



2015-16 Individual Events State Tournament

On behalf of the Illinois High School Association Board of Directors, the Speech Advisory Committee, and our member schools, it is my pleasure to congratulate you for qualifying for the 2015-16 IHSA Speech State Finals. No other state in the country conducts interscholastic competition for schools like we do here in Illinois and we are thrilled that you are able to be a part of the opportunity.

First, we want you to know that we appreciate all of the work that you have put forth to be at the state finals and it is our hope that you are able to thoroughly enjoy the tournament from start to finish. A special welcome and congratulations are extended to all the participants of this year's state tournament. You should be commended for your effort, hard work and dedication which have enabled you and your school to achieve success. I also want to welcome and congratulate the coaches of all of our competing schools who have trained and prepared these students to reach this level of performance.

The IHSA believes that interscholastic activities enrich the educational experience. Here students and coaches have a chance to demonstrate the fruits of their hard work and dedication. Regardless of the outcome of events, we ask that you do your very best. As a participant you proudly represent your families, schools and communities in a very visible forum. Thank you in advance for exhibiting top qualities of sportsmanship and embracing all that can be learned through interscholastic competition.

You will see located in this packet all of the information necessary to make your trip to State as smooth as possible. We wish you the very best and trust you will enjoy your time at the IHSA Speech State Final. Feel free to call our office if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of IHSA and for being a part of the IHSA state final experience and remember, The Future Plays Here!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shaunda L. Brown".

Shaunda L. Brown
Assistant Executive Director



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Individual Events State Final Information

Venue: Peoria Civic Center, 201 S.W. Jefferson Ave., Peoria, IL 61602, 309-673-8900, www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com.

State Final Housing: Schools advancing to the State Final tournament need to make their own hotel/motel arrangements. We have included a list of hotels that have provided special rates for our tournament in this packet. It is our suggestion that you make reservations immediately upon completion of the Sectional.

Peoria Convention and Visitors Bureau: You can contact the Peoria Convention and Visitors Bureau for help in securing lodging options or to find area amenities. You can reach them at 1-800-747-0302 or www.peoria.com. They will be happy to assist you.

Maps: Enclosed are maps of the downtown Peoria area as well as the layout of the Individual Events State Final. There is also a parking map included.

Parking: School vehicles can drop teams off at the Civic Center Marquee Lot. This entrance is located on the Southwest side of the Peoria Civic Center. Drop off will be at the main entrance by the Box Office. The Marquee parking lot is available for spectator/fan parking (fee \$7.00). This lot is located off of Kumpf Boulevard. Entrance to the Individual Events State Final Tournament is located directly off of the parking lot. Parking for buses will be in the Fulton Lot. The Fulton parking lot is also available for spectator/fan parking (fee \$7.00). There is also a parking map included. Parking for buses will be in the Fulton Lot.

Registration: Upon arrival at the Peoria Civic Center teams may proceed to the Arena Concourse and coaches will need to go to registration. Registration will be located outside of the Great Hall Ballroom located on the 4th level - *Pre-function space area* - coat check area (by room 401). Once inside the Peoria Civic Center Great Hall/ Marquee Entrance, coaches can take the escalators to the top floor (4th level) for registration. Elevators are also available for accessibility. Registration will begin at noon.

Team Area: Seating will be available for schools in Exhibit Hall D.

Coaches Area: Seating for coaches throughout the tournament will be available adjacent to the student area in Exhibit Hall D.

State Final Merchandise: Souvenir merchandise will be available in Exhibit Hall D. Minerva is the official provider of state final merchandise. You can contact them at <http://www.minervapromotions.com/ihsa>.

State Final DVD: The State Final Award Performances will be available for purchase. You can purchase DVDs at www.PrepFilms.com.

Vendors: Various vendors and college representatives will be located in Exhibit Hall D.

Concessions: Throughout the tournament, concessions will be available adjacent to the Verizon wireless café just outside of Exhibit Hall D (lower level).

Security: The Peoria Civic Center or the IHSA are not responsible for loss of property.

Media: Contact Matt Troha, Assistant Executive Director, IHSA Office, (309) 663-6377.

Awards: The Speech State Final Awards Performances will take place in the Grand Ballroom at 5:45 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2016. Doors will open immediately following the completion of the last round of competition. Admission is free.

Performance Order: The performance order for the Individual Events State Final will be posted on the IHSA website by 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 15, 2016.



Individual Events State Final Time Schedule

Friday

12:00 – 1:00 pm Registration

12:45 Radio and Extemp Prep. for Round I, Sec. A

1:30 Round I, Sec. A

2:15 Radio and Extemp Prep. for Round I, Sec. B

3:00 Round I. Sec. B

3:45 Radio and Extemp Prep. for Round I, Sec. C

4:30 Round I, Sec. C

Saturday

7:45 Radio and Extemp Prep. for Round II, Sec. A

8:30 Round II, Section A

9:00 Radio and Extemp Prep. for Round II, Sec. B

9:45 Round II, Section B

10:15 Radio and Extemp Prep. for Round II, Sec. C

11:00 Round II, Sec. C

1:30 FINALS: Dramatic Duet Acting, Humorous Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking, Oratorical Declamation, Original Comedy, Oratory, Prose Reading.

2:15 Radio and Extemp Prep. for Finals

3:15 FINALS: Dramatic Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Duet Acting, Informative Speaking, Poetry Reading, Radio Speaking, Special Occasion Speaking.

