of rooms of three students, regardless of gender. If additional rooms of three students are requested, you will incur a fee of \$130 per additional room. Rooms of one or two students will incur a \$130 charge per room.

XII. SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- a. Supreme Court – Beginning with the 2022 KYA season, all Supreme Court program rounds will be heard and scored by student justices. The Chief Justice and 2-3 Associate Justices will hear rounds in Supreme Court Chambers at the Capitol. A separate panel of Associate Justices will preside over an additional courtroom space in the Capitol (Associate Justices will switch between the Supreme Court Chamber and the other chamber). This means all participants in the Supreme Court program will travel to the Capitol in the morning and spend their whole day of programming there. They will have lunch in the Capitol cafeteria. A schedule of rounds will be available to advisors to help them plan times to observe their student attorneys when their school's assigned Tag is present at the Capitol.
- b. Media Corps – Beginning with the 2022 KYA season, Media Corps delegates will be able to choose 1 of 4 available sections to work in: Magazine, Photography, Casting, and Social Media. Ninth graders with KYA experience will be eligible to participate in the Media Corps Program. All schools will be eligible to bring 2 Media Delegates to their KYA conference (Assistant Editors count toward that number).

XIII. VOTING

- a. Candidate Voting – voting for candidates will be done using paper ballots for all elections.
- b. High School Bluegrass & Commonwealth Voting – Bluegrass and Commonwealth students will be able to vote for all candidates who gave speeches in the General Assembly, regardless of what program they are in.