

Region 3 Tournament
March 20, 2010 - Ayer Public Schools
141 Washington St., Ayer, MA

Dear Regional Appraiser;

Welcome and thank you for volunteering to make the Region 3 Tournament in Ayer a memorable one for all of our teams and their families. I take very seriously our mission of providing the best tournament we can for our 98 teams, because we realize that this may be the only DI tournament most of these teams will participate in this year.

I also want to make the Region 3 tournament the best experience I can for all of our officials and volunteers. I am providing you with answers to some of the most frequently asked questions for our tournament. If you have any additional questions, do not hesitate to ask. I look forward to working with you and again, thank you so much for volunteering your time.

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When do I arrive?

Please arrive early enough to meet with your appraisal team, about 1/2 to 1 hour prior to your first team performance. The head appraiser for your site will be calling you the week of the tournament and will verify what time you should be at the tournament. Coffee, donuts, muffins, etc. will be available in the Appraisers' Room beginning at 7:00 AM. The Appraisers' Room is located in the AHS building, room 125 - in the hallway behind the AHS Auditorium. Please come and get a quick bite and some coffee, then report to your appraising site.

Where do I park?

Parking will be at a premium at this tournament. We will reserve some spaces for Officials in the Central Parking Lot, directly outside the AHS/AMS building. Please post your "Official" sheet on your dashboard. It would be helpful if you could carpool.

Where do I go?

Upon arriving, you'll want to go to the appraisers' room to get some breakfast pastries and coffee. When you leave your car in the central lot, stand with the football field on your right. You will see an awning - go into this entrance. Straight ahead is the auditorium. There is a hallway to your right - room 125 is in this hallway. Once you've gotten some morning refreshments, you'll want to report to your appraisal site.

What do I need to bring?

Bring a positive attitude, a well-rested body and a Creative Hat to wear. (At least something casual and humorous to relax the kids.) No need to bring a lunch. You will be our guests at an Appraisers' Luncheon during your appraisal team's lunch break. Clipboards, timers, calculators, etc., are provided.

What do I wear?

Dress comfortably and flexibly. You will be standing quite a lot. Wear comfortable shoes. The temperature in our performance areas varies greatly, because there will be so many people in and out of each performance site. Be sure to wear clothing you can layer or be flexible with.

When can I go home?

You will need to stay until all your teams have finished and all the scores have been sent. Your appraisal team will meet after all the teams have performed to determine any special awards your team might want to nominate. Of course, you are strongly encouraged to remain for Closing Ceremonies where you can enter your hat in the Annual Appraisers' Hat Contest and celebrate with all the teams their creative accomplishments.

We hope you enjoy this wonderful experience! Make it a great day!
(See other side for directions and parking pass)

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Directions to:
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1. From the east or west, take Route 2 to 495.
From the north or south, take 495.

From either 495N or 495S, you will take Exit 30, "Littleton/Ayer Exit".

Take a left at the end of the ramp. You'll go about 4.5 to 5 miles on route 2A West. When you get to the traffic circle or rotary in Ayer, stay on 2A West (take the exit just past McDonald's). Take Route 2A West to the center of Ayer. From the railroad bridge overpass you will descend into the Ayer business district. About 100 yards up from the bottom of the bridge, on the right, is Washington Street. Look for the Hospital sign (blue with white "H"). Take a right onto Washington Street. You will ascend a large hill. The school complex is at the top, on the right, with a large central parking lot.

2. From points west on 2A, (Shirley, Lunenburg, Fitchburg)

Follow 2A East into the center of Ayer. Take the left when you reach Main Street. Go only about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Take a left onto Washington Street. You will ascend a large hill. The school complex is at the top, on the right, with a large central parking lot.

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PASS

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