5:45 AWARDS ASSEMBLY

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2016 IHSA INDIVIDUAL EVENTS STATE HOTEL LIST

Embassy Suites- \$145 per night

100 Conference Center Drive
East Peoria, IL 61611
PHONE: 309-694-0200
Includes daily cook to order breakfast
Cutoff date for reservations at this rate is Feb. 15, 2016.
Website: www.embassysuiteseastpeoria.com

Mark Twain Hotel- \$129-\$139 per night

225 NE Adams St.
Peoria, IL 61602
PHONE: 1-866-325-6351
Breakfast buffet included
Reference the IHSA State Speech Tournament when making reservation

SpringHill Suites –Marriott - \$119.00 per night

2701 W. Lake Ave.
Peoria, IL 61615-3713
PHONE: 309-681-2700
Hot breakfast buffet, and free wi fi included

Fairfield Inn & Suites- \$109 per night

200 Eastlight Court
East Peoria, IL 61611
PHONE: 309-699-4100

Courtyard by Marriott - \$105 per night

1928 West War Memorial Drive
Peoria, IL 61614
PHONE: 309-686-1900

Hampton Inn and Suites Peoria Grand Prairie \$129 per night

7806 N. Route 91
Peoria, IL 61615
309-589-0001

Baymont Inn and Suites-\$74 per night

2002 W. War Memorial Drive
Peoria, IL 61614
309-686-7600

Hampton Inn - \$114.00 per night

11 Winners Way
East Peoria, IL 61611
PHONE: 309-694-0711
Cutoff date for this rate is Feb. 13, 2016
Reference the IHSA state speech tournament

Wingate by Wyndham - \$119.00 per night

7708 State Route 91
Peoria, IL 61615
PHONE: 309-589-0033

AmericInn - \$109.90 per night

9106 North Lindbergh Drive
Peoria, IL 61615
PHONE: 309-692-9200
Rate includes breakfast
Cutoff date for this rate is Feb. 14, 2016
Refer to IHSA Speech Tournament when making reservation

Quality Inn & Suites- \$104.99 per night for double (\$5 for each extra person)

