



Dear Coaches,

Gloria Deo Academy and Missouri State University cordially invite you to the 8<sup>th</sup> annual GDA/MSU Speech and Debate invitational on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2020. The competition will be held on The MSU campus.

The tournament will include the following events:

Open Policy Debate, Open Lincoln Douglas Debate, Open Public Forum Debate, International and U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation (NOT Duet acting), Program of Oral Interpretation, Informative Speaking. Awards will be presented to the top six in each individual event.

Judges: We will try at all costs to avoid having coaches judge. We are asking that each school bring one judge to be available should they need to be used. Judge information (name and number) will be taken at registration. If you have others who are able to judge, please use the link below to sign up. Here is the online access. <https://gdamsu.homeschooldebate.net>

#### TABROOM:

We are running this year's tournament on NSDA's tabroom.com. However, we will be hand tabbing. Tabroom will be used as a backup. This will allow immediate display of any changes in pairings. To create a free account, just visit the page and enroll. After you've entered your students, you can invite them to create an account and give them permission to link to their name under your school. This additional step is optional, but it will allow students to receive pairings in real time via text or email, as well as receive any CHANGES in pairings in real time. The link for online enrollment is: <http://msudeo.tabroom.com/>

Entries should be submitted on tabroom by Friday, January 31st. If you have trouble entering please email us. After Monday, February 3rd at 9:00pm, you will be charged for any drops.

Any debate questions you might have can be directed to Eric Morris at MSU. (417) 496-7141. We will have a guest access password for coaches only by registration.

We look forward to seeing you in February,

Blessings,

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# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

## Friday, February 7th

1:30 Registration  
2:30 Extemp Draw  
3:00 Rd 1 of Individual Events  
4:00 Extemp Draw  
4:30 Rd 2 of Individual Events  
6:00 Rd 1 of Debate  
7:30 Rd 2 of Debate

## Saturday, February 8th

7:30 Extemp Draw  
8:00 Semifinals of Individual Events  
9:30 Rd 3 of Debate  
11:00 Rd 4 of Debate  
12:30 Extemp Draw  
1:00 Finals of Individual Events  
2:30 Quarterfinals of Debate  
5:00 **Awards Assembly**  
5:30 Semifinals of Debate  
7:00 Finals of Debate

### GENERAL RULES

1. Each school must be accompanied by an adult sponsor.
2. A school may enter four entries in each event. More entries are available if space permits.
3. A student may enter two individual events and debate, with the following exceptions:
  - a. A student may not enter both divisions of extemp..
  - b. A student may enter only one category of debate: Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, or Public Forum.
  - c. Any student found to be entered in more events than permitted will be immediately withdrawn from all events.
4. Awards will be presented for first, second, and third place in all events and sweepstakes. Additionally, finalists awards will be presented for individual events, quarterfinalist awards will be presented for debate, and first place, second place and third place sweepstakes will be presented.
5. There are campus regulations against the use of tobacco products, drugs and alcohol. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in the contestant being eliminated from competition.
6. Each school must provide one judge (may be an advanced student) per two debate-entries (all divisions). Failure to meet judging assignments will result in the forfeiture of one of the school's teams for that round. Coaches may be asked to judge if needed.
7. No food or drink is to be taken into classrooms. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the contestant being eliminated from competition.
8. Fees are due for cancellations made after the entry deadline, February 3<sup>rd</sup>
9. There will be a sweepstakes point reduction of 10 points per dropped entry after 9am on Friday February 7th. This will also include any drops made throughout the duration of the tournament.
10. Those competing in the wrong room will be ranked last.

### INDIVIDUAL EVENT RULES

1. Extemporaneous Speaking: Drawing will be conducted at five minute intervals with thirty minutes preparation time. Topics will be based on current events. Consultation during prep. time is prohibited. Excessive use of notes will be penalized. The use of laptop computers, electronic storage, retrieval devices, etc. is permitted in Extemporaneous Speaking for evidence retrieval in the draw room so long as wire or wireless connections are disabled and remain disabled while draw is in progress. **See attached rules.** Time limit: 7 minutes, maximum.
2. Oratory and Informative: The speech must be the original work of the contestant. Not more than 150 words may be a direct

3. Interpretation(Humorous, Dramatic, DUO (not DUET) and POI—NSDA rules apply): Selections may be taken from any published novel, play or short story. Selections must possess literary merit. An adequate introduction should be provided. Off-stage focus for Duo. No properties may be used Selections must be memorized. Time limit: 10 minutes, maximum.
4. According to M.S.H.S.A.A. rules, a student who performs in the wrong room will be ranked last in that section.
5. All students who are doubled entered must notify their judges of their double entry.

#### SWEEPSTAKES RULES

1. A school's top 2 entries in each event earn sweepstakes points.
2. 5 points for each preliminary debate round win.
3. 15 points for qualifying for quarterfinals in debate.
4. 5 points for qualifying for semifinals in individual events.
5. 10 points for qualifying for finals in individual events.
6. 5 points for third place in individual events.
7. 10 points for second place in individual events.
8. 15 points for first place in individual events.

#### POLICY DEBATE RULES

1. The proposition shall be the NSDA national topic:

**Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce Direct Commercial Sales and/or Foreign Military Sales of arms from the United States.**

2. Policy format of 8-3-5 will be used. Prep time: 5 minutes per team.
3. Since debate is oral communication, evidence shall be presented in an understandable fashion. NSDA guidelines are advised.
4. The use of laptop computers, electronic storage, retrieval devices, etc. is permitted in Policy Debate for flowing or evidence retrieval so long as wire or wireless connections are disabled and remain disabled while the debate is in progress.
5. Contestants more than ten minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit.

#### LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE RULES

1. The proposition shall be the NSDA January/February topic:

**Resolved: States ought to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.**

2. Lincoln-Douglas rounds will run at the same time as Policy Debate, so two Lincoln-Douglas Debates will take place during one Policy Debate.
3. Lincoln-Douglas format of 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 will be used. Prep time: 3 minutes per debater.
4. The use of laptop computers, electronic storage, retrieval devices, etc. is permitted in Lincoln-Douglas Debate for flowing or evidence retrieval so long as wire or wireless connections are disabled and remain disabled while the debate is in progress. See attached rules.
6. Contestants more than ten minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit.
7. Failure to meet judging assignments may result in the forfeiture of the offending school's entries.
8. At the end of preliminary rounds, the top contestants will advance to quarterfinals. The win-loss record of the debater to whom the prospective quarterfinalist has lost, and total opposition records will be used to break ties.

#### PUBLIC FORUM RULES

1. The proposition shall be the NSDA February topic:

**Resolved: The United States should replace means-tested welfare programs with a universal basic income.**

2. Public Forum rounds will run at the same time as Cross-Examination team debate, so two Public Forum debates will take place during one Cross-Examination team debate.
3. Public Forum format of 4-3-2 will be used. Prep time: 2 minutes per team.
4. The use of laptop computers, electronic storage, retrieval devices, etc. is permitted in Public Forum Debate for flowing or evidence retrieval so long as wire or wireless connections are disabled and remain disabled while the debate is in progress. See attached rules.

5. Contestants more than ten minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit.
6. Failure to meet judging assignments may result in the forfeiture of the offending school's teams.
7. In case of a forfeit, the winning team will receive speaker ranks of 1-2.
8. Team personnel must remain consistent throughout the tournament.
9. At the end of preliminary rounds, the top teams will advance to quarterfinals. Speaker ranks, the win-loss record of the team to whom the prospective quarterfinalist has lost, and total opposition records will be used to break ties.

