

Greetings!

The Truman High School Speech and Debate team would like to invite you to register for the novice portion of the Independence Winter Classic held December 6-7 at Truman High School. The Novice Division will be hosted by Truman, and the Varsity Division by William Chrisman. Each school will have separate schedules and awards presentations.

Registration will be through Tabroom.com you can find our tournament website here: <http://iwc.tabroom.com>. We will attempt to print as few paper schedules as possible, so student and coaches in attendance should all be familiar with how to find and use this website. All participants should sign up for and subscribe to Live Updates for the relevant entries at the tournament. Please use the Tabroom.com wiki if you have any questions about this, or how to register etc. [http://docs.tabroom.com/Live\\_Updates#Following\\_By\\_Tournament](http://docs.tabroom.com/Live_Updates#Following_By_Tournament). You can find the full wiki by clicking the ? icon on the top right corner on any Tabroom.com page.

Please find all other relevant information below, and email both of us if you have any questions or concerns!

Best,

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## **Registration Information**

### **Location Info:**

All Rounds will be held at Truman High School

3301 S. Noland Rd.

Independence MO, 64055

**Upon arrival please go directly to the auditorium, after the start of round 1, please move to the cafeteria for the remainder of the tournament.**

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**Tab:** Debate Room - Second Floor 233

**Extemp Draw and Prep:** Library, Compete in Library rooms

**Hospitality:** Kitchen Rooms #TBD

**Dates and Deadlines:**

**TOURNAMENT** runs from 2pm on December 6<sup>th</sup> to 9:30pm December 7<sup>th</sup> 2019

**NEW ENTRIES** due on Tabroom.com BY 5pm on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**JUDGES** due on Tabroom.com BY 5pm on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**FEES** Freeze at 5pm on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**DROPS** and **NAME** changes can be processed on Tabroom.com until Noon on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Entry Caps:**

Each school is able to enter 3 entries per each event. All subsequent entries will be released in the order placed on Tabroom.com. You will be asked to rank all entries beyond 3, and they will be placed on the waitlist.

**Entry Fees:**

\$8 per entry or whatever you charged us to attend your tournament.

**Concessions:**

There will be a concession stand with reasonably priced food/snacks/drinks available throughout the entire tournament. Real meals will exist for Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch. It will close during awards. We would prefer you send your students to eat here, we will send ours to eat at yours. An email will come your way closer to December with types of food available and asking for a perspective food count.

**Events Offered:**

All Events are **Novice** only

Policy Debate

Lincoln Douglas Debate

Public Forum Debate

Big Questions Debate

Congressional Debate

Dramatic Interp

Duo Interp

Humorous Interp

Impromptu

Informative Speaking

International Extemp

Live Radio

Original Oratory

Poetry

Prose

Storytelling

U.S. Extemp

Pattern A: HI, Info, IX, Radio, Prose, Story, BQ

Pattern B: DI, Duo, Imp2, OO, Poetry, DX

**Judges:**

Each school must provide a minimum of 1 Judge per every 16 entries across all events.

In addition, the entourage rule will be in effect. All individuals contributing to the competitive success of a team (i.e. coaches and sponsors) **MUST** be available to judge the 12pm and 1:45 pm rounds.

If a school fails to provide judging to cover their burden or fails to appear to their assigned round, then the Tab Room will drop their best currently placed entries until the school has adequate judging to cover their burden.

Second-year speech and debate students with 150 NSDA points are considered qualified judges. We will gladly accept as many as you're willing to offer.

We will attempt to place those with relevant event experience in that event, specify that when registering them online.

**ALL** school Judges **MUST** have linked Tabroom.com accounts and be prepared to fill out online ballots.

Feel free to share this judge signup link: <https://forms.gle/SKafUr6kAoPUboSm8>

### **Event/tournament Rules:**

1. All MSHSAA guidelines for good sportspersonship will be observed; smoking by juveniles or by adults in or outside of the building will not be tolerated. There are cameras everywhere. Competitors violating the smoking policy or exhibiting poor sportsmanship will be expelled from the tournament and will forfeit all awards. Please monitor your students. No hacky-sack, tossing of balls, or other potentially damaging behaviors will be tolerated. Rude or harassing behaviors will result in tournament expulsion. No guitars, no boom-boxes, etc.
2. A qualified adult sponsor must be provided for both Friday and Saturday. They may be asked to judge additional rounds if necessary. Please enter their information during the Tabroom.com registration.
3. NSDA event rules will apply for all events, **EXCEPT** for the following.
  - a. Live Radio/Storytelling/Prose/Poetry will use MSHSAA rules.
  - b. Policy debate will have 8 minutes of in round prep. We will attempt to build in 15 minutes of Pre-Round prep, given rounds run on time.
  - c. Policy/LD/PFD/Congress/Extemp/Big Questions will use the NSDA pilot internet usage rules for communication with in round participants, and evidence retrieval. We will attempt to make the Guest Network available,

but there will be no guarantee of quality and access as we are still in negotiations with our administration on this.