4112 N. Brandywine Drive
Peoria, IL 61614
309-685-2556
Breakfast included
Reference the IHSA State Speech Tournament

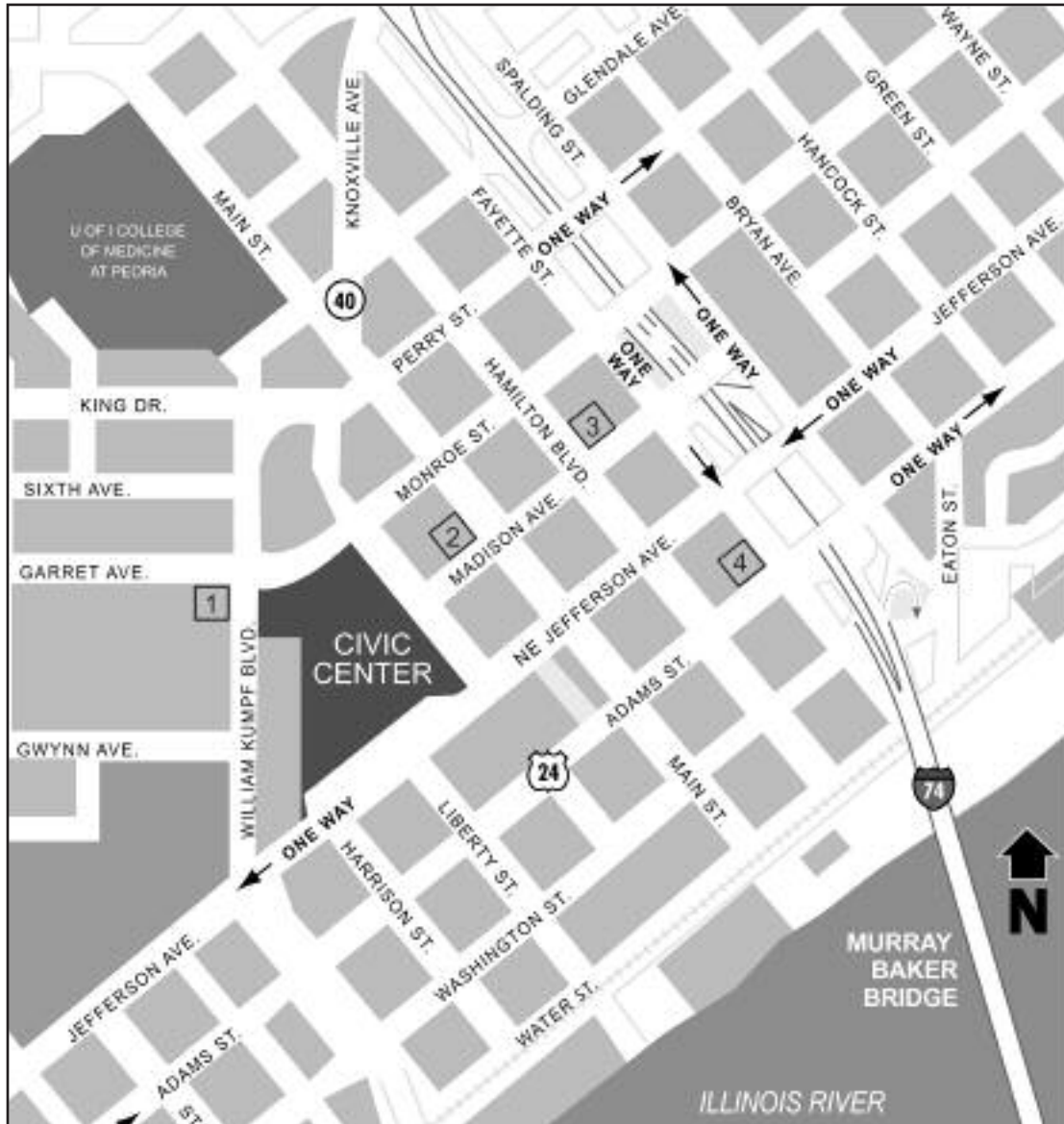
Holiday Inn & Suites East Peoria-\$129

101 Holiday Street
East Peoria, IL 61611
1-800-465-4329
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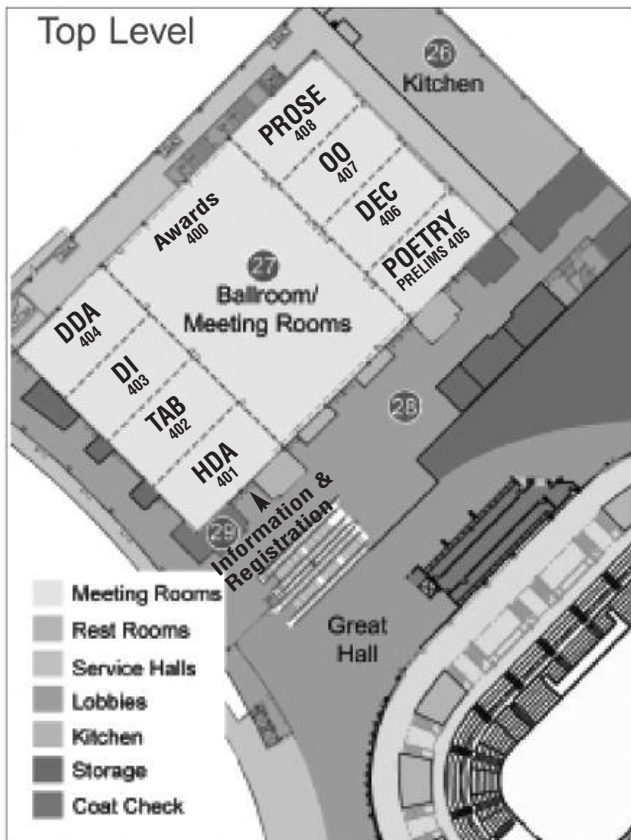
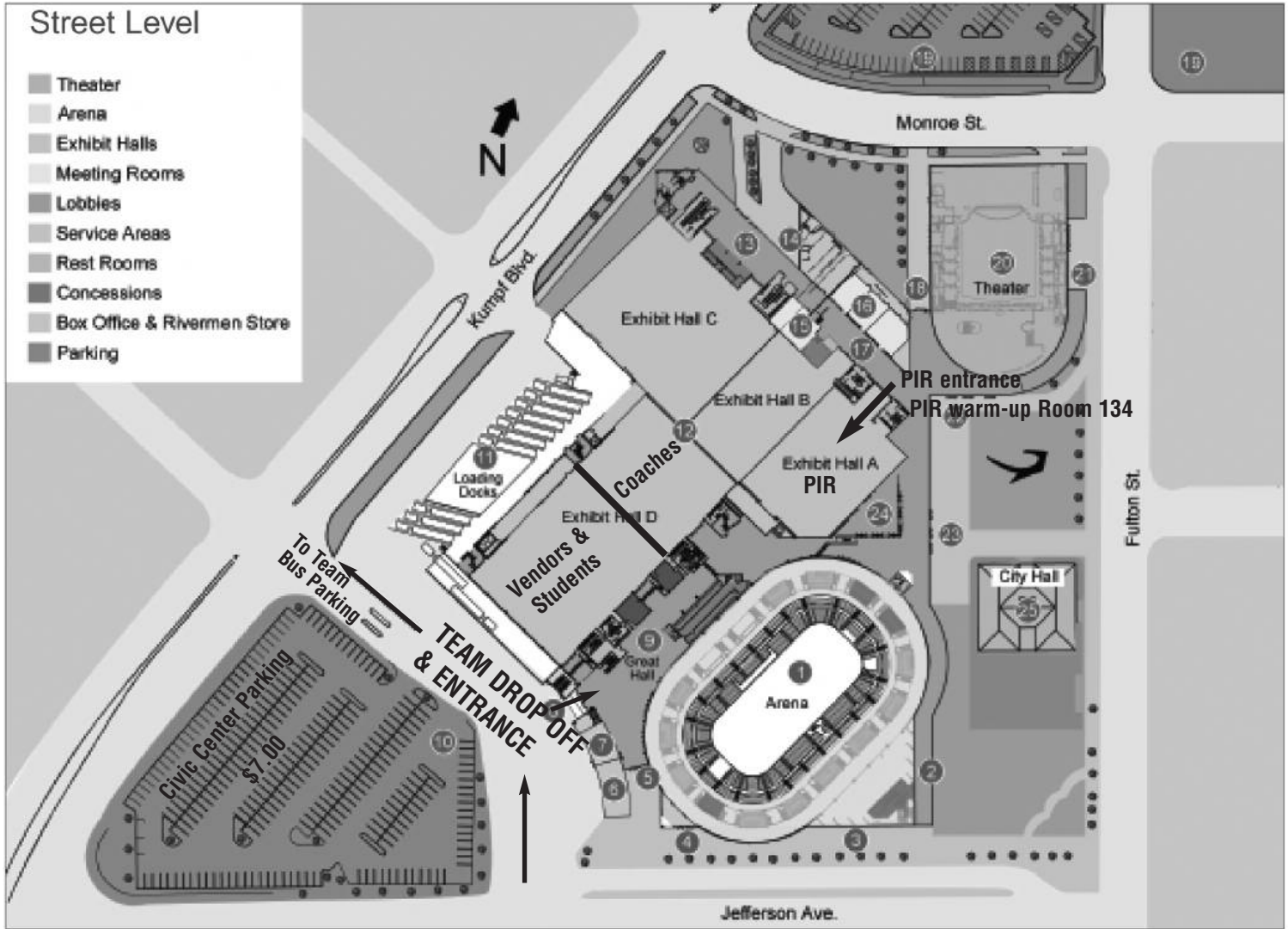
Country Inn & Suites-\$114

