



Raytown & Raytown South LAST BLAST INVITATIONAL

November 2, 2020

Dear Coach(es):

The Raytown and Raytown South Speech and Debate team would like to cordially invite you and your squad to attend the **Last Blast Invitational**.

The tournament will be held on **December 11 & 12, 2020**. The tournament will be hosted **Virtually** through tabroom. Raytown will be hosting the Varsity division Raytown South will host the Novice division.

Varsity events include:

Policy Debate (Reg & Champ), Public Forum Debate (Reg & Champ), Lincoln Douglas Debate (Reg & Champ), Original Oratory, Dramatic Interp, Humorous Interp, Duo Interp, POI, Storytelling, International and U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking, Informative, and Student Congress.

Novice events include:

Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Interpretive Reading (either Prose or Poetry), Humorous Interp, Dramatic Interp, Duo Interp, Original Oratory, Storytelling, Informative, International and U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking, and Student Congress.

Entry deadline will be Wednesday, December 2, 2020 via tabroom. (\$5/entry)

Our tabroom website is <http://thelastblast.tabroom.com>

Please register your entries through our tabroom website. **Please make note of Novice & Varsity events when entering your students. IE's will be distinguished by V & N. Debate will be distinguished by N for novice, R for reg, and C for champ.** Rounds will be conducted through the NSDA Campus platform.

All I.E.'s will be asynchronously including extemp and congress. We will provide live viewing opportunities via NSDA for all IE semifinalists and finalists.

All that being said we are very excited to have you join us!

Sincerely,

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Schedule

Live (Synchronous) Debate Schedule:

Friday, December 11, 2020

2:45 pm Registration
4:00 pm RD I of Debate
6:30 pm RD II of Debate

Saturday, December 12, 2020

8:00 am RD III of Debate
10:30 am RD IV of Debate
2:00 pm Quarterfinals of Debate
4:00 pm Semifinals of Debate
6:00 pm Finals of Debate

Recorded (Asynchronous) Speech Schedule:

Thursday, December 3, 2020

By the end of the day: Upload all asynch videos to tabroom

Friday, December 11, 2020

12:00 pm: Semifinals
Announcements Emailed to coaches

Saturday, December 12, 2020

8:00 am: Semifinals viewing
12:00 pm: Finals announcement emailed to coaches
1:00 pm: Finals viewing

General Tournament Information

1. One coach needs to be available for contact throughout the competition
2. A student may only be entered in two I.E. Events and/or one debate event.
3. Entry fees will be \$5 per entry (no trophies)
4. Awards will be emailed after the tournament.
5. Schools will be financially responsible for their entries after confirmation.
6. Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top three schools in debate, speech, and overall. Overall sweepstakes champions will also be awarded. Sweepstakes will be determined using the following criteria:
 - 5 points per win for the best two debate entries per event
 - 10 points per quarterfinalist debate entry
 - 5 points per semifinalist speech entry (best two only)
 - 10 points per finalist speech entry
 - 5 points for 3rd place speech entry
 - 10 points for 2nd place speech entry
 - 15 points for 1st place speech entry

Virtual Information

1. Review Tabroom Manual: Please review the Tabroom manual here:
http://docs.tabroom.com/Main_Page.
2. Review NSDA Campus Manual: Please review the NSDA Campus manual here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hej13hqfKmSHEVDYU-rc6UiVlaK0xbp6uGgwBHtSXIQ/edit?usp=sharing>
3. Register and Link All Tournament Participants in Tabroom: All participants must have a Tabroom account. Please follow these instructions to create a Tabroom account: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/creating-linking-account-tabroom/>.
4. Asynch Video Uploads: Please have your students upload their performances by Thursday, December 3rd
5. We will be going by the MSHSAA Adopted Revisions for Virtual Competition document released by MSHSAA (i.e., pilot internet rules, extended prep time for debate, etc.).
6. Submitted competition videos should be “one take” with no editing or post-production and should follow all other MSHSAA Asynch Recording guidelines.
7. Please have all participants use Google Chrome as per NSDA Campus guidance.
8. Room Check-In Procedures: Please have debaters check in 15 minutes prior to the round when possible. Tournament staff will be monitoring each room.
9. Duo will offer both split screen and traditional style depending on what your admin, students, and parents are comfortable with. They will compete in the same round.
10. Extemp Procedures:
 - a. We are requesting students to record one speech for preliminary rounds, plus one recording for elimination. Only contestants breaking to semifinals and finals will be considered.
 - b. Rather than submitting a video link, please have each student participant create a google folder and submit a link to that folder when entering the competitor on Tabroom. Preliminary and Elimination videos must be clearly labeled. Our Tabroom ballots have been updated with instructions and our judges have been instructed to only view the appropriate video for the round they have been assigned to judge.
 - c. Extemp questions will be sent out to all invited coaches by Friday, November 20th. We are requesting that you administer draw fairly to all participants (i.e., have student participants blindly draw three questions, choose one, and record a performance 30 minutes after).
 - d. Please have contestants submit all videos by the Asynch Video deadline, which is Thursday, December 3rd
11. Congress Procedures:
 - a. We are requesting students to record one speech for preliminary rounds, plus one supersession speech. Only contestants breaking to supersession will be considered.

