

The Rushmore Challenge

Harrisburg High School

Friday and Saturday, February 12-13, 2021

The Harrisburg High School Chapter of the National Speech & Debate Association would like to invite you to the Virtual Rushmore Challenge Debate and IE Tournament on Friday and Saturday, February 12 & 13, 2021. We offer a relaxed atmosphere with good natured competition between students, schools, and our NSDA districts.

SPEECH asynchronous

Humorous, Duo, Dramatic, and POI.

Varsity and Novice Original Oratory

Informative Speaking

- *Please provide one judge for every 5 entries or fraction thereof.*
- *Adults must judge varsity; competent varsity may judge Novice if in a pinch.*
- *There will be three rounds of speech events with finals.*
- *Prelim judging will open Thursday at 8am and must be finished by Friday at 6pm*
- *Finals judging will open Friday at 10pm and must be finished by Saturday at 1pm.*
- *All events should be memorized. NSDA rules for all events.*
- *Interp, Oratory, and Info have a 10-minute time limit.*
- *No Entry Limits, but please cover your entries!*

SPEECH synchronous

Domestic, Foreign, and Novice Extemporaneous Speaking

- *If you have entries in Extemp, you MUST have judges for Extemp!*
- *Please provide one judge for every 5 entries or fraction thereof.*
- *Adults must judge varsity; competent varsity may judge Novice if in a pinch.*
- *There will be three rounds of speech events with finals.*
- *NSDA rules for all events.*
- *NovExt will use topics drawn from D Ex and F Ex. Seven minutes maximum speech time; 30 minutes prep time.*
- *Interp, Oratory, and Info have a 10-minute time limit.*
- *No Entry Limits, but you MUST cover your entries!*

DEBATE on Friday, February 12 through Saturday, February 13

Lincoln-Douglas Debate – Varsity and Novice – Five rounds of preliminary competition and breaking to Semis.

Public Forum Debate – Varsity and Novice – Five rounds of preliminary competition and breaking to Semis.

Student Congress will be offered Friday!

- *Please provide one judge for every 2 entries or fraction thereof.*
- *Adults must judge varsity events; competent varsity may judge novice divisions.*
- *All topics will be the current NSDA topic.*
- *Novice divisions are for competitors who have not debated in any event prior to Oct 30, 2020.*
- *All events will follow NSDA rules regarding speech times and prep time.*
- *No Entry Limits, but please cover your entries!*

REGISTRATION

Registration is on Tabroom.com. If you have questions, please contact me via email: kit.rodgers@k12.sd.us I can also be reached on our school phone at 605-743-2567 or on my cell phone 207-240-0178. **ENTRIES ARE DUE Wednesday, FEB 10, at 5:00 pm.**

FEES

Entry fees are \$12 for two-person events and \$6 for single-person events. Hired judge fees are \$80 for PF and Speech. We have no judges available for LD. Make checks payable to Harrisburg High School Speech and Debate.

JUDGES

We will have a few judges available for hire for speech and public forum debate. Please try to cover your slots and let us know if you have any extra judges for any division that another school may hire. We will do our best to accommodate any and all entries.

All rounds will be judged online through [tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com). **All judges must have a linked account!**

AWARDS

The top six finishers in speech events and congress will receive an award; quarterfinalists in debate will receive an award.

The top three Class AA and top two Class A schools will receive a sweepstakes trophy.

The Rushmore Cup will be “presented” to the NSDA district earning more points throughout the tournament as described in the following sweepstakes section.

Determination of sweepstakes awards:

For both classes, one entry per school counts toward the sweepstakes total.

For Class AA, the top entry receives 15 points, the second receives 10, and the third receives 5. Class A will follow the same pattern. Sweepstakes points will be awarded regardless of overall placing in an event.

The most sweepstakes points a Class AA and Class A school can receive is 210 points.

The same philosophy will hold true in determining the winner of the Rushmore Cup. The top three finishers in an event also receive 15, 10, and 5 points, respectively, but instead of being awarded to the school they are awarded to the district. Once again, a school may only count one entry in the district sweepstakes contest.

Why is it called the Rushmore Challenge?

The Rushmore Challenge provides a unique format for competition between the Rushmore NSDA district and the Northern South Dakota NSDA district. With the upcoming NSDA district tournaments and subsequent state tournament, the Rushmore Challenge is the last time many schools – and seniors – will have the chance to compete against each other. Thus, all debate and speech events will work to foster competition between the respective districts as much as feasible, based on the entries in each event.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing each of you in February at Virtual Harrisburg!

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