

## **1.0 General Information**

### **2020 Missouri Novice and JV Season Championship General Information**

The Truman High School Speech and Debate team invites you to the Missouri Novice and JV Season Championship held asynchronously February 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> and synchronously Friday, and Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Registration is through Tabroom.com**; you can find our tournament website here: <http://monjvchamp.tabroom.com/>. Students and coaches 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. The tournament will use the National Speech and Debate Associations [Campus](#) program and its integration with tabroom.com.

For additional information, please refer to the full invitation or email [trumanhsdebate@gmail.com](mailto:trumanhsdebate@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

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### **1.1 Online Platform**

The Novice/JV Season Championship will use NSDA Campus. This is the site developed and maintained by the NSDA.

[NSDA Campus | National Speech & Debate Association](#)

### **1.2 Online Competition**

The 2020 TOC [Best Practices](#) manual offers tips for preparation.

### **1.3 Events and Divisions**

**We will host a Novice and a JV division of every event listed below.**

#### **Synchronous Events:**

Policy Debate  
Lincoln Douglas Debate  
Public Forum Debate

### **Asynchronous Speech Events:**

Original Oratory  
Storytelling  
“Live” Radio Speaking  
Dramatic Interp  
Duo Interp  
Humorous Interp  
Informative Speaking  
Program of Oral Interpretation  
Congress  
United States Extemp  
International Extemp  
Duet Acting  
Prose Reading  
Poetry Reading

\* We will collapse divisions if they are too small. If we must do that, be sure to mark your entries “Novice Break-Out Eligible” when registering. We will attempt to hold a novice breakout finals in IE’s if judges allow.

### **1.4 Debate Topics**

Policy Debate topic: 2020-21 NSDA Topic concerning Criminal Justice Reform  
Lincoln-Douglas topic: 2021NSDA January/February LD Topic  
Public Forum: 2020 NSDA February PFD Topic

### **1.5 Event Tiebreakers**

#### **PF/LD/Policy Prelims**

1. Win Loss from prelim round(s)
2. Points from prelim round(s), except the 1 best & worst
3. Points from prelim round(s), except the 2 best & worst
4. Points from prelim round(s)
5. Opp seed from prelim round(s)
6. Head To Head from all round(s)
7. Coinflip from all round(s)

#### **Debate Speaker Awards**

1. Points from prelim round(s), except the 1 best & worst
2. Points from prelim round(s), except the 2 best & worst
3. Points from prelim round(s)
4. Opp wins from prelim round(s)
5. Judgevar2 from prelim round(s)
6. Coinflip from prelim round(s)

#### **Congress Prelims**

1. Ranks from prelim round(s), truncate to 9
2. Judgepref from prelim round(s), truncate to 9
3. Reciprocal ranks from prelim round(s), truncate to 9
4. Ranks from prelim round(s), truncate to 9, except the 1 best & worst
5. Judgepref from prelim round(s), truncate to 9
6. Chair ranks from prelim round(s)

### **Congress Elims**

1. Ranks from previous round(s), truncate to 9
2. Judgepref from previous round(s), truncate to 9
3. Reciprocal ranks from previous round(s), truncate to 9
4. Ranks from previous round(s), truncate to 9, except the 1 best & worst
5. Judgepref from previous round(s), truncate to 9
6. Chair ranks from previous round(s)

### **Speech Prelims**

1. Ranks from prelim round(s), truncate to smallest section, except the 1 worst
2. Reciprocal ranks from prelim round(s), truncate to smallest section, except the 1 worst
3. Points from prelim round(s), except the 1 worst
4. Ranks from prelim round(s), truncate to smallest section
5. Reciprocal ranks from all round(s), truncate to smallest section
6. Points from all round(s)
7. Coinflip from all round(s)

