Lincoln Southwest Silver Talon

November 7, 2020

The 18th annual Lincoln Southwest Silver Talon Debate Tournament will take place on November 7, 2020. We will offer competition in Policy, Lincoln Douglas, Congressional Debate and Public Forum. We are pleased to announce that we are once again a TOC bid tournament with a final bid in Public Forum.

This tournament will follow all NSAA bylaws. This is a high school only tournament. Students must be eligible according to NSAA and may only compete for the school in which they are currently enrolled. The NSAA bylaws can be viewed at nsaahome.org. Online balloting – we will be using online balloting for all events.

All competitions will be held online this year. We will be using the NSDA campus platform. Please ensure all of your students and judges have tested the technology to use this platform.

Online Entry -- Entries will only be accepted online via Tabroom.com. Deadline for entries is November 4, 2020. **Fees and judge requirements will be accessed at that time**. Changes or drops after that date can be changed on the website or emailed to me at theimes@lps.org.

Special Programs --

Novice Congress Workshop – Novice congressional debates will given instruction and practice during this workshop in the morning. In the afternoon, these debaters will compete in congressional houses and receive awards for their competition. Novice students should only prep the first seven bills on the docket.

Awards –

- Policy – Six speaker awards in each division, along with team awards for semifinal and final participants.
- Congress – A gavel to the presiding officer as well as awards to the top six speakers and an award to the champion in each house.
- Lincoln-Douglas – Six speaker awards in each division along with awards for quarterfinalists and above.

- Public Forum – Six speaker awards in each division along with awards for quarterfinalists and above. We will also be giving special awards for the TOC bid teams.
- Sweepstakes – Banners will be awarded to the top three teams.

Fees –

Policy -- $20
Lincoln-Douglas Debate -- $20
Novice Public Forum -- $20
Varsity Public Forum -- $25
Student Congress $17

Judge Coverage (judges are obligated to one round beyond their team's elimination)
- Policy -- One judge per two teams. May be hired for $100. (We really need your judges.)
- Lincoln-Douglas – One judge per two debaters. May be hired for $100
- Public Forum – One judge per two teams. May be hired for $100
- Congressional Debate – One judge per four debaters. May be hired for $100

Policy Debate –
We will determine the round structure based on the number of entries. Policy debaters will be given eight minutes of prep time.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate –
We will be using the November/December topic FOR BOTH DIVISIONS. Will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format with **4 minutes prep time**. Varsity and novice divisions will have five prelims (powered after two) breaking to quarters.

Public Forum Debate –

We will use the November/December topic. SPEECHES AND PREP TIME WILL BE THREE MINUTES. Varsity and Novice divisions will have five prelims (powered after two) breaking to quarters. Note – we will use the November topic for both novice and varsity competition.

Congressional Debate --
"At this tournament we will be utilizing the docket selected by the Nebraska Congressional Debate Committee. However, we welcome legislation from non-Nebraska teams. The submission deadline for legislation to be considered for this docket is October 19. If you would

like your legislation to be included in our docket, please email your legislation to the tournament host who will then add it to the docket.

A Note on Novice Competition – I believe that it is important for a student in novice competition to only compete with students who are in their first year of debate competition in any event. If you have a special situation you would like to discuss, please contact me.

Contact Info --
You may reach me via cell phone at 402/310-4152. Email – theimes@lps.org. Please contact me with questions or concerns.