5309 W. Landens Way
Peoria, IL 61615
309-589-0044

PEORIA AREA MAPS



Peoria Civic Center • IHSA Speech State Finals



FINDING YOUR WAY

Street Level

- Arena
- Arena Entrance
- Arena Entrance
- Arena VIP Entrance
- Great Hall Entrance
- Peoria Rivermen Hockey Team Store
- Box Office
- Box Office Entrance
- Great Hall
- Marquee Parking Lot
- Loading Docks
- Exhibit Halls
- Terrazzo Lobby
- Terrazzo Entrance

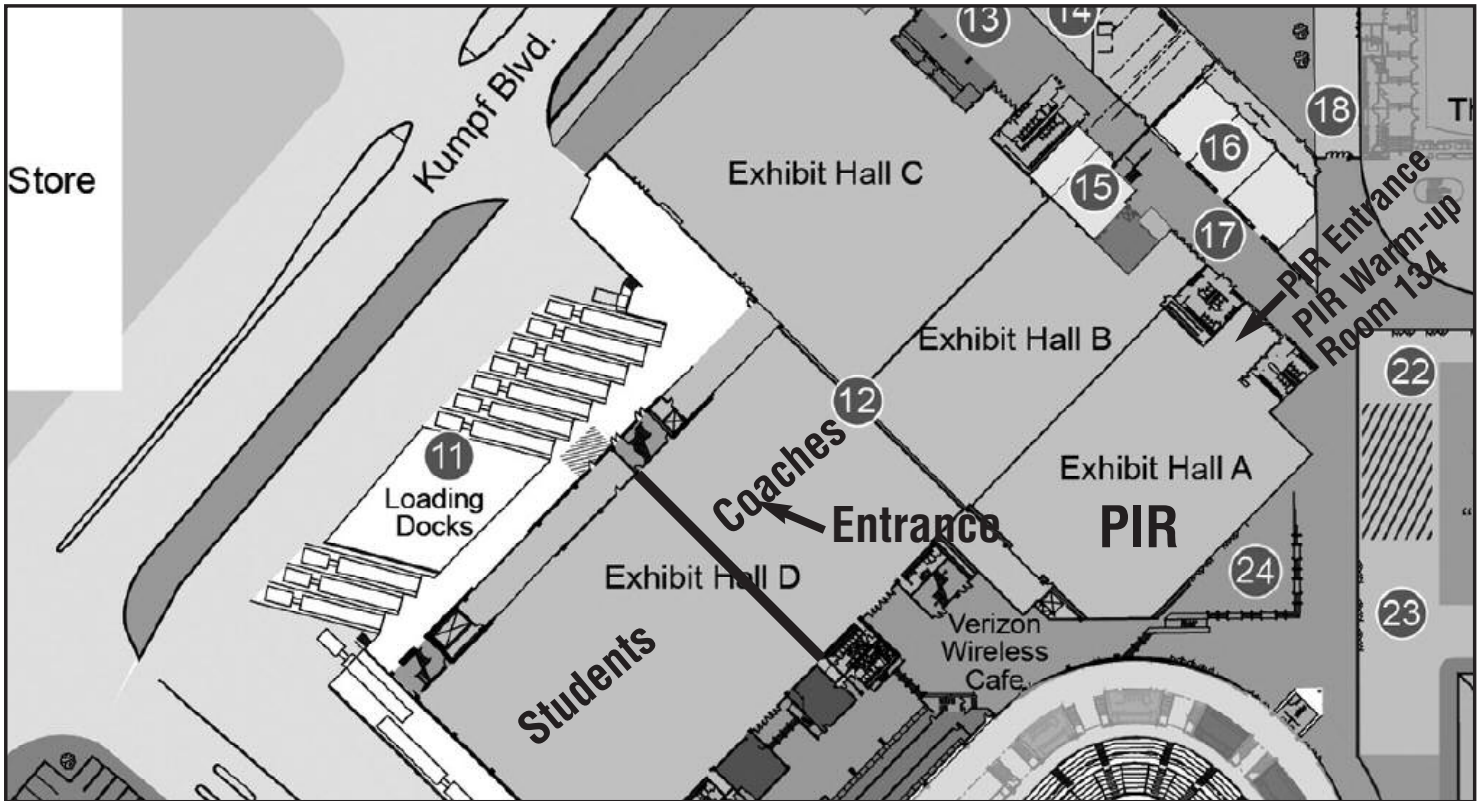
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- Meeting Rooms
- Skylight Lobby
- Monroe Theater Entrance
- Fulton Parking Lot
- Theater
- Fulton Theater Entrance
- Skylight Lobby Entrance
- Triangle Lobby Entrance
- Triangle Lobby
- City Hall

