

# ISATA Executive Board Meeting May 2021

## IHSAA Report – Julie Hammons

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### State Tournaments

- Debate      March 12-13; Virtual  
                 Kyra Mauney, Manager  
                 Entries: Pol 12 (-14), LD 48 (-12), PF 32 (-14), CD 47 (-3)  
                 34 schools (-2)            183 students (-71)
- Speech      April 9-10; Virtual  
                 Kara Smith, Tracey Vaughan and Colleen Hall, Managers  
                 41 schools (-6)            258 students (-97)

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### 2021-2022

- Drama      Dec 3-4, 2021  
                 Site: District III  
                 Host: TBD  
                 Mgr. TBD
- Debate      March 11-12, 2022  
                 Site: District III  
                 Host: TBD  
                 Mgr. TBD
- Speech      April 8-9, 2022  
                 Site: Highland High School  
                 Host: Jett Smith  
                 Mgr. TBD

- Rotation Schedule

### IHSAA News

- Refund of entry fees for drama and debate
- ISATA rules' change proposals and IHSAA Board Action
  - 5.5 Octafinal Debate Bracket
  - Add a sub-point: 5.5B to read:
    - "If sixteen or less entries qualify for the state tournament in a single debate event, entries will receive "octafinalist points" toward sweepstakes if they advance to the semi-final round. In this case, the octafinal round will not occur."
- NFHS Learn courses ([www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com))
  - Theatre Safety \*NEW
  - Speech and Debate Festival Management Course

### Areas of Concern

- Gender discrimination in competitive speech arts
- Collegiality amongst speech and debate coaches; regional philosophical differences
- Coach turnover rate