

Formal Complaint Form to Object to Material Being Performed by High School Forensic Competitors

- Who may file this form? Any fellow competitor, any coach, any judge, or any observer who finds the material performed in an interpretation round objectionable may file a formal complaint by obtaining, from the tournament director, this official CHSAA form which outlines the procedure.
- The grievance must be based upon a firsthand observation by the person filing the formal complaint.
- The form must be filled out completely and specifically. The complainant must provide a name, a phone number, and an address. No grievances may be filed anonymously.
- Procedure: This grievance may be given to the tournament director or it may be mailed to the **Colorado High School Activities Office at 14855 East Second Avenue, Aurora, CO 80011, Attn: Commissioner in Charge of Speech & Debate**. If filed with a tournament director, that director must forward the form to CHSAA within two business days. After CHSAA receives this grievance, they will 1) Contact the coach of the student about whom the grievance is filed, 2) Send a copy to the principal of the student about whom the grievance is filed and 3) Send a copy to the principal of the school who filed the complaint.

Philosophy: The Colorado Speech & Debate community believes that complaints involving appropriateness of material being presented by high school students is a local rather than a state issue. Different communities uphold and adhere to different standards. Therefore, by informing the local principal of the complaint, that principal will address the issue based on his/her community's standards. Furthermore, while we support the right to free speech for students, we also understand that Speech and Debate is an educational activity that is financed in part with public money. Because of this, we also support this grievance process which ensures that competing students are adhering to the standards of their educational communities.

Date: _____ Tournament: _____

Tournament Director whom I informed: _____

If the tournament director was not informed, why? _____

Name and school of the student about whom I am filing this grievance _____

Event in which the student was competing _____

Name of the piece the student was performing _____

My **SPECIFIC** complaint _____

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Phone Number _____

Mailing Address _____

School I represent or am affiliated with _____