

Dear Coaches,

The Jackson Hole High School Speech & Debate Team invites you to our inaugural Virtual Speech Tournament to be held (primarily) on Friday and Saturday, Feb 5 & 6, 2021. Schools wishing to attend our meet will be entered on a first come, first serve basis. There will be an initial registration limit of 4 entries per event. We will let in as many waitlisted entries as we can but the tournament will have a maximum of 400 entries allowed.

Registration will take place at <http://jhhs.tabroom.com>

We will plan to use the Zoom model for our tournament. (NSDA Campus is the backup plan).

EVENTS

Synchronous Events to be held on Friday & Saturday:

CX Debate, LD Debate, PF Debate, Big Questions Debate (4 prelim rounds, flighted)

Drama, POI, Humor, Oratory, Poetry, Extemp, Congress, Info, Impromptu (3 prelim rounds)

Asynchronous Events (recorded) due Thursday at 5pm (prelims will be judged on Fri, outrounds judged on Sat):

Duet, Prose, Editorial Commentary (3 prelim rounds)

[Click here for details on Asynchronous Events- Rules and Deadlines](#)

Synchronous Extemporaneous Debate:

Mon- Wed Feb 1-3 , we will also host a virtual Extemporaneous Debate tournament. This should be considered an extension of this main tournament - we will announce the final results for this at the awards ceremony on Saturday night. Please follow this link to learn more about that and register! <http://jhhsdebate.tabroom.com>

State rules will apply unless otherwise indicated in this invitation.

Debate:

We will be double flighting debates with the exception of CX.

Safety is a top priority, therefore there is an expectation that partner debates use separate logins. There will be the same expectation for debate partners that are related. This is to promote equal footing in the event for all. However if your team needs to be granted an exception to this rule, please contact the tournament director (Londe Gagnon = lgagnon@tcsd.org) in advance.

The topics are as follows:

Lincoln Douglas: Resolved: States ought to ban lethal autonomous weapons.

Public Forum: Resolved: On balance, the benefits of urbanization in West Africa outweigh the harms.

Policy: 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.

Big Questions: Resolved: Mathematics was discovered, not invented.

Ties in debate will be broken by power of opposition first, followed by speaker points.

Manuscript/visual aid usage: Poetry, Prose, and POI competitors must use a manuscript. All other events are memorized. Informative Speaking competitors may use visual aids.

Duet: is asynchronous and recordings must be uploaded to your tabroom entry by Wednesday 2/3/21 by 5pm. Safety is a top priority, therefore there is an expectation that partners use separate screens for their recording. There will be the same expectation for debate partners that are related. This is to promote equal footing in the event for all. [Here](#) are some instructions for recording and uploading your duet.

Congress. Congressional Debate will be in the HOPEIIC pattern.

The legislation will be chosen from the State database corresponding to the competitors who are **registered for the tournament on tabroom on 1/22/21**. Please make sure your student's legislation is in the database **prior** to that date if you would like it to be on the docket.

We will release the docket to registered schools on **1/25/21**.

Super Congress legislation will be taken from various sources, and will be released along with the regular docket.

Extemporaneous Speaking. Questions will be taken from November, December, January & February NFHS (available through the link in the State Newsletter Londe sends out each month) and NSDA questions (available on NSDA site) but also in the same linked document. The format will be that of the new state rule passed last fall, and judges will have copies of the speakers' questions. Draw will take place at 7-minute intervals, and will be embedded into the HOPEIIC pattern. Extemp speakers must have their cameras activated (but volume muted) during their prep time. Prep time may not be adjusted for students doubling.

Internet usage:

Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, and Congressional Debate may all use the Internet in strict adherence to the following rules:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/Pilot-Internet-Rules-2020.pdf>

Additionally, Extemporaneous competitors may use the Internet as permitted by those same rules.

Judging. Many judges will be Jackson community members but we will have a requirement of accompanying judges for each team. If bringing accompanying judges is an issue for your team, please contact tournament director Londe Gagnon (lgagnon@tcsd.org). Most likely, we will need to use some coaches for back-up in case of "no-show" judges. Please register your judges on tabroom no later than Wednesday 2/3/21. All judges must have linked tabroom accounts in order to access online ballots.