### **Speech Elims Cumulative**

**\* Each level is additive. Ex: Add all of "1." tiebreaker conditions together**

1. Ranks from elim round(s), truncate to smallest section, except the 1 worst
1. Ranks from prelim round(s), truncate to smallest section, except the 1 worst
1. Ranks from final round(s), truncate to smallest section, except the 1 worst
2. Reciprocal ranks from elim round(s), truncate to smallest section, except the 1 worst
2. Reciprocal ranks from prelim round(s), truncate to smallest section, except the 1 worst
2. Reciprocal ranks from final round(s), truncate to smallest section, except the 1 worst
3. Points from prelim round(s), except the 1 worst
3. Points from elim round(s), except the 1 worst
3. Points from final round(s), except the 1 worst
4. Ranks from previous round(s)
5. Reciprocal ranks from previous round(s)
6. Points from all round(s)
7. Judgepref from previous round(s)
8. Coinflip from all round(s)

## **1.6 Entry Limits per School**

Unlimited if a school covers its judging burden. If a schools' entry is too large given the field in a particular event (roughly 25% of the field), a schools' entries may be forced to debate each other. The priority will be pairing teams within their respective brackets whenever possible. A school may choose to have the debate or pick which entry wins.

### **1.7 Student Entry Limits**

Students may enter only one synchronous weekend event: Policy, LD, PFD or Congress. Students may enter one synchronous weekend event AND multiple asynchronous events AND Congress.

Ex:

Allowable: Student enters LD only.

Allowable: Student enters LD, Oratory, and Info.

NOT Allowable: Student enters LD and Congress. (This can't happen. Both are live events that happen at the SAME time.)

Allowable: Student enters HI.

Allowable: Student enters HI and Congress.

NOT Allowable: Student enters HI, LD, and Congress. (This can't happen. Congress is live)

Allowable: Student enters HI and DI.

Allowable: Student enters HI, DI, POI, OO, INFO, and Extemp. (This CAN happen.)

Students are free to enter as many asynchronous speech events as they would like.

### **1.8 Judging Requirements**

IE's - 1 judge per 10 entries

Debate - 1 judge per 4 debate entries

We assume those judges will be your 3rd and 4th-year students. Those students will be eligible to judge both JV and Novice.

If a school enters adult judges, we will try to use them last. Truman will recruit a community pool of adults and current Truman 3rd/4th years.

If a school does not fulfill their judging burden, including failure of judges to appear in assigned rounds, tab will drop the school's best placed entries until the school has fulfilled their judging obligations.

We will attempt to place those with relevant event experience in that individual event. Please specify event preference when registering judges. Coaches will be able to "strike" judges from events they would prefer not to judge when placed in the IE pool.

**ALL** school Judges **MUST** have linked Tabroom.com accounts and be prepared to fill out online ballots. In order to be placed in the policy or LD pool, judges must have a completed paradigm on tabroom.com.

## **1.9 Awards**

Schools' best two entries in EVERY event will be counted for sweepstakes.

### **IE's, and Congress:**

2 Points for qualifying for octo finals

2 Points for qualifying for quarter finals

2 Points for qualifying for semifinals

4 Points for qualifying for finals

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)**

5 Points per Win

## **2.0 Eligibility**

### **2.1 General**

All students who are sanctioned by their principals to compete as a member of their school may compete.

Students who compete as independents are excluded from participating.

Schools from outside the state of Missouri are ineligible.

All students currently enrolled in grades 9-12 may participate.

Novice = Any student in their first year of HS Speech & Debate

JV = Any student in their first OR second year of HS Speech & Debate

### **2.2 Maverick Debating Rules**

Maverick teams are not permitted to enter prior to the tournament. If a team becomes maverick due to an illness of a partner during the tournament, the ill debater may miss no more than 2 debates to be able to return and continue debating. Mavericks may win the debate. Mavericks will not be permitted to clear to elimination rounds.

### **2.3 Independent entry and adult chaperones**

The tournament recognizes the value, and sometimes necessity of some students to compete as independents. However, due to liability concerns of our administration, and MSHSAA regulations no independent entries may compete. All students must be registered by an adult employee of the school district of which they are affiliated.

