

NSDA Ozark Districts Invite Central HS on **March 12th – 14th**

Registration opens **February 3rd** in Tabroom.

- Students entered in the district tournament must be paid NSDA members with linked NSDA accounts with at least 25 merit points and be synced to your Tabroom account.
- You will need to include script titles & authors for interp events, and titles for oratory & informative.

Registration will close **March 5th** (this means ALL paperwork).

- The committee will send you a link to your school Google Drive folder.
- **Please make sure that you use this folder to send in ALL the paperwork!**
- Signed registration paperwork, interp cover sheets, interp highlighted originals, and interp typed manuscripts need to be uploaded to your school Google Drive folder
- Congressional Debate legislation you wish to be considered for the Congressional Debate tournament on April 2nd needs to be in your school Google Drive folder
- All letters of intent for students entered in more than one event (or students who have student congress as their first choice) need to be in your school Google Drive folder
- Once you have your entry complete and everything is uploaded into your folder and all information entered on TABROOM is correct, reply to nsdaoarkdistrict@gmail.com indicating you are done and we can start looking through your paperwork early (this is great advice to avoid paying a late fee if you think you already have everything!).
- You will be sent an email with any corrections or additions that need to be made or letting you know that your entry is complete.

The tournament will be held at Central HS on **March 12th – 14th** and will start AFTER school lets out at Central on Thursday (more info about arrival times/on sight registration will come later). ***You must have payment when you arrive on March 12th or your school will not be eligible to compete!!!**

Fees

- Chapter Dues \$50/school
- Speech/Debate Entry \$25/entry (drops to \$20/entry for schools filling all slots)
 - Each school is capped at 4 entries per event
 - BQ competitors may be entered in another event if it is a speech event and has submitted a letter of intent
 - Students in BQ compete as individuals (there is only 1 qualifier)
- Late Fee \$5/entry OR \$5/day (whichever is less)
- Schools with an outstanding balance with the NSDA national office are not permitted to compete in the national qualifying district tournament

- Checks need to be made payable to “Ozark District NDSA”. Here is the EIN number now if your district requires one: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5qdX8QPwyu9U0paVGtaRUlId1E/view?usp=sharing>

Qualifiers

- As a level 2 district, we will qualify 3 entries in each event with 30 Entries, 4 qualifiers with 50 or more entries in an event.
- Senior 1st alternates will be offered a spot on one of our World Schools Debate teams based on points earned at district tournaments, with additional spots going to senior 2nd alternates and so on.
 - **To be eligible students must complete the World School Application by March 5th with all other District Entry paperwork.**

The district committee has elected to run the pilot method for all events. I’ve included the manual for it as an attachment, but I’m highlighting a few key differences to clarify below:

- Speech Events
 - 4 preliminary rounds with 1 judge each; all rounds are preset and random (the same way speech rounds 1-2 were for the up/down method).
 - Use each student’s top 3 scores (dropping highest prelim rank) to advance 25% of entries to either quarterfinals or semifinals (depending on how scores/number of entries fall).
 - After prelims, schools being in the same section is only avoided if the entry can be swapped with a competitor with the same rank total.
 - 3 judges are used for each round after prelims.
 - Advancing from one elimination round to the next is based on cumulative ranks (still dropping highest prelim rank), with elimination round ranks being weighted (multiplied by 2). *Ex. There may be a scenario where we have 12 in semifinals and advance 6 to finals, but since it is based on rank total, 4 finalists advance from a semifinals section and 2 advance from the other (this is how nationals is run).*
- Debate Events
 - 5 preliminary rounds with 1 judge each (first two rounds are random, rounds 3-5 are power-matched based on standings after the round that preceded it).
 - All entries with at least 3 wins advance into an elimination bracket.
 - Brackets may not be broken to avoid same-school debates.
 - 2 Losses in Elims in double elimination.
 - No Speakers- Speaker points are used for seeding, not win/loss
 - 3 judges are used for each round after prelims.
 - Prelim rounds are set sides for Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, & Big Questions Debate; elimination rounds are all coin-flip unless they have previously debated in prelims (except PF, which is always a coin flip).

