



Arkansas Communication & Theatre Arts Association

Arkansas September Regional Invitation

Dear Coaches and Competitors,

We are excited to invite you to the 1st Arkansas Regional Competition of the 2020-2021 Season which will be hosted with NSDA Campus Friday September 25th to Sunday September 27th.

The tournament will be hosted utilizing NSDA Campus. Please read more about this platform here:

[https://www.speechanddebate.org/nsda-campus/#:~:text=NSDA%20Campus%20is%20an%20online,phases%20\(pre-Beta\).](https://www.speechanddebate.org/nsda-campus/#:~:text=NSDA%20Campus%20is%20an%20online,phases%20(pre-Beta).)

The following events will be offered at this regional -

Debate-

- Congressional Debate
- Big Questions Debate
- Novice Policy Debate
- Varsity Policy Debate
- Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Novice Public Forum Debate
- Varsity Public Forum Debate

Speech-

- Humorous Interpretation
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Original Oratory
- Informative Speaking
- Program of Oral Interpretation
- Prose
- Poetry
- Storytelling



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- Extemp (Live)
- Impromptu (Live)

Please refer to the rest of the invitation to answer specific questions about this competition. If you have any questions about this invitation, please contact the host committee.

We wish to see you all virtually in September.

Sincerely,

Cabot (Jennifer Akers and Rachel Mauchline)

Fayetteville (Antha Johnson)

Little Rock Central (Rosie Valdez Block, Colton Gilbert, Chris Flowers, Joseph Kieklak)

Russellville (Daniel Caudle and Matt Young)

Timeline

July 29th - Registration Open

August 25th at 9am - Impromptu/Extemp Topics Published

September 11th at 4pm - Congress Legislation Due (Two NSDA Style Pieces of Legislation Per School on Tabroom)

September 11th at 4pm - Registration Closes (Judges and Entries Due)

Topics

Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate will use the Novice Topic (Civil Disobedience)

Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate will use the 2020-2021 September-October topic.



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Policy Debate will use the 2020-2021 NSDA topic.

Public Forum Debate will use the 2020-2021 September-October topic.

Extemp/Impromptu Areas will come out August 25th

Judge Requirements

1 Judge = 10 Speech Entries

1 Judge = 10 Congress Entries

1 Judge = 4 Debate Entries

Hired Judge/Missing Judge- \$60

For Debate- If you only have a judge available Friday and Saturday and not Sunday, you still owe \$20 for the day a judge isn't provided - Bringing another judge for that Sunday will eliminate that fine. It's critical you provide enough judges to cover the number of days judges are needed

For Speech- Due to the nature of having asynchronous prelims and live elims, judges will need to be available to judge prelims and the Friday to Sunday of elims. If you have a judge only available to judge elims, you'll still owe \$15 for the asynchronous rounds. If you have a judge only able to judge asynchronous rounds plus Friday, you'll still owe \$30. Bringing other judges that cover that time slot eliminates the fine. It's critical you provide enough judges to cover the number of days judges are needed

Missing Judge Fee Per Round - \$25 Per Ballot (If you are called from the Judge Pool Room and aren't there, you'll also receive this fine. This will also apply to rounds that aren't judged in the timeframe for asynchronous rounds)

Entry Costs



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School Fee - \$50 (Paid on ACTAA Website)

LD - \$20

PD - \$40

BQ- \$20

Congress - \$20

CX - \$40

Speech - \$20

Event Tiebreakers

Congress:

1. Ranks
2. Judge pref
3. Reciprocal ranks
4. H/L Ranks
5. H/L reciprocal ranks

Speech: (Elims will be calculated using 'sudden death' tiebreakers)

1. Ranks
2. Reciprocal Ranks

Debate:

1. Wins
2. H/L Points (Pending on Entry Size)
3. Total Points
4. Opp Wins Prelims
5. Opp Ranks Prelims

Notes for Coaches

Prior to entries being accepted- Schools must complete the following:



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- Entry Information
 - Piece Title/Author/Publication Information
- Waivers for Each Student Competing

Impromptu and Extemp are Live. Students will speak in the order they are listed on Tabroom. Rounds will occur on NSDA Campus. **Students should only compete in Extemp or Impromptu (NOT BOTH)** If students are registered in both, there is no guarantee that students will be able to compete in both and refunds won't be granted for students who miss rounds.

