



2021 State 2A Speech & Debate Tournament

March 19-20, 2021

We are pleased to invite you to the 2021 UHSAA 2A State Speech & Debate Tournament, to be held on *NSDA Campus* Friday & Saturday, March 19-20, 2021.

Events:

In accordance with UHSAA guidelines, *Debate events* will include LD, PF, SpAr and Congress. March topics will be used in both PF and LD.

Speech Events will include Oratory, Impromptu and Extemporaneous speaking.

Friday (Mar. 19) Schedule:

2:30 p.m. Judges Meeting (informal, as needed)
2:45 p.m. Extemp. Draw
3:00 p.m. Round 1 Speech
4:00 p.m. Extemp. Draw
4:15 p.m. Round 2 Speech
5:15 p.m. Extemp. Draw
5:30 p.m. Round 3 Speech
7:00 p.m. Final Round Speech (as needed)

Saturday (Mar. 20) Schedule:

8:45 a.m. Judges' Meeting (informal, as needed)
9:00 a.m. Debate Round 1, Congress Session 1, Sp.