If your school seems to skirt the definition of "independent" consider these tests:

1. For Missouri schools to compete in a tournament, all entries in the tournament must be from teams representing their school that is a member of the relevant state activities association. Because of the process described in #2, we don't ask for a letter from the school like many other tournaments do.
2. The determining body for that is the MSHSAA. Which typically requires a one-month notice. A school does not have to have entries finalized, just have clicked register on Tabroom.com. When we submit the list of out of state schools, the MSHSAA then contacts the school or state activities association to determine if they are eligible to compete. Most schools meet that threshold, and we never hear anything back.

The easy litmus test here is two parts: 1. Is the school a member of the relevant state activities association? 2. Would the students be entered under the name of the school that would appear on a high school diploma? If the answer to both is yes, then the school probably passes the test

and can compete.

## **3.0 Event-Specific Information**

### **3.1 Overarching rules statement**

The tournament follows NSDA rules in all instances except for instances listed in this document or the tabroom.com website. The tab staff reserves the right to adjudicate ambiguous rule challenges in a way that seems fair to us. If a Truman HS entry is involved in a rule violation or could otherwise be seen to materially benefit from a tab decision (rule based, judge placement, or otherwise) then an independent party will be asked to make an adjudication.

### **3.2 Congressional Legislation Information**

The congress divisions will use the NSDA January 2021 Congress Docket

Submit two videos. Odd #'s for prelims, Even #'s for Elims.

### **3.3 Speech Event Information**

Asynchronous speech entries must be recorded and submitted electronically to a video hosting service such as YouTube or Google Drive. A link must be provided by the coach of the school into tabroom.com.

Failure to make videos publicly accessible, will cause judges to mark videos as forfeit/No-Shows. The tournament will NOT be checking to see if links work, only that they are provided. It is the responsibility of the coach of a program to verify all links are publicly viewable.

Students are free to enter as many asynchronous speech events as they would like.

### **Backdrops and Recording Equipment**

Competitors may not use green screens, virtual backdrops, on-screen text, or professional equipment enhancements such as professional lighting kits or professional grade camera recording and audio devices during their performance in any event. Students may use any electronic recording service that generates a shareable link. Submissions or recordings may not be edited using any software; all submissions must be non-stop footage of the entire performance done through the permitted submission platform. The camera being used must remain stationary throughout the entire performance, and no zooming or panning is permitted. Other individuals may be present while filming, but audience interaction (laughing, applause, etc.) must not be included in the performance. Competitors may determine how close or distant the camera is set up in order to maximize both verbal and nonverbal communication. If possible, it is recommended that students and judges remove items that may be distracting in the background. Backdrops of a solid color with no special markings may be used by competitors and judges. Best practices for performance spaces and recording strategies will be released in the coming days. Duo Interp must be recorded via side by side video, and may not be in the same room.

Oral Interp is secretly Prose and Poetry at the same time. Submit a Google folder link that has both videos in it. Round 1 is prose, round 2 is poetry and they will continue alternating.



### 3.4 Debate Event Information

Each team is allowed **10 cumulative minutes of “tech time”, counted separately from prep time** for competitors to resolve technical malfunctions. **If tech issues cannot be resolved during a side’s allocated tech time, that side will forfeit that round.** For example, if a competitor’s computer crashes and they cannot join the round within 10 minutes, they will forfeit that round.

Policy debate prep time will be 8 minutes.

PFD prep time will be 4 minutes.

LD prep time will be 5 minutes.

Internet use for evidence retrieval, dissemination, and partner communication is allowable in all synchronous events. Congresspersons may NOT consult with others outside of round.

## **4.0 Deadlines**

Registration is open now

**February 21<sup>st</sup>** – Async IE's entries, videos, and judges due by 5:00pm. This is a hard deadline. Entries will be dropped if they lack a video link. \$10 fine for each entry dropped after this time.

**February 24<sup>th</sup>** – Registering new debate entries and judge obligations deadline by 8:00am. Coaches will not be able to make additions to Tabroom entries after this date. Email the tournament directors for assistance. Please email [trumanhsdebate@gmail.com](mailto:trumanhsdebate@gmail.com). Fees freeze, drops after this date will still be charged the related entry fees.

