

September 23, 2020

Dear Coach and Squad,

The Diamond Speech and Debate Squad would like to invite you and your novice students to compete at the virtual Diamond Novice Speech Tournament Monday, Oct. 19- Friday, Oct. 23. A novice competitor will be defined as any student in his or her first year of competition or any sophomore student in his or her second year of competition.

We will only use one judge in pre-lims, and we will use three for finals. Student judges with at least 150 NFL points and timekeepers are welcome.

We will offer the following pre-recorded events to be judged asynchronously: Original Oratory, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Prose Reading, Poetry Reading, Storytelling, Live Radio Speaking, Program Oral Interpretation, and Informative Speaking.

We will also offer live combined extemporaneous speaking via Zoom on Friday, Oct. 23. Draw for Round 1 will be at 3:30 p.m.

The entry deadline will be **Monday, Oct. 12**. Schools will be financially responsible for entries after that date. If you have any questions, you may e-mail me at sbillingsley@diamondwildcats.org or call my cell phone at (417) 629-4587. You may also text me at that number.

We look forward to seeing you and your students.

Sincerely,

Stacey Billingsley
Diamond Speech Coach

Tessa Shaw
Tournament Chair

Rules and Regulations

- A student may enter **TWO** events.
- A school may enter three competitors in each event. Extras will be granted as space allows.
- Advanced students with at least 150 NFL points are encouraged to come and judge.
- Medals will be awarded for all finalists.
- Schools will be financially responsible for their entries on or after the entry deadline.
- A coach or designated sponsor must be available for contact at all times.
- Any disputes will be covered by MSHSAA and NSDA rules or decided by Mrs. Billingsley.

Reminders for Student Judges

- If judging, be respectful of the competitors. Remember what it's like to compete for the first time. Be sure to complete your judging assignment in a timely manner or your round will be re-scheduled.

Individual Events

1. Combined Extemp: 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. Time limit: 7 minutes.
 2. Original Oratory: The speech must be the original work of the contestant. Not more than 150 words may be direct quotation. The presentation must be memorized. Time limit: 10 minutes.
 3. Humorous and Dramatic Interpretation: Selections may be taken from any published novel, play, or short story. Selections must possess literary merit and be in good taste. Selections must be memorized. An adequate introduction should be provided. Time limit: 10 minutes.
 4. Poetry and Prose: Pieces should be taken from published sources. Selections must have introductions and be in good taste. The selection should be read. Time limit: 8 minutes.
 6. Storytelling: Students must present a story suitable for children ages 6-12 from a seated position. The story should include an introduction. Students may stand for the introduction. Time limit: 8 minutes.
 7. Radio Speaking: The script should include news, weather, and sports and be no more than 48 hours old. The student should deliver the speech facing away from the judge. Time limit: 5 minutes.
 8. Program Oral Interpretation: Pieces should follow the current rules of the NSDA. Selections must have an introduction and be in good taste. Time limit: 10 minutes.
 9. Informative Speaking: The speech must be the original work of the student. A visual aid may be used. **No electronic visual aids of any kind are allowed. A student who uses electronic visual aids will be disqualified.** The presentation must be memorized. Time limit: 10 minutes.
 10. Breaks to finals and awards will be announced on our speech and theatre Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/DHSspeechdebatedrama>
- (I will contact coaches and competitors by text for breaks in extemp.)
11. Medals will be mailed to the winners at the conclusion of the tournament.

Friday Extemp. Schedule

Enter Draw Room/ Competitor Check	3:00
Extemp. Draw	3:30
Round 1	4:00
Extemp. Draw	5:30
Round 2	6:00
Finals Extemp. Draw	7:30
Finals	8:00
Awards Posted	9:30 ?

Diamond Novice Speech Tournament

This is for your information. You will need to register with Tabroom and Google Forms when those become available.

School Name_____

Coach_____

Entries are \$5.00 per event.

Events	Entries
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Combined Extemp	_____
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Prose	_____
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Poetry	_____
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Storytelling	_____
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Live Radio	_____
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POI	_____
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Informative	_____
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Total Entries _____ X \$5.00= **Total Cost** \$ _____

Please e-mail information or return form to Stacey Billingsley. I plan to e-mail confirmations.

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