**I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of High School, hereby certify that all competing students at the 2016 GFCA First & Second Year State Championships meet all eligibility requirements as found in GFCA bylaws and listed on the tournament registration. The following criteria must be met:**

**First & Second Year Division Eligibility Rules:**

* In order for your school to attend this tournament, it must be a paid member of the Georgia Forensic Coaches Association. If you have not paid your GFCA dues, they are $75 and will be automatically added to your entry.  For more information, please visit the GFCA website.
* First Year students are defined as students competing in their first year of high school speech & debate activities. Second Year students are defined as students competing in their second year of high school speech & debate.
* In partnered events, BOTH competitors must meet this requirement.
* Students must have attended two in-state invitational tournaments in any division to be qualified for this tournament.
* Students may double-enter except in Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate and Lincoln Douglas Debate.
* Students may not enter more than two events total.
* Rules governing tabulation for the GFCA State Varsity Tournament will govern this tournament as well.

**Varsity Congressional Division Eligibility Rules:**

* Students qualified through the invitational tournament method are automatically eligible.
* For every two (2) fully qualified students to the Varsity State Championships, each member school may receive one (1) entry to the House of Representatives up to ten (10).
* Students must have attended two in-state invitationals in any division to be qualified for this tournament.
* Students may not double enter.

**I understand that any violation of the above eligibility rules will result in probationary status for my school and program.**

1st violation – School is placed on a level one State Tournament probationary status, which means they will be allowed to attend the State tournament, but not allowed to vote in elections. The status expires after a State Tournament. School will be asked to return any trophies won (or reimburse the costs of the trophies).

2nd violation – School is placed on a level two State Tournament probationary status, which means they are not allowed at large or member school bids to the State Tournament. Probationary status will remain for two GFCA State Tournaments. School will be asked to return any trophies won (or reimburse the costs of the trophies).

3rd violation – School is placed on a level three State Tournament probationary status, which means they are not allowed to compete at GFCA State Tournaments for a year. Probationary status can be reported to the school administration. School will be asked to return any trophies won (or reimburse the costs of the trophies).

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Coach Signature School Date