**February 26<sup>th</sup>**– Judges due for Debate at noon.

**February 26<sup>th</sup>** – Drops and name changes are available online until 2pm. Please do not email us changes before this time. A nuisance fine of \$10 applies to every entry dropped after noon of the 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **5.0 Fees**

### **5.1 Entry Fees**

Per live debate entry \$9

Per Speech entry \$5

### **5.2 Payment Information**

Make Checks out to Truman Speech & Debate

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## 6.0 Schedules

### 6.1 Important Notes

For Policy, LD, and PF the tournament may take place over 2 days (Fri/Sat).  
Congress and Speech will take place on Friday and Saturday.

All times are CST

### 6.2 N and JV Policy Schedule

Policy is live. Students may NOT enter in Policy and Congress. Students MAY enter in Policy and Extemp. Students DEFINITELY CAN NOT ENTER IN POLICY and LD OR PFD.

Students may enter in Policy and any/all completely pre-recorded Speech events.

#### **Friday, all times are CST**

Prelims have a 1:45 decision deadline.

##### Round 1:

3:30pm	Pairings
3:40pm	Check in
4:00pm	Start Time
5:45pm	Decision Time

##### Round 2:

6:00pm (or ASAP)	Pairings
6:10pm	Check In
6:30pm	Start Time
8:15pm	Decision Time

#### **Saturday, all times are CST**

##### Round 3:

9:00am	Pairings
9:10am	Check In
9:30am	Start Time
11:15am	Decision Time

##### Round 4:

11:30am	Pairings
11:40am	Check in
12:00pm	Start Time
1:45pm	Decision Time

Round 5:

2:45pm	Pairings
2:55pm	Check In
3:25pm	Start Time
5:00pm	Decision Time

Round 6:

5:15pm	Pairings
5:25pm	Check In
5:45pm	Start Time
7:30pm	Decision Time

### 6.3 LD/PFD Schedule

LD and PFD are **NOT FLIGHTED**. Each round is allotted 1 hour and 10 minutes. Instead, each event will use the same judge pool and rotate. Ex: LD R1, then PFD R1, then LD R2 etc. We hope to run elims simultaneously.

**Friday, all times are CST.**

Prelims have a 1:10 decision deadline.

Round 1:

3:30pm	Pairings Round 1 of LD and PFD
3:40pm	LD Check in
4:00pm	LD Start Time
5:10pm	LD Decision Time
5:00pm	PFD Check In
5:10pm	PFD Start Time
6:20pm	PFD Decision Time

Round 2:

6:20pm	LD Check in
6:30pm	LD Start Time
7:40pm	LD Decision Time
7:30pm	PFD Check In
7:40pm	PFD Start Time
8:50pm	Decision Time

**Saturday, all times are CST.**

Round 3:

9:00am	Pairings Round 3
9:10am	LD Check In

9:30am	LD Start Time
10:40am	LD Decision Time
10:30am	PFD Check In
10:40am	PFD Start Time
11:50am	PFD Decision Time

Round 4:

11:45am	Pairings Round 4
11:55am	LD Check In
12:15am	LD Start Time
1:25am	LD Decision Time
1:15pm	PFD Check In
1:25pm	PFD Start Time
2:35pm	PFD Decision Time

Round 5:

2:45pm	Pairings
3:55pm	LD Check In
3:15pm	LD Start Time
4:25pm	LD Decision Time
4:15pm	PFD Check In
4:25pm	PFD Start Time
5:35pm	PFD Decision Time

Round 6:

4:45pm	Pairings
4:55pm	LD Check In
5:15pm	LD Start Time
6:25pm	LD Decision Time
6:15pm	PFD Check In
6:25pm	PFD Start Time
7:35pm	PFD Decision Time

## 6.4 Async Speech Schedule

**\*\*\*Entries/Videos Due by 8pm on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> all times are CST.**

8:00am	Async Prelim 1 and 2 Released
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**Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> all times are CST.**

7:00pm	Async Prelim 1 and 2 Due
ASAP	Semifinals Breaks released

**Thursday, February 25th all times are CST.**

7:00pm Async Semifinals Due  
ASAP Finals Breaks released

**Friday, February 26th all times are CST.**

7:00pm Async Finals Due