



On behalf of the Magnolia Speech and Debate District Committee and **Hattiesburg High School**, active member schools of the Magnolia Speech & Debate District are invited to register for the **Speech Event** portion (and finale) of our 2020 District Tournament Series, to be held Friday and Saturday, March 27-28.

Registration is open at magnolia.tabroom.com

The Speech Qualifier includes *only* the following events:

- Original Oratory
- Informative
- Program Oral Interpretation
- Humorous Interpretation
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Duo Interpretation
- United States Extemp
- International Extemp

Please read over information below and contact micah.everson406@gmail.com with any questions. Also, check out <https://www.speechanddebate.org/all-about-districts/>

Coaches and competing students should be sure to read and review the sections of the NSDA Unified Manual relevant to Speech Events, which can be found here:
<https://www.speechanddebate.org/high-school-unified-manual/>.

In the most recent version of the manual (Feb 11, 2020), the speech event rules start on page 43. Guidelines for the speech tournament start on page 78. We will be using the **up/down** model, *not the California plan*.

Please read over the relevant pages in the manual AND the information below.

When reviewing the rules and when registering, please ask questions, point out my errors or inconsistencies, and generally help me and the committee stay clearly on track and transparent. This is a team effort!

Location

The Speech Qualifier will be held at Hattiesburg High School (301 Hutchinson Ave, Hattiesburg, MS 39401).

Schedule

Friday, Mar 27

- 4:30pm-5:30pm - On-Site Registration
- 5:30pm - Round 1, *all events*
- 7:00pm - Round 2, *all events*
- 8:30pm - Round 3, *as many events as possible (Round 3 for some events may start Saturday)*
- *We will accelerate the schedule when possible, but our priority is getting the pairings right so that we don't have to re-do anything.*
- *8:30pm is probably optimistic for the last round. We must start Round 3 by 9:30pm, however. Round 3 will be bumped to Saturday if not started by 9:30pm.*

Saturday, Mar 28

- 8:00am - Round 4
- 10:00am - Round 5
- Noon - Round 6
- 2:00pm - Round 7
- 4:00pm - Round 8
- 6:00pm - Round 9
- *This schedule is tentative and the times above are arbitrary. We'll accelerate when possible, and we'll go as many rounds as it takes until we have determined qualifiers. Some events will take more rounds than others. We'll move as quickly as the judging supply and tabbing allows.*
- 7:00pm - Awards Ceremony - *timing of awards is entirely up in the air.*

Entries

- In order to compete at any District qualifier, students **must** have already earned the **degree of Merit** (25 NSDA points). Those points must be **posted** through the coach's NSDA (speechanddebate.org) account prior to tournament registration.
- Students must have also created an account on speechanddebate.org and linked to their school, and student membership fees (\$20) must have been paid. (Coaches, not students, handle this through the school account.)
- In all speech events, **each school** is limited to **4 entries** per event.
- A student who did **not** compete in PF, LD, or Policy **may** double-enter in speech events.
 - *Except that no student may double enter in US Extemp and International Extemp*

- A student who competed in Big Questions *may* double-enter in speech events.
- There is no triple-entry in speech events under any circumstances.
- There are **no flights**. All events will proceed following the same schedule, judge supply allowing.
- **Partner Events** - In the Debate Invitation, I misstated the rule on partner events. Here is what the manual actually says (p. 67) about students who compete in Duo as well as Public Forum or Policy (my emphasis in bold):
 - Partnership Events: Students may only enter one partnership debate event (Policy Debate or Public Forum). Students may enter in one partnership debate event as partners and in Duo Interpretation as the same partnership. A student may not enter a partnership debate event and a Duo Interpretation with different partners unless the two events are held on different weekends (see exceptions below).
 - Partnership Event Exception: If two students qualify for the National Tournament in a partnership event and both individuals also qualify for the National Tournament in their respective individual events, the students may choose to enter the National Tournament in their individual events if indicated on their Single Entry Letter of Intent. If two students enter the district tournament in a partnership debate event and in Duo Interpretation (as the same partners) in which the two events occur on the same weekend, the students must choose one of the team events and both indicate the same preference on their respective Single Entry Letter of Intent prior to the beginning of the tournament in which the partnership would double qualify. **If the partner debate event and the duo event do not occur on the same weekend, the school may forfeit its alternate position that resulted from the first competition, allowing new partnerships to be created. If the school wishes for the alternate status to be retained from the first competition, the same partnership has to be used when entering the next competition.** If the first competition resulted in a qualification for nationals, those students are ineligible to enter a team event with different partners.
- Schools are limited to an overall number of entries in Speech *and* Debate events based on school strength (see bottom of email for specific numbers).
- Previous entry in the Congress tournament doesn't affect school or student entry numbers.

Qualifiers

In all speech events, our district will have **2** national qualifiers, unless...

