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INTRODUCTION

Individual Event Tournament - Due to the tournament being held online, we will NOT be doing a Speaking Eagle/triathlon award this year.

The Juan Diego Catholic High School Speech and Debate Team invites you to our annual individual events tournament. We will offer individual events recognized by the Utah High School Activities Association, National Speech and Debate Association, and National Catholic Forensic League.

The tournament will be a paneled, two-day event. Students are encouraged to enter both panels, and they may double-enter within panels. The only time we do not recommend double entering within a panel is if a student chooses to enter in extemp. **We will offer novice and open in every event at registration, but divisions with less than 10 competitors will be collapsed to Open Only.**

WHAT'S NEW?

If you've attended Silver and Blue before, observe this quick summary of what you can expect in 2020.

- To every extent possible, events will run asynchronously. We anticipate this will be all events EXCEPT Impromptu, Spar, and Extemp. Please set the expectation with your students that if they WILL need to be available to deliver speeches in the event of technology failures.
- We will continue with the decision from previous years to remove quarter-finals for large events. While this was a difficult decision given the entry size in some events, it did make a large difference in how quickly the tournament moved towards awards.
- We do have a new Assistant Coach at Juan Diego - Please Welcome Sam McConnell to the UDCA community.

EVENTS AND RULES

The mission of Silver & Blue is to give students an opportunity to compete in individual events consistent with standards and norms common at the highest level of competition. For this reason, rules will be enforced that have historically been ignored at many Utah competitions. Therefore, coaches should encourage their students to prepare and practice their events in a manner consistent with those standards. Coaches and students should consult the links provided in the descriptions below. Students who violate these rules may receive a rank of nine for the round in which the infraction occurred, or ranked last in their congressional debate chamber. If there are any questions, please email the tournament director.

Students who observe rule violations should report them to their coach, who should then report them to the tournament director.

For event rules and descriptions, please visit the [National Speech and Debate Association Website](#). Each of the events below can be accessed through this link. If you are unfamiliar with an event, we would encourage you to utilize this resource. The website has been recently updated.

Speech Events Offered

Panel A:

- National Extemp
- Impromptu
- Duo Interp
- Oratory
- Program Oral Interp (this replaces prose/poetry)

Panel B:

- Foreign Extemp
- Spar (**scored as speech event, not win/loss**)

- Humorous Interp
- Dramatic Interp
- Informative Speaking
- Declamation
- Storytelling - The storytelling theme for this tournament is **Gratitude**

NOVICE ELIGIBILITY

The students that may participate in the novice division are those that did not participate in a high school speech or debate event prior to the 2020-21 academic year. Even if the student competed only one time, or only did a debate event prior to this season, they are still considered ineligible for novice competition.

All students may participate in open competition.

COMMUNICATION AND POSTINGS

Information about the tournament will be posted on Tabroom.com. This will include postings and final round results.

PANELS AND SCHEDULE

Panel A: National Extemporaneous, Impromptu, Duo Interp, Oratory, Program Oral Interp

Panel B: Foreign Extemporaneous, Spar, Humorous Interp, Dramatic Interp, Informative Speaking, Storytelling and Declamation

Students can double enter within panels. Double entry in extemp and another event in the same panel is done at the students risk - meaning we will not hold ballots for students who are missing and we will not attempt to locate judges if students arrive at a room late.

Congress will not be paneled and students participating in congress may not enter in any other event.

Individual Events Schedule

Friday

2:45-3:15 Registration

3:30-4:45 Panel A Round 1

4:45-6:00 Panel B Round 1

6:00-6:30 Dinner break

6:30-8:00 Panel A Round 2

Saturday

8:30-9:45 Panel B Round 2

9:45-11:00 Panel A Round 3

11:00-12:15 Panel B Round 3

12:15-12:45 Lunch

12:15 We will begin semifinals for events with 28 or more competitors and finals for events with 14 - 27 competitors. Elimination rounds will post ASAP to expedite the completion of the tournament.

For events with fewer than 14 entries, there will be a final round, however it will be judged by one person, rather than a three judge panel.

FEES

Entry Fees: \$30.00 school fee

\$8.00 per competitor per event. A duo entry is \$16.00 per duo.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be done on Tabroom.

Please observe all deadlines posted on Tabroom.com for registering.

TABULATION AND SCORING

Competitors will be ranked. **The ratings system of awarding S,E, G, F will not be used.**

The tabroom will be open to all coaches, and they will have access to all ballots as well as the computer records. For this reason, coaches are responsible to verify the accuracy of all tabbing of individual results and sweepstakes awards. No corrections will be made after the tournament is concluded.

Competitors will all be ranked, with no ties. This also means that there will be no ties for 5th place, as is often the norm at tournaments in Utah.

The tournament director will determine who advances to finals and semi-finals based on cumulative ranks from preliminary rounds.

Final rankings will be determined with the following criteria:

1. All ranks from all rounds, including semis and finals will be cumulated, with the lower score being the better rank.
2. A majority of 1's will rank a competitor higher
3. Judge's preference

Finals rounds will be judged by a panel of three judges, except where entry in the event is fewer than 14 total entries.

AWARDS

Individual awards

The finalists in each event will receive awards.

Sweepstakes Awards

We will award a sweepstakes winner. Sweepstakes points are earned with each prelim rank of 1 earning 6 points, 2 earns 5 points, 3 earns 4 points, and so on. There will be a sweepstakes award for the top performing school in a large school (6a, 5a, 4a) and small school (3a, 2a, 1a). This does require, however, that there be at least three schools entered in each group. Otherwise, classifications will be combined.

JUDGES

Please pay close attention to all matters relating to judges. By far, the greatest challenge to the operation of this tournament is providing enough judges. We routinely run into 2 problems with judges:

First, is a school not bringing judges (not enough, judges arriving late, leaving early). To resolve this issue, we will be recording "pushed" ballots. Your school will be fined \$15 per "pushed ballot". Please impress upon your judges their importance in helping the tournament run efficiently.

Second, judges being unable to take ballots. The reasoning for this varies, but it is often "My school code is on there" or "I am a senior, I can only judge novice." To be clear - we WILL allow a judge from your school to judge your competitors *IF* they do not know the student. If you are bringing a large number of competitors, it is YOUR job to bring judges who CAN pick up ballots. If you need help obtaining judges, please email me. Again, if a ballot assigned to your school needs to be pushed because of

insufficient available judges - your school will be fined. Again, if you think this may be a concern for your school, contact me directly.

One judge is required for every 5 entries. These judges must be available for both panels. Teams with inadequate numbers of judges will be assessed a fee of \$100 for each missing judge (\$50 per day). This will be assessed after the entry deadline.

All judges on Saturday are committed to the final round. Fees will apply to semi and final rounds.

We will have a table at the tournament where judges can receive help and get their questions answered. New judges in particular are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of this service.

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