**Change of Region Policy**

Teams are assigned to a Regional Tournament as indicated by the county in which the school resides. In the past there have been exceptions depending on the distance between the school and the tournament site. We have also shifted teams when a given region is full or overloaded. A school may compete in a different region from that assigned if given permission by the State Director. This should be requested at registration time in the Fall.

Once registered if there is a conflict that occurs which keeps a school from competing at their registered Regional Tournament site, they may request to go to another region. If there is space available. To go to a different regional tournament, they must apply to and be approved by the State Director. This request must be filed with the State Director before December 31st.

In each of these cases above, the team will have all rights as afforded to any team in that they qualify for medals, the proper team rankings and trophies, and the ability to qualify for the State Tournament.

If a school cannot compete in their assigned Regional Tournament at the last minute (i.e. school emergencies, school closings due to snow, etc.) then they may be permitted to compete at another regional tournament. This depends on whether there is space available and the approval of the State Director.

**Effective May 2017**