1. There are fewer than 4 entries in an event. Then we do not get to hold the event and we have no national qualifiers.
2. **There are 30 or more entries** in an event. Then we get **3** national qualifiers in that event.
 - a. (We definitely could pull this off in at least a few events!)
3. There are 50 or more entries in an event. Then we get **4** national qualifiers in that event.

Fees

- \$25 per school competing

- \$10 per student, per event
- \$30 uncovered judge fee
- \$5 nuisance fee per change for registration changes after **Mar 23** deadline.
- All checks should be made to **Magnolia Speech & Debate** (email me if you need a W9)
- All fees owed to the NSDA must be paid prior to the tournament or at registration. For example, if your school has not paid any student's \$20 membership fee via mail or online, you *must* bring that payment with you to the tournament. This applies even if that particular student is not competing. Any invoice that has been generated by NSDA must be paid.

Judges

- Every school competing must provide **at least** one judge for the tournament's duration. You may not "buy out" *all* of your judging obligations.
- One judge is obligated for every **five speech entries**.
- Uncovered judge obligations will be charged \$30 each.
- Please bring judges, even above and beyond your obligation. **Qualifier tournaments in particular either move quickly or grind to a halt based on judge availability.**
- Judges should watch the 6 min video and read the brief materials on judging Debate found on the NSDA Website: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/judge-training/>. NFHS training is also strongly encouraged (ask me about that if you don't know about it).

Deadlines

- Registration must be entered online by 11:59pm on **Monday, March 23**.
- Changes to registration after Monday, Mar 23, must be communicated via email to micah.everson406@gmail.com. Each change (other than a judge add) will incur a \$5 penalty.

Rules and Special Notes

- I'll send out a separate email next week sometime with details about extemp topics, and special rule considerations for all the events. This invite is long enough already!

Speech & Debate Slots (max entry limit)

These are the entry limits as of March 7. **The number listed for your school is not set in stone.**

Unentered points from previous tournaments this year and/or points from Mississippi State may increase your limit. You can see all of this info on your [speechanddebate.org](https://www.speechanddebate.org) account.

School	Debate/Speech Slots	Debate Entries Used	Entries remaining

Brandon HS - Brandon, MS, MS	4		4
Clinton Christian Academy, MS	4		4
Clinton HS - Clinton, MS, MS	4		4
Desoto Central HS, MS	12	1	11
Germantown HS - Madison, MS, MS	16		16
Greene County HS - Leakesville, MS, MS	4		4
Gulfport HS, MS	4		4
Hancock HS/CTC, MS	4		4
Hattiesburg HS, MS	15		15
Hernando HS, MS	4		4
Horn Lake HS, MS	4		4
Jackson Academy, MS	10		10
Jackson Prep School, MS	16	3	13
Lamar Christian School, MS	4		4
Laurel Christian School, MS	23	1	22
Laurel HS - Laurel, MS, MS	4		4
Lawrence County HS - Monticello, MS, MS	4		4
Lewisburg HS, MS	4		4
Long Beach HS, MS	4		4
Madison Central HS - Madison, MS, MS	33	5	28
Magee HS, MS	4		4
Mississippi School For Mathematics & Science, MS	12	1	11
Mt Olive High School, MS	4		4
Murrah HS, MS	33	2	31

New Albany HS - New Albany, MS, MS	4		4
North Forrest HS, MS	4		4
Northwest Rankin HS, MS	21		21
Oak Grove HS - Hattiesburg, MS, MS	37	7	30
Olive Branch HS, MS	4		4
Oxford HS - Oxford, MS, MS	29	7	22
Pascagoula HS, MS	27		27
Petal HS, MS	27	5	22
Picayune Memorial HS, MS	4		4
Presbyterian Christian School, MS	10		10
Purvis HS, MS	15		15
Ridgeland HS, MS	12		12
Russell Christian Academy, MS	4		4
Sacred Heart Catholic School, MS	16		16
South Jones Jr/Sr HS, MS	4		4
South Panola HS, MS	4		4
St Andrew's Episcopal School - Ridgeland, MS, MS	34	11	23
St Joseph Catholic School, MS	6		6
St Patrick Catholic HS, MS	4		4
St Stanislaus HS, MS	4		4
Starkville HS, MS	24	5	19
Terry HS, MS	4		4
West Harrison HS, MS	4		4

Members and Degrees (<i>Strength</i>)	Speech, Lincoln-Douglas, Policy, and Public Forum Entries Allowed
1-15	4
16-20	6
21-30	10
31-40	12
41-50	15
51-60	16
61-70	18
71-80	21
81-90	23
91-100	24
101-120	27
121-140	29
141-160	32
161-180	33
181-200	34
201-230	35
231-260	37
261-300	38
301-350	39
351-400	40
401-500	42
501-600	43
601 +	44