**Tiebreakers:**

NSDA Tiebreakers will be used in all events. Final places will be based upon cumulative points. NSDA IE tiebreak rules will be applied to all MSHSAA only IE's.

**Topics:**

Policy Debate topic: 2019-20 NSDA Topic concerning Foreign Arms Sales

Lincoln-Douglas topic: 2019 NSDA November/December LD Topic released on Oct. 1

Public Forum: 2019 NSDA November/December PFD Topic released on Oct. 1

Congress: All first semester legislation published by the NSDA will be available for debate.

**Sweepstakes:**

Your best two entries in **EVERY** event will be counted for sweepstakes. This is inclusive of BQ. We will announce the top debate and IE schools, and award the overall top 3 schools. We will use the following point scales:

**IE's, and Congress:**

2 Points for placing in the Top 12

4 Points for placing in the Top 6

6 Points for placing 3<sup>rd</sup>

8 Points for placing 2<sup>nd</sup>

10 Points for placing 1<sup>st</sup>

**Debate:** (Policy/LD/PFD/BQ)

5 Points per prelim Win

10 Points for placing in the top 8

**Awards:**

**IE's:** Medals for 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> place. Trophies for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Congress:** Medals for 8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>. Trophies for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Debate:** Trophies for all competitors in the Top 8. Whatever NSDA sends us for BQ.

**Schedule**

**Friday, December 6:**

**Upon arrival please go directly to the auditorium, after the start of round 1, please move to the cafeteria for the remainder of the tournament.**

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**Fri 12:30pm:** Final changes to entry names/drops due online on Tabroom.com

**Fri 2:00pm-2:45pm:** Registration Online on Tabroom.com to confirm your school and all members are on site. In person Registration, Auditorium Stage.

**Fri 3pm-5pm:** Round 1 Debate, Round 1 Pattern A

**Fri 5pm-7pm:** Round 2 Debate, Round 2 Pattern A

**Fri 7pm-9pm:** Round 3 Debate, Round 3 Pattern A

**Saturday, December 7:**

**Sat 8am-10am:** Round 4 Debate, Round 1 Pattern B

**Sat 10am-12pm:** Round 5 Debate, Round 2 Pattern B

**Sat 12pm-1:30:** Quarterfinals Debate, Round 3 Pattern B

**Sat 1:30 – 3:00 –** Finals Pattern A IEs

**Sat 3pm-4:30 pm:** Semifinals Debate, & Finals of IE's Pattern B

**Sat 5:00 or:** Awards

**Sat 6pm-7:30pm:** Finals Debate

**Notes:**

**ALL** Rounds will be run ahead of schedule if possible. Registering your judges on Tabroom.com, and ensuring they are trained on how to use online ballots will help us all succeed.

All **IE's** will each have **3** Prelim rounds with one final round. The 3<sup>rd</sup> prelim round in both patterns will **attempt** to be direct powered off the previous round. This relies on students **QUICKLY** going from one event to the next, please help encourage them to make that happen.

All **Debate** Events (Policy/LD/PFD) will have **5** Prelim rounds with an appropriate number of elimination rounds. Rounds 1-2 will be preset. Round 3 Will be lag powered off of Round 1. Rounds 4-5 will be directly powered. All using Hi/Lo within brackets when possible. We will not break brackets in elimination rounds. Students **MAY** use the internet during prep.

**Congress:** will have **5** prelim 1 hour and 45 minute sessions with no out rounds. Students **MAY NOT** enter in IE's. We will attempt to have a qualified parliamentarian



and a minimum of two other judges per round. We will try to keep sections sized to 30ish. Students **MAY** use the internet during round. Congress is one event, not multiple houses.

**Big Questions:** will have 3 prelim rounds. Rounds may be up to quadruple flighted. Students **MAY** use the internet during prep. No Elimination rounds.

**Extemp:** Extemp draw will always be in the **Library**. First draw starts **PROMPTLY** at the beginning of each round with 10-minute intervals. There will be **NO** rescheduling of draw times. If a student is late to draw, they will have as much time left as if they had drawn at the appropriate time. If they are double entered, they should perform their other event before or after their prep/speech. We will attempt to place double entered students early in the draw process using the Tabroom.com feature, but power matching will take precedence in round 3. All Extemp performance rooms will be in the Library rooms or nearby. Students **MAY** use the internet during prep.

**Patterns:**

Pattern A: HI, Info, IX, Radio, Prose, Story

Pattern B: DI, Duo, Imp2, OO, Poetry, DX

**Double Entry limits:**

Students **can enter in two IES in both patterns** as you choose. You know your student's ability to make it to events on time and get to the right place. Failure to appear within the two-hour round time, or failure to perform in the correct room (at no fault of the tournament) will result in the lowest rank (Or a loss on low speaks in BQ) in the round.

Students **MAY NOT** enter in Policy/LD/PFD and an IE/BQ.

If a student enters in BQ, they may not enter another pattern A event. ALL BQ rounds are on Friday.