[Click here for instructions on How to use online ballots, link accounts, and submit results and comments - For Judges](#)

[Click Here for Additional Instructions For Judges](#)

Please note- all entries will be waitlisted until the media release form is turned in. Due to this, the judging burden will not appear on tabroom until the waitlisted entries have been changed to active status. So please enter your judges early so you are not caught unaware by the judging burden

ENTRY LIMITS AND DEADLINES

In general, our tournament format encourages double entering. Students who double within a pattern do so **at their own risk**. However, **Policy Debaters cannot double within the "D"**

pattern. Students may not double in 2 debate events. Students that are doubling in Debate and another D pattern event (Drama and POI) must prioritize Debate - meaning if they are in the first flight of Debate they must debate first then go to their D interp event.

Initial registration numbers are due on **Monday, 18 January 2021**. Please get them in sooner rather than later!

Final registration entry adds are due on **Tuesday February 2 2021**.

Only drops or substitutions will be allowed after the final registration deadline (no adds). Registration will be through tabroom. All changes and drops should be done online, in accordance with the stated deadlines.

Drops on Friday, 5 February 2021, the first day of the meet, may be made online until 11 am, without penalty. They may also be made by **calling or texting Londe Gagnon at 307-699-0537**. Please do not rely on email.

Event drops received after 11:00 am on Friday, 5 February 2021 will be assessed a late drop fee of \$10.00 each. First Round "no shows" will be considered late drops as well.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Registration will be held online from 9:30am-11:30am on Friday 5 February
- All events will synchronous (live) with the exception of Duo, Prose, & Editorial Commentary which will be asynchronous
- **Please make sure all participants have signed and turned in the media release form. Copy found [here](#) .**
- Entries will be waitlisted until the media release form is turned in.

ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are \$10 for individual events and \$15 for partner events

To avoid event drop fees, please call Londe with your drops on Friday morning or record your drops online before that time.

AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to 1st-6th (sometimes 7th) place finishers

First, Second, & Third Place Sweepstakes awards will be awarded in 4A, 3A, and 1A/2A categories as determined by WHSAA.

All team entries count as a single entry towards sweepstakes.

Sweepstakes points will be awarded for semi and final round placements only

We look forward to seeing you at the tournament!

Sincerely,

The Jackson Hole High School Speech and Debate Team

TOURNAMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE - (Extemp Draw is embedded in the HOPEIIC pattern) :

9:30am-11:30 am	Registration	
12:30 PM	PF Debate, LD Debate, CX Debate, BQ Debate	Rd 1
2:30 PM	Humor, Oratory, Poetry, Extemp, Info, Congress, Impromptu	Rd 1
4:00 PM	PF Debate, LD Debate, CX Debate, BQ Debate, Drama, POI	Rd 2 Debates, Rd 1 D Interp
6:00 PM	Humor, Oratory, Poetry, Extemp, Info, Congress, Impromptu	Rd 2
7:30 PM	PF Debate, LD Debate, CX Debate, BQ Debate, Drama, POI	Rd 3 Debates, Rd 2 D Interp

	Asynchronous events (Duo, Commentary, Prose) will be judged asynchronously on Friday and Saturday	
8:00 AM	Humor, Oratory, Poetry, Extemp, Info, Congress, Impromptu	Rd 3
10:00 AM	PF Debate, LD Debate, CX Debate, BQ Debate, Drama, POI	Rd 4 Debates, Rd 3 D Interp
12:00 PM	Humor, Oratory, Poetry, Extemp, Info, Congress, Impromptu semis	Semis
1:30 PM	PF Debate, LD Debate, CX Debate, BQ Debate, Drama, POI semis	Semis
3:00 PM	Humor, Oratory, Poetry, Extemp, Info, Congress, Impromptu finals	Finals
4:30 PM	PF Debate, LD Debate, CX Debate, BQ Debate, Drama, POI finals	Finals
6:15 PM	Awards	