

# **Emergency Cancellation Policy** **for Regional & State Competitions**

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In the event of extreme weather conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances, the State Director has the sole responsibility to determine whether or not a competition(s) can be held.

If roads are declared unsafe to travel, a competition site(s) may be cancelled. In the case of a Regional Competition cancellation, the site Regional Coordinator and affected teams will be notified of the State Director's decision immediately.

***For a variety of reasons, a Regional Competition cannot be rescheduled.***

For teams (unable to compete due to a site cancellation) to be considered for State Competition advancement, their coach will be required to make immediate arrangements for the entire team to take the six written Regional tests within two school days — upon verified receipt of test materials — following the originally scheduled competition.

All team members will take the tests together at a designated time and be proctored by a school representative, unaffiliated with the team. The results of those tests, along with the previously written essay component, will be used to determine advancement to the state meet.

The Regional Coordinators of those sites that are able to go on as scheduled will run their competitions as per normal. They will be informed of any site cancellation(s) and be instructed to run two sets of results — one with the speech and interview components which will be used for their regional site awards, and the second without those components which will be used to determine State Competition advancement.

Local weather conditions may force individual school districts to withdraw from the competition. If their assigned Regional (and/or State) Competition goes on as scheduled, those individual schools, unable to attend, will not be eligible to take the tests at a later date.

If extreme weather, or other unforeseen circumstances, lead to the cancellation of the State Competition, the highest scoring team among all Regional competitors will be deemed State Champion and go on to represent Wisconsin at the National Competition.

