



2019 NSCTA DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dear Debate Coach,

On behalf of the Nebraska Speech Communications and Theatre Association, I would like to invite you and your team to participate in the NSCTA State Debate and Congress Championships. The tournament will take place on **Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23 at Millard South High School**. Millard Public Schools are on spring break, so we can start earlier and there should not be issues with arrival or parking!

Eligibility

This is a Nebraska only high school tournament. Each team that competes at this tournament must be registered with the Nebraska Schools Activities Association and all students must be eligible through the requirements of the NSAA.

Entry Limits

Lincoln Douglas – 4 entries maximum
Policy – 4 teams maximum
Legislative Debate – 6 entries maximum
Public Forum – 4 teams maximum

All Entries Are Due **Monday**, March 18th. To register go to tabroom.com

Entry fees

Lincoln Douglas Debate – \$30
Policy Debate - \$30
Legislative Debate - \$30
Public Forum - \$30

Entry and Judge Fee checks MUST be paid the day of the tournament.

If you have not been able to get your check by that time, we will take a personal check and hold it until your check arrives. If I do not have your check by May 1, your check will be cashed. This is not a punishment, but a way to ensure that the sponsor of the tournament, the NSCTA, will have their money within the school year. I will do anything I can to help you, but we must be more vigilant about this.

Judges

All schools must provide a judge for every two debate teams or fraction thereof. Uncovered judge fees will be \$150. You will also need to provide one judge for six congress entries. You may provide a judge or pay \$20 an uncovered slot.

First year out judges will not be used -- no exceptions.

Sweepstakes --

Although we have increased the number of entries per event, we have not increased the number of entries that will be used as part of the sweepstakes metric. Each event is worth 75 points.

1st Place/Champion -- 20 points

2nd Place/Runner-up -- 15 points

3rd place/4th place/Semifinalist -- 10 points

5-8 place/Quarterfinalist -- 5 points

Schedule

Registration -- 12:45 - 1:45

Congressional Debate

Friday

Session #1 -- 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm 2.5 hours

Dinner Break

Session #2 -- 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm -- 2.5 hours

Saturday

Session #3 -- 8:30 am -- 11:00 am -- 2.5 hours

Lunch Break

Super Congress -- 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm -- 4.5 hours

LD and PF

Round I -- 2:30 pm

Round II -- 3:30 pm

Round III -- 5:00 pm

Dinner Break 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Round IV -- 7:00 pm

Saturday --

Round V -- 8:30

Round VI -- 10:00

Break All Winning Records

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Friday

Round I -- 2:00 pm

Round II -- 4:00 pm

Break -- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Round III -- 7:00 pm

Saturday

Round IV -- 8:30 am

Round V and breaks determined by number of entries and break down of W/L records.

Awards for all events -- 5:30 pm

Remaining outrounds to follow awards

Additional Congress Information

- The docket is set. Each bill must have an affirmative and negative speech before voting.
- We will re-pair after each preliminary round
- Top 16 students will advance to Super Congress
- We will award top eight with trophies and medals
- Only top three from a school will receive sweepstakes points.
- We will award points until all 75 sweepstakes points are assigned. If a school has more than three in the top 8, the points will then drop to the 9th place speaker until all points are awarded.
- The docket is broken into three sessions. Debate on those bills will end with the completion of each session. The docket and presidency resets with each session
- Judges -- Parliamentarian, Two Point Recorders, Adult PO (no judging) Students may have repeat judges or PO, but each session will be scored as a complete prelim. session.
- We will use random presidency to open debate.
- Adult POs will be trained and will all have the same instructions as to add consistency to each session and house.

Additional General Information

- No Mavericks will be allowed to enter the tournament. However, if there is a sickness or emergency the day of the tournament, Mavericks will be allowed to compete. However, Mavericks are not eligible for breaks or sweepstakes points.
- Open internet rules apply in all events.
- Eligibility Rules -- We will follow the NSDA eligibility rules. We will have Steve Schappaugh as our Ombud. His decisions will be final. Mr. Schappaugh is a former NSDA board member, NSDA employee and current school administrator at Des Moines East.
- Lauren Burdt and Steve Schappaugh will be our tab staff.
- Fancy Friday is still a thing:)

Toni Heimes, Lincoln Southwest
Chair, NSCTA Debate Committee