

Time has come to start planning for next season's speech and debate activities. As we grow and receive more requests for membership, it is necessary to know in advance who from our current membership will be returning in order to determine if we have the room to accept new members. It is, of course, our desire to provide the first opportunity to current members. Our membership renewal procedure allows for that, while at the same time providing a means upon which to receive applications from potential new members in an orderly fashion. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our plans and our membership requirements so that you can determine if they are compatible with your needs and your schedule for the upcoming season.

✦ Club sessions will be held at the following times on Mondays at Conestoga Mennonite Church:

- IE Track: 5 pm to 7 pm
- Debate Track: 7 pm to 9:30 pm
- Junior Track: 5 pm to 7:30 pm
- Little Stars/Nursery: 5 pm – 9:30 pm, as determined by membership needs

✦ All IE students will be required to participate in the Apologetics sessions. It is not necessary for them to compete, but they must participate in the instruction and compilation of information during club sessions and workshops for the first half of the season.

✦ Coordinators and instructors for next season will be as follows:

- Club Coordinator, Jennifer Grant
- Apologetics, Kathy Gieg
- Extemp, Pam Hopkins
- Junior Track Coordinator, Kelly Bower
- Club Administrator, Kerry Grant

✦ We are looking to fill other areas of responsibility that are currently open and need to be filled by our members. These areas are listed on the back of the Membership Renewal Form. As an experienced member, you will be expected to serve in at least one of the capacities listed there, as well as attend all club sessions with your student. Please be sure to complete this section on the back side of your Membership Renewal Application form.

CCofPA Membership Renewal Procedure

Submission of the Membership Renewal Application with a non-refundable \$50 deposit will secure your membership for the next season. We will begin accepting applications for new members on June 15th for the following year based on the number of Membership Renewal Applications we receive from former members; therefore, although this application can be submitted at any time, receipt of your Membership Renewal Application along with the \$50 deposit should be received by May 30th in order to secure your membership. After that date, all applications will be received on a first-come, first-served basis.

The final payment for Membership Renewals will be due on July 30th. Any renewals received after that date will be subject to a \$50 late fee. Full payment must be received in order to attend club meetings. If anyone should need to make partial payments for this Membership Renewal, arrangements may be made in advance, with final payment due by the July 30th deadline.

Club fees for the 2007-08 season are as follows:

Family Membership	\$150 base fee
Competitive IE/Extemp Tracks (12-18).....	add \$50 per student
Competitive Debate Tracks (Team Policy/LD) (12-18)	add \$50 per student
Junior Track (8-12, must read).....	add \$50 per student
Little Stars (5-7)	add \$15 per student
Nursery (0-4).....	add \$10 per child
Late Fee	add \$50 per family

When filling out the Membership Renewal Application, please include ALL participating children, including those in Little Stars and Nursery. We need this information to adequately plan for the classes in each track and purchase necessary materials. Various documents are attached for your information; however, please read, sign, and submit **ONLY** the following forms with your Membership Renewal Application:

- Membership Renewal Application (1 per family)
- Parental Responsibility Agreement (1 per family)
- Student Member Agreement (1 per student in Competitive Track only)
- Debate Evidence & Information Exchange Standards (1 per debater only)
- Statement of Faith (1 per attending parent)
- Emergency Medical Release (1 per student, all tracks)

All membership applications are subject to the review and acceptance of the Club Administrator. Applications for renewals may be denied on the basis of prior non-compliance with CCofPA policies and guidelines. **Please take heed of the registration deadline, as there will be a \$50 late fee charged without exception.**

Debate Club Prerequisite

If you are planning for a new student to be involved in the Debate Club, he or she will be required to pass an elementary debate theory assessment as a prerequisite membership. Basic debate theory classes will be scheduled this summer for the purpose of teaching the information new students will need to pass such an assessment. These classes will be held September 17th–21st at Morgantown Community Church. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested. Although attendance in this particular class is not mandatory, please note that we do not plan to accept any new students into Debate Club this coming season who have not passed the debate assessment beforehand.

Getting Started

We will be scheduling a mandatory "Getting Started" meeting at 6:30 pm on September 24th at Conestoga Mennonite Church. Not only will we be discussing guidelines and activities for the upcoming season, but we will also be welcoming new members into our club and helping them to become familiar with our organization and us as individuals. Our weekly club meetings will begin the following Monday.

If you have any questions, let me know.

Love in Christ,
Kerry