The conflict pattern is not mandated, but it will be honored at all regional meets. Districts are also urged to use the conflicts in setting a schedule for their meets. Regional schedules will not be modified to allow participation in conflicting events.

SESSION I [3 hours]

The following events may begin at the same time: prose, poetry, Lincoln-Douglas debate, ready writing, computer applications and current issues & events. Calculator applications, number sense and computer applications may not be held at the same time. Students may also participate in both current issues & events and computer applications at district so long as they are set up and do not delay the start of the computer applications contest. CISE and Computer Applications conflict at region and State. Number sense conflicts with current issues & events, ready writing and prose/poetry interpretation.

SESSION II [2.5 hours]

The following events may be begin at the same time: informative speaking, persuasive speaking, spelling & vocabulary, literary criticism, science and accounting. News writing and feature writing may not be held at the same time. Note: persuasive speaking finals and computer science programming may conflict.

SESSION III [2 hours]

The following events may be held at the same time: mathematics, social studies, prose, poetry and Lincoln-Douglas debate. Editorial writing and headline writing may not be held at the same time. Computer science and mathematics may not be held at the same time.

SESSION IV [2 hours]

The following events may begin at the same time: informative speaking finals, persuasive speaking finals and computer science programming. Hands-on programming is administered at the regional and state meets, and in districts that are participating in a district-level programming pilot.

* - The 2.5 hour block indicated for Computer Science hands-on programming allows 30 minutes for roll call, preliminary announcements and the "dry run" practice problem, followed by a full two hours for the actual contest. NOTE: teams must also have at least 30 additional minutes earlier in the day to set up equipment. The equipment set-up may take place at any point during the contest day; all team members are not required to be present for equipment set-up.