Top Level

- Kitchen
- Ballroom / Meeting Rooms
- Pre-function Space
- Coat Check

TOURNAMENT AREAS

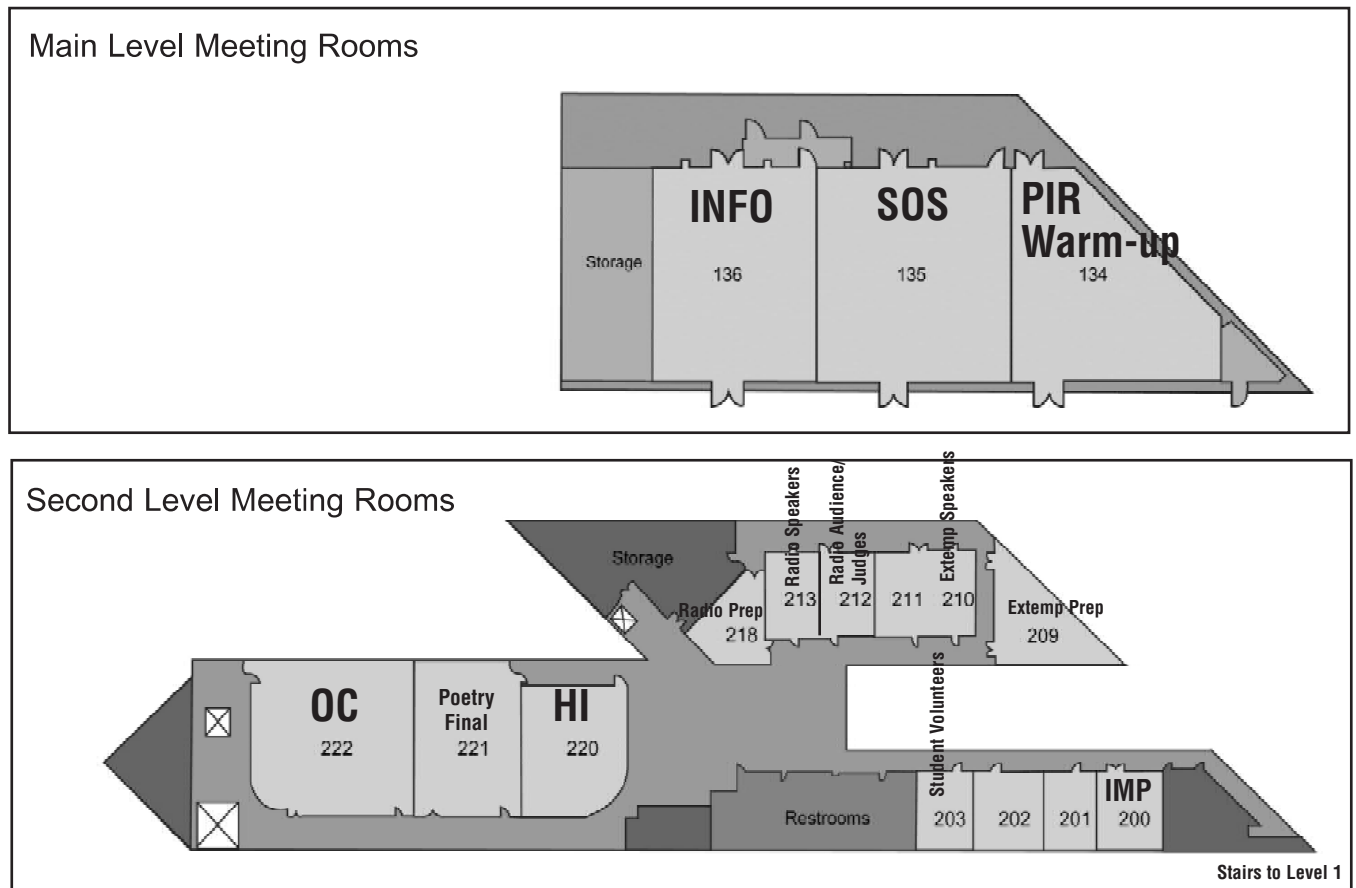


COMPETITION ROOMS

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The Peoria Civic Center features 17,000 sq. ft. of meeting space in addition to the Ballroom. These 16 rooms are located on the first and second levels and vary in size with seating from 10 - 1,000 people with access available via stairs and elevators.



