

Skyline @ Murray

Highland @ West

## SPEECH/DEBATE GUIDELINES & SCHEDULES

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First Forensics Meet May Be Held: October 1, 2018

Moratoriums: July 1-7, 2018, November 22-25, 2018, December 22-26, 2018, January 1, 2019

Eligibility List Due: October 19, 2018

Region Meet: February 22 & 23, 2019 @ West High

State Entry Deadline: March 11, 2019

State Meet: March 18-19, 2019

- 1) Region Format:
  - a. Number of Contestants:
  - b. Policy Debate Four Teams
  - c. Lincoln-Douglas Four Contestants
  - d. Public Forum Four Teams
  - e. U.S. Extemp. Three Contestants
  - f. Original Oratory Three Contestants
  - g. Impromptu Three Contestants
  - h. Congress Three Contestants
  - i. Foreign Extemp Three Contestants

All events will count toward the region trophies. There will be no Interps at region unless they become state events. There will be one region trophy awarded at the Region Debate Tournament.

**Speech/Forensic Events:** Oratory, Impromptu, National Extemp., Foreign Extemp.,

**Debate Events:** Policy, Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum, Congress.

Double Entry of competitors is allowed, as long as they only participate in one event per day. Events held on Friday will be Oratory, Impromptu, Foreign Extemp., and National Extemp. Events held on Saturday will be Policy, Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum, and Congress.

In line with the procedure of the National Speech and Debate Association, a student who is double-entered and qualifies outright in both events, will forfeit the slot he or she will not fill at State to the next contestant in line. Prior to the start of the region tournament, double-entered students will be required to declare the event in which they will like to advance at State and the event in which they will forfeit their slot, should they qualify in both events.

- 2) Judges Requirements:
  - a. Schools must bring one qualified judge per two debate entries, one qualified judge per five IE entries, and one Congress judge for any Congress entries. Schools that do not fulfill their judging requirement will have entries dropped from competition.
  - b. The qualified judges for Congress rounds will be confirmed by coaches at the Region Pairing meeting.
- 3) Region Meet Parings:
  - a. Pairing the individual events will take place online. Pairing for debate events and congress will take place on Friday during the individual events competition.
- 4) Debate Parings:
  - a. The intent is to have each school meet every school in the Region. If that can't happen, the pairings will be made within reason.
  - b. Individual teams must not meet the same team more than once.

c. Recommended: 3-4 rounds in policy, 4-5 in LD and Public Forum.

5) Individual Event Pairings:

- a. Random selecting shall be done in each event.
- b. 3-4 rounds of competition will take place.
- c. Where possible schools should not compete against members of their own school's team.
- d. Congress Pairings:

Legislation will be chosen by the region representation to establish the docket which will be published to all schools. The tournament will use the UDCA Orders of the Day.

6) Medals: Each medal will say the event name and "Superior" and will be given to the top six finishers in each event. The following number of medals will be needed: Public Forum – 10 medals; LD – 5 medals; Policy – 10 medals; National Extemp. – 5 medals; Foreign Extemp. – 5 medals; Oratory – 5 medals; Impromptu – 5 medals; Congress – 5 medals. 10 blank Superior medals in case of ties.

7) General Guidelines:

- a. In speech and debate competition, each individual is limited to ten meets per year, excluding region, state and national competitions.
- b. Region will pay for judges at the Region Meet; \$35 for each judge who judges for Friday, and \$50 for each judge who judges for Saturday (as per new UHSAA guidelines).
- c. March/April LD topic and March PF topic will be used for the Region Meet.
- d. In the event a student misses a round, his/her points will still count toward sweepstakes.
- e. Please refer to "General Policies" in the Region VI Handbook for all other Region VI Rules, and the UHSAA Handbook for all UHSAA Rules.
- f. Sweepstakes points will be calculated as follows:
  1. The top  $\frac{1}{4}$  of contestants will be given superior (5 points).
  2. The next  $\frac{1}{4}$  of contestants will be given excellent (3 points).
  3. The next  $\frac{1}{4}$  of contestants will be given good (1 point).
  4. The bottom  $\frac{1}{4}$  of contestants will score no sweepstakes points.

Overall rank in speech and congress will be determined by:

1. Overall Rank
2. Reciprocal Rankings

8) Ties will not be broken; each quartile will be chosen by marking the number which least skews all brackets.

9) The top 50% of schools in total sweepstakes points will qualify their entire team for the state tournament.

10) All students qualifying in the top ten of their event (with a winning record in debate events) will qualify individually outright.