Debate is live. Rounds will occur on NSDA Campus

Other IEs are recorded. These will be listed as 'link sharing only' on youtube and links will be posted on specific entries. These are due on September 14th at 4pm. Recorded videos will have a password that students must show at the start of their performance. Coaches will find this password on the registration for the tournament. If your password isn't held at the start of the performance, your performance will be disqualified.

IE piece information needs to be uploaded to Tabroom by September 14th at 4pm. Failure to upload piece information will result in an inability to compete with no refund.

Speech Schedule- TENTATIVE BASED ON ENTRIES

Three rounds per pattern for prelims that will be judged between Sunday - Wednesday the week of the tournament. They can be judged by judges anytime in that time frame. **Judges for schools that don't complete their assignment will be fined.**

There will need to be limited students that crossover between extemp and impromptu since they run at the same time. Students CANNOT double enter in extemp and impromptu.

Friday-

3pm-4:30pm - Coaches email to confirm their entry



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4:30pm- Extemp Draw Round 1

5pm-6:30pm- Extemp and Impromptu Round 1

6:30pm-7pm- Dinner Break

7pm- Announcement of Recorded Semifinalists

7pm- Extemp Draw Round 2

7:30pm-9pm- Extemp and Impromptu Round 2

Approx 9:30pm- Announcement of Extemp/Impromptu Semifinalists

Saturday-

8:30am- Extemp Draw Round 3

9am-10:30am- Extemp and Impromptu Round 3

11am-12:30pm- Prose, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interp, Original Oratory Semifinals (Live Streamed)

12:30pm-1:30pm- Lunch Break

1pm- Extemp and Impromptu Announce Semifinals

1:30pm-3pm- Poetry, Program of Oral Interp, Storytelling, Informative Semifinals (Live Streamed)

3:30pm- Extemp Draw Semis

4pm-5:30pm- Extemp and Impromptu Semis

5:30pm-6:30pm- Dinner Break



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6:30pm- Announcement of All Finalists

7pm- Extemp Draw Finals

7:30pm-9pm- Extemp and Impromptu Finals (Live Streamed)

Sunday-

9:30am-11am- Prose, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interp, Original Oratory Finals (Live Streamed)

11am-12pm- Lunch Break

12pm-1:30pm- Poetry, Program of Oral Interp, Storytelling, Informative Semifinals (Live Streamed)

3pm- Award Ceremony

Debate Schedule - TENTATIVE BASED ON ENTRIES

Friday-

3pm-4:30pm - Coaches email to confirm their entry

5pm-7pm - Round 1 Debate (Preset) (Check in 15 Minutes Before)

7:30pm-9:30pm- Round 2 Debate (Preset) (Check in 15 Minutes Before)

Saturday-

9am-11am- Round 3 Debate (Powermatched) (Check in 15 Minutes Before)

11am-12pm- Lunch Break



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12pm-2pm- Round 4 Debate (Powermatched) (Check in 15 Minutes Before)

3pm-5pm- Round 5 Debate (Powermatched) (Check in 15 Minutes Before)

6pm- Announcement of Quarterfinalists

6:30pm-8:30pm- Quarters Debate (Disclosure in Round) (Check in 15 Minutes Before)

Sunday-

9am-11am- Semis Debate (Disclosure in Round) (Check in 15 Minutes Before) (Live Stream)

11am-12pm - Lunch Break

12pm-2pm- Finals Debate (No Disclosure) (Check in 15 Minutes Before) (Live Stream)

3pm- Award Ceremony

Congress Schedule - TENTATIVE BASED ON ENTRIES

Friday-

3pm-4:30pm - Coaches email to confirm their entry

5:30pm-8pm - Round 1 Congress (Check in 15 Minutes Before)

Saturday-

9am-11:30am- Round 2 Congress (Check in 15 Minutes Before)

11:30am-1pm- Lunch

1:30pm-4pm- Round 3 Congress (Check in 15 Minutes Before)



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4pm-5:30pm- Dinner Break

5:30pm- Announcement of Finalists

6:30pm-9pm- Finals Congress (Check in 15 Minutes Before)

Sunday-

3pm- Award Ceremony