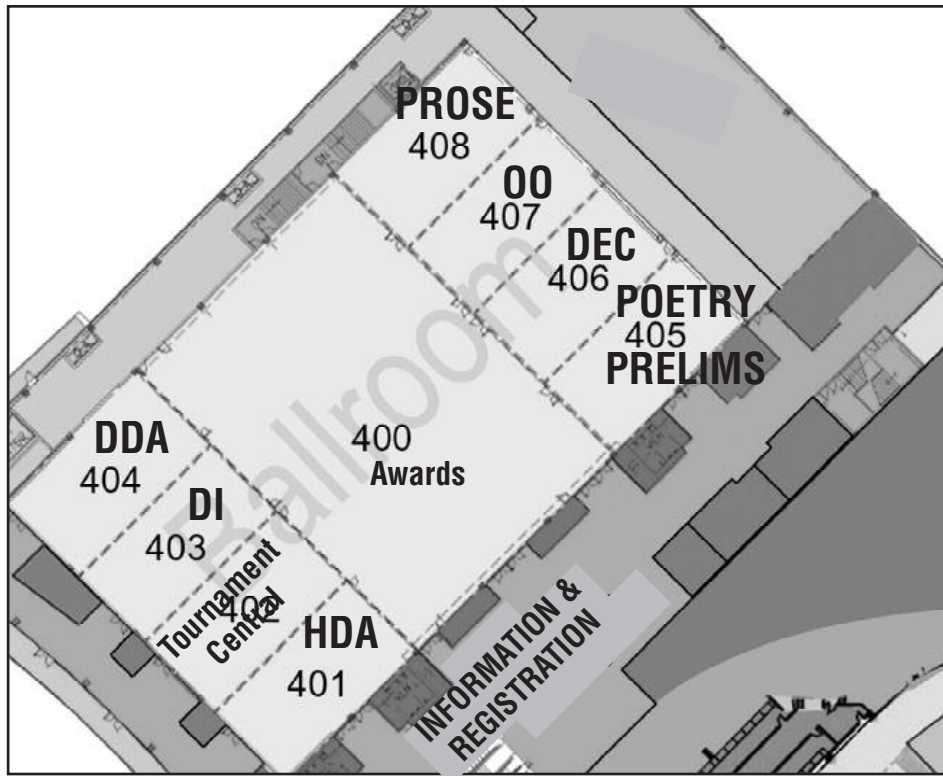
REGISTRATION/COMPETITION ROOMS

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PEORIA CIVIC CENTER®

The Ballroom is located on the 4th level of the Peoria Civic Center. This high finish room will seat up to 1,600 for a banquet or break into nine separate meeting rooms. The ceiling height varies from 23' to 25' and is easily accessible by stairs, escalators and elevators. The pre-function space features a coat check, green room, and an outdoor balcony offering a panoramic view of downtown Peoria.



DOWNTOWN PEORIA



DOWNTOWN PEORIA PARKING LOCATIONS

*Some restrictions apply
Blue - Topped meters =
10 hour parking

PARKING	SPACES	PARKING	SPACES	PARKING	SPACES
1 Commerce Bank Deck.....	480	11 Chase Deck	306	21 River Station Lot	58
2 Associated Bank Deck.....	600	12 National City Bank Deck.....	375	22 RiverPlex Lot	405
3 Twin Towers Garage.....	531	13 Mark Twain Hotel	130	23 Gateway Bldg Lot	25
4 Madison Street lot #2*.....	150	14 Four Points by Sheraton	480	24 Fayette/MonroeLot*	40
5 Hamilton Square Deck.....	425	15 Civic Center Fulton Lot.	514	25 Michel-West Lot	80
6 Niagara Deck.....	305	16 Liberty/Edgewtr/Michel	373	26 CAT Lot*.....	308
7 Jefferson Avenue Deck.....	665	17 Riverfront Village.....	162	27 Hamiton/Water St. Lot	20
8 Caterpillar/City lot.....	160	18 Becker Bldg Office Deck.....	200	28 Spalding/Madison St. Lot*....	120
9 One Technology Plaza	1,150	19 Civic Center Marquee Lot.....	231	29 Peoria Riverfront Museum... 132	
10 City Center Plaza deck.....	155	20 Washington Deck	436	Underground Garage	

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Registration	Second level of the Great Hall
Information/Tournament Center	Lobby Area (Coat Check)
Tabulation/State committee room	Room 402
Volunteers/Timers & Room Chairs.....	Room 400
Coaches Hospitality	Exhibit Hall D
Team Holding Area	Exhibit Hall D
Concessions/Vendors	Exhibit Hall D
Hired Judges Lounge	Lexus Club
Awards	Room 400

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Dramatic Duet Acting	Room 404
Dramatic Interpretation	Room 403
Extemporaneous Speaking	Room 210
Extemporaneous Speaking Prep Room	Room 209
Humorous Duet Acting.....	Room 401
Humorous Interpretation.....	Room 220
Impromptu Speaking.....	Room 200
Informative Speaking	Room 136
Oratorical Declamation.....	Room 406
Original Oratory.....	Room 407
Original Comedy.....	Room 222
Poetry Reading	Room 405 *
Prose Reading.....	Room 408
Radio Speaking-Audience/Judges	Room 212
Radio Speaking-Speaker	Room 213
Radio Speaking Prep Room	Room 218
Special Occasion Speaking	Room 135

Performance in the Round Warm Up and Prep Room	Room 134
Performance in the Round.....	Exhibit Hall A

*Note: Room 221 for Finals

FINAL ROUNDS

Final Round Warm Up and Prep Room	Room 134
Performance in the Round: Final Round.....	Exhibit Hall A

1:30 p.m. FINALS ON SATURDAY

Dramatic Duet Acting	Room 404
Humorous Interpretation.....	Room 220
Impromptu Speaking.....	Room 200
Oratorical Declamation.....	Room 406
Original Oratory.....	Room 407
Original Comedy.....	Room 222
Prose Reading.....	Room 408

3:15 p.m. FINALS ON SATURDAY

Dramatic Interpretation	Room 403
Extemporaneous Speaking	Room 210
Extemporaneous Speaking Prep Room	Room 209
Humorous Duet Acting.....	Room 401
Informative Speaking	Room 136
Poetry Reading	Room 221 *
Radio Speaking-Audience/Judges	Room 212
Radio Speaking-Speaker	Room 213
Radio Speaking-Prep Room	Room 218
Special Occasion Speaking	Room 135

