



Arkansas Communication & Theatre Arts Association

Arkansas High School February Regional Invitation

Dear Coaches and Competitors,

We are excited to invite you to the 4th High School Arkansas Regional Competition of the 2020-2021 Season which will be hosted with NSDA Campus the weekend of February 5th/6th

Please read the tournament schedule CAREFULLY as it's different from previous Regional Tournaments.

The tournament will be hosted utilizing NSDA Campus. Please read more about this platform here: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/nsda-campus>

Clarification - Registration closes on January 25th at 4pm. At this time, registration fees and judge commitments lock in. The committee will check registration. If there are any issues with waivers, performance information, judge training, missing passwords, etc - there will be a period of 24 to 48 hours to fix the issue. If it's fixed, the students will be able to compete. If it's not fixed, the students won't be able to compete and you'll still be responsible for those original registration fees for that entry.

The following events will be offered at this regional -

Debate- (Live)

- Novice Congressional Debate (New for Regional 4)
- Varsity Congressional Debate
- Novice IPDA
- Varsity IPDA
- Varsity Lincoln Douglas
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- Novice Public Forum
- Varsity Public Forum
- Big Questions
- World Schools

Speech-

- Humorous Interpretation
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Original Oratory
- Informative Speaking
- Program of Oral Interpretation
- Prose
- Poetry
- Storytelling
- Extemp (Live)
- Impromptu (Live)

Please refer to the rest of the invitation to answer specific questions about this competition. If you have any questions about this invitation, please contact the host committee.

We wish to see you all virtually in February.

Sincerely,

Regional 4 Host Committee



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Judge Requirements

You will owe the following obligations - We have changed something for this regional. **Congressional judges will now be in the Debate Judges pool.**

1 Judge Per 10 IE Entries

1 Judge Per 5 Debate/Congress Entries

Drops after Monday January 25th at 4pm (Judges and Entries) - \$25

Missed Rounds during Tournament (including missing from judge pool) - \$25

Missing Judges - \$60

Changes made prior to online registration are \$25. Changes made during the tournament or post online registration are \$35. It's the coaches responsibility to confirm their entry.

We've divided the obligations up to equal \$60 - You must mark your availability. If you don't do this and then are assigned a round you are unable to judge, that is the same as a 'missing round' fee which is \$25 per ballot.

Debate-

Debate Friday - \$30.

Debate Sat Morning - \$15.

Debate Sat Afternoon - \$15

Forensics -

Forensics Asych Prelims - \$20

Forensics Friday Live Extemp/Impromptu - \$10



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Forensics Thursday/Friday Asych Semis - \$10

Forensics Saturday Live Extemp/Impromptu - \$10

Forensics Saturday Asych Finals - \$10

Entry Costs

School Fee - \$50 (Paid on ACTAA Website)

LD or BQ- \$20

WSD - \$10 Per Person

PF or CX- \$40

Congress - \$20

Speech - \$20

Timeline

Friday January 1st 2021- Registration Opens on Tabroom

Monday January 25th at 4pm- ACTAA Waivers Due. Entries Due. Judges Due.
Performance Information Due. Videos (with required password) due.

*Copies of all this documentation/google drive is located on the ACTAA Website
under - Events - Tournament

Topics

Lincoln Douglas will use the LD January/February Topic (There is no Novice Topic)

Public Forum will use the PF February Topic (There is no Novice Topic)

Extemp/Impromptu Areas/World School Areas will come out January 15th.



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Event Tiebreakers

Congress:

1. Ranks
2. Judge pref
3. Reciprocal ranks
4. H/L Ranks
5. H/L reciprocal ranks

Speech: (Elims will be calculated using 'sudden death' tiebreakers)

1. Ranks
2. Reciprocal Ranks

Debate:

1. Wins
2. Total Points
3. Opp Wins Prelims
4. Opp Ranks Prelims

Debate Speakers:

1. Points
2. Ranks
3. Opp Ranks
4. Opp Points
5. W/L



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Notes for Coaches

Novice Congressional has been added for this Regional. Please refer to the ACTAA Qualifying Document for the definition of “Novice” in debate. Coaches do have the ability to challenge students who they believe shouldn’t be in said divisions.

Prior to entries being accepted- Schools must complete the following:

- Entry Information (Due January 25th)
 - Piece Title/Author/Publication Information
- Waivers for Each Student Competing (Due January 25th)
 - Located on the ACTAA Website along with the Google Drive

Impromptu and Extemp are Live. Students will speak in the order they are listed on Tabroom. Rounds will occur on NSDA Campus. **Students may only enter ONE live event. They cannot be double entered in multiple live events due to the nature of the schedule.** Debate is live. Rounds will occur on NSDA Campus

Other IEs are recorded. These will be listed as ‘link sharing only’ on youtube and links will be posted on specific entries. These are due on January 25th at 4pm.

THE PASSWORD THAT MUST BE HELD OR POSTED ON THE WALL AT THE START OF EACH VIDEO IS “LOVE ACCTALY” IF A PASSWORD ISN’T HELD UP, THE ENTRY WILL BE UNABLE TO COMPETE.

IE piece information needs to be uploaded to Tabroom by January 25th at 4pm. Failure to upload piece information will result in an inability to compete with no refund.



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Debate Schedule

Friday February 5th -

4:15pm - Round 1 IPDA Draw
4:45pm to 5:45pm - Debate Round 1
6:15pm - Round 2 IPDA Draw
6:45pm to 7:45pm - Debate Round 2
8:15pm - Round 3 IPDA Draw
8:45pm to 9:45pm - Debate Round 3

Saturday February 6th -

8am - IPDA Elim 1 Draw
8:30am to 9:30am - Debate Elim 1
10:30am - IPDA Draw Elim 2
11am to 12:15pm - Debate Elim 2
12:15pm to 12:45pm - Lunch Break
1pm - IPDA Draw Elim 3
1:30pm to 2:30pm - Debate Elim 3
3pm - IPDA Draw Elim 4
3:30pm to 4:30pm - Debate Elim 4

Awards ASAP (Approx 5:30pm)

Congress Schedule

Friday February 5th -

5pm to 7:30pm - Congressional Session 1

Saturday February 6th -

9:30am to 12pm - Congressional Session 2

1pm to 3:30pm - Congressional Finals

Awards Approx 5:30pm



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Forensics Schedule

Asynchronous Prelims - Sunday January 31st at 6am to Wednesday February 3rd at 6pm

Thursday February 4th -

Recorded Breaks Posted at 12pm

Recorded Semis Judged from Thursday February 4th at 1pm to Friday February 5th at 2pm

Friday February 5th -

4pm - Mandatory Extemp Meeting

4:15pm - Extemp Draw Round 1

4:45pm to 6pm - Extemp/Impromptu Round 1

6:30pm - Extemp Draw Round 2

7pm-8:15pm - Extemp/Impromptu Round 2

Recorded Finals Judged Friday 9pm to Saturday at 2pm

Saturday February 5th -

8:30am - Extemp Draw Round 3

9am-10:15am - Extemp/Impromptu Round 3

11:30am - Extemp Draw Finals

12pm-1:15pm - Extemp Finals and Impromptu Semis

2:15pm-3:30pm - Impromptu Finals

Awards Approx 5:30PM