- b. Rather than submitting a video link, please have each student participant create a google folder with Preliminary and Super Session videos clearly labeled. Our Tabroom ballots have been updated with instructions and our judges have been instructed to only view the appropriate video for the round they have been assigned to judge.
- c. Congress legislation will be included in the invite. We are using the NSDA **November** 2020 Congress Legislation Packet. As a coach, we are requesting that you assign students one piece of the legislation and side per round according to the following constraints:
 - i. Preliminary: Choose from Legislation #1-5
 - ii. Super Session: Choose from Legislation #6-10
- d. Submitted competition videos should be “one take” with no editing or post-production and should follow all other MSHSAA Asynch Recording guidelines.
- e. Please have contestants submit all videos by the Asynch Video deadline, which is Thursday, December 3

Event Rules

Policy Debate

1. The resolution will be the NSDA/MSHSAA approved topic. **Resolved: The United States federal government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following: forensic science, policing, sentencing.**
2. Time limits will be 8-3-5. Each team will be allowed a total of 8 minutes of prep time (MSHSAA Proposed Rules for Virtual Competition in 2020-2021).
3. Ties will be broken by looking at win-loss, opposition loss, opposition record, and cumulative speaker points.
4. Maverick teams will be allowed to debate
5. Being more than 10 minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, may result in a forfeit.

Lincoln Douglas Debate

1. The resolution will be the current NSDA/MSHSAA approved topic. **Resolved: The United States ought to provide a federal jobs guarantee.**
2. Time limits will be 6-3-7-3-4-6-3. Each debater will be allowed a total of 5 minutes of prep time (MSHSAA Proposed Rules for Virtual Competition in 2020-2021).
3. Ties will be broken by looking at win-loss, opposition loss, opposition record, and cumulative speaker points.
4. Being more than 10 minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, may result in a forfeit.

Public Forum Debate

1. The resolution will be the current NSDA/MSHSAA approved topic. **Resolved: The United States should adopt a declaratory nuclear policy of no first use.**
2. Time limits for Public Forum debate will be: 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2-2 (NSDA Pilot Rules 2019). Each team will be allowed a total of 4 minutes of prep time ((MSHSAA Proposed Rules for Virtual Competition in 2020-2021).
3. Sides will be determined by a coin flip at the start of each round.
4. Ties will be broken by looking at win-loss, opposition loss, opposition record, and cumulative speaker points.
5. Maverick teams will be allowed to debate.
6. A team more than ten minutes late to a round will forfeit unless it is the fault of the tournament.
7. Being more than 10 minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, may result in a forfeit.

ORATORY: Follow MSHSAA rules. Oratories are limited to 150 quoted words. Maximum of 10 minutes.

DUO INTERP: Follow NSDA rules Time limit-10 minutes. Can be either split-screen or in person.

DRAMATIC AND HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION: Follow NSDA rules. A competitor may not use the same script in more than one event. Time limit: 10 minutes.

EXTEMP SPEAKING: Students will have 30 minutes to prepare a speech on a current event topic. After drawing, students may not consult with others. Only students entered in extemp will be allowed in draw. Maximum of 7 Minutes.

INFORMATIVE: Follow NSDA rules. Time Limit- 10 minutes.

POI: Follow NSDA rules. Time Limit-10 minutes

STUDENT CONGRESS: A presiding officer will be provided. Legislation is attached in the email invitation. The docket will be set as it appears in the attached document.

Procedure for advancement to super session and determining tie-breaks will follow NSDA ranking rules. (No noms, just top 8 ranks and the rest get a 9.)

PROSE/POETRY: MSHSAA rules. Time limit - 8 minutes

STORYTELLING: MSHSAA rules. Time limit - 8 minutes.