*Note: Room change from prelims

IF YOU ARE COMING FROM:

Chicago (From the North)

Take I-55 South to I-74 West. Take Exit 94B in East Peoria. This fly-over ramp will connect you with the Bob Michel Bridge. Go across the bridge into Peoria and continue straight ahead through three stoplights. At the fourth stoplight, turn right onto Monroe Street. Then turn right onto Fulton Street. Turn right at the first stoplight onto Jefferson Avenue. **The drop off lane will be located on the right side of the road.**

Indiana/Bloomington (From the East)

Take I-74 West to Exit 94B in East Peoria. This fly-over ramp will connect you with the Bob Michel Bridge. Go across the bridge into Peoria and continue straight ahead through three stoplights. At the fourth stoplight, turn right onto Monroe Street. Then turn right onto Fulton Street. Turn right at the first stoplight onto Jefferson Avenue. **The drop off lane will be located on the right side of the road.**

St. Louis (From the South)

Take I-55 North to 155 North in Lincoln to I-74 West. Take I-74 West to Exit 94B in East Peoria. This fly-over ramp will connect you with the Bob Michel Bridge. Go across the bridge into Peoria and continue straight ahead through three stoplights. At the fourth stoplight, turn right onto Monroe Street. Then turn right onto Fulton Street. Turn right at the first stoplight onto Jefferson Avenue. **The drop off lane will be located on the right side of the road.**

Iowa/Galesburg (From the West)

Take I-74 East to the Downtown Peoria Glen Oak exit (Exit 92B). Go straight through the first stoplight, then turn right as road curves and becomes Glendale Ave. Continue straight ahead through two stoplights as Glendale becomes Kumpf. Turn left onto Monroe Street. Then turn right onto Fulton Street. Turn right at the first stoplight onto Jefferson Avenue. **The drop off lane will be located on the right side of the road.**

West to East

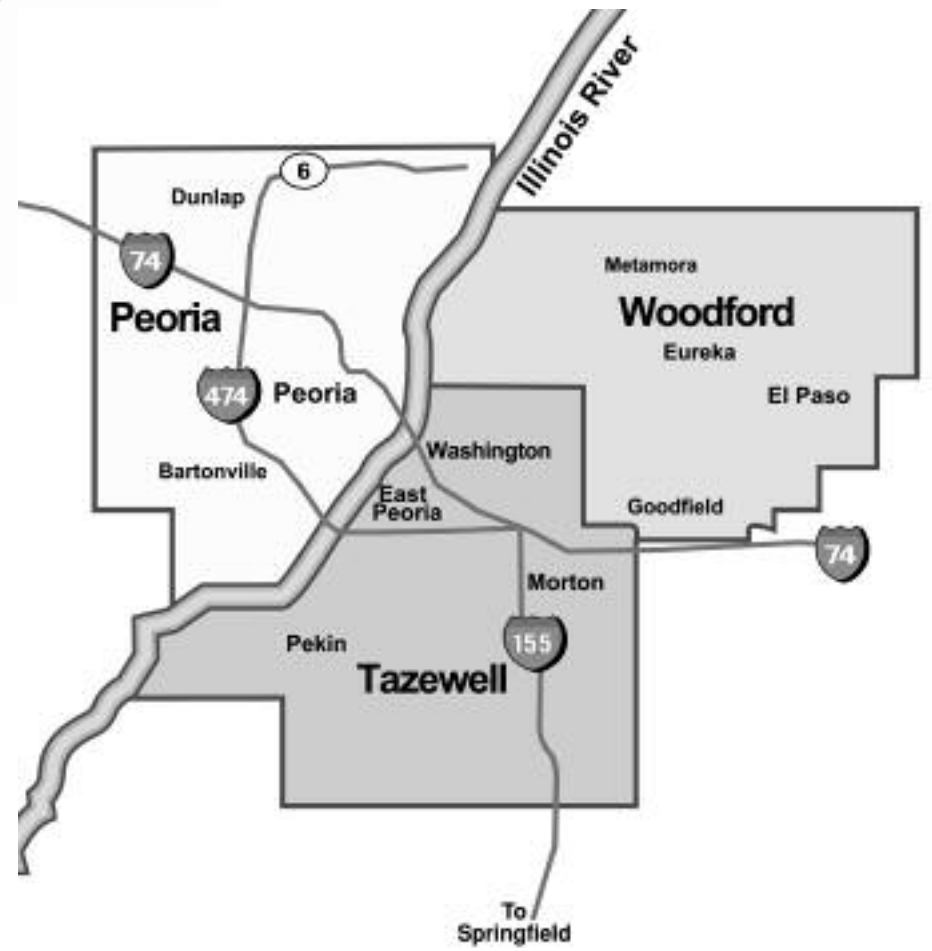
Take 24 East to Adams St. At Kumpf St. make a left. The Peoria Civic Center is the 2nd stoplight on the right-hand side.

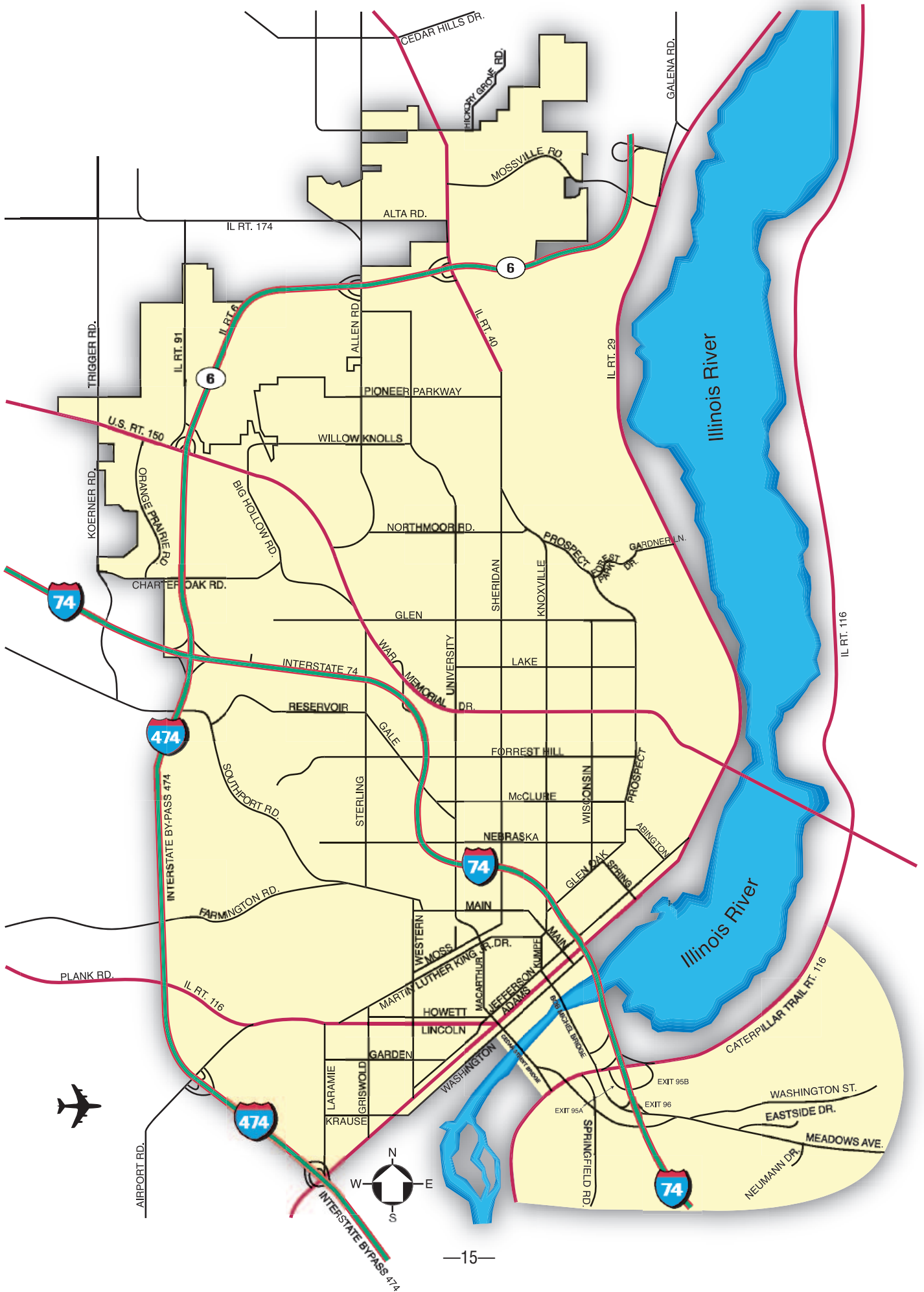
East to West

Take 29 West or 24 West to Adams St. to Jefferson St. Pass I-74 overpass. The Peoria Civic Center is five stoplights down on your right.

PEORIA AREA MAPS

Peoria is nestled in a scenic river valley, halfway between Chicago and St. Louis in Central Illinois. The city offers unique accommodations, outstanding restaurants, and unprecedented service for meetings and conventions.







Speech State Finals Awards Presentation Procedures

Immediately following the completion of the final rounds, all schools/fans/spectators should proceed to the 4th floor Ballroom of the Peoria Civic Center for the State Final Awards Performances. The awards performances will proceed as follows:

1. Opening comments – IHSA
2. Welcomes, Introductions and Acknowledgements – IHSA
3. ISTA recognition for nominated retiring coaches – ISTA representative
4. Individual Awards – Master of Ceremonies
 - a. Performance in the Round 3rd-1st place schools are announced. The first place team performs.
 - b. The finalist in all 14 individual events will be asked to come to the on deck staging area alphabetically by event.
 - c. 6-1st individual event place winners will be announced. When the school, student name and placement are announced the student should step forward to receive their IHSA medallion. The student can then exit the stage where photo opportunities are available. The State Champion will briefly exit the stage to be hooked to a wireless microphone for the State Championship performance.
 - d. The IHSA Board of Directors representative will drape the individual event students with their medal on stage. ISTA nominated retiring coaches will also be offered the opportunity to award students.
 - e. Each event will follow the same procedure. Students may return to their original seats after the event state champion performs.
5. Team Awards – Master of Ceremonies
 - a. 3rd-1st place schools are announced.
 - b. If present, the school administration: Superintendent, Principal, Activities Director should proceed to the stage with the team and coaching staff.
 - c. The head coach will be offered the opportunity to award students medals.

Schools are reminded to practice the best of sportsmanship and follow all of the guidelines for audience etiquette during the state final awards performances.

Team exit packets will be available in the Room 400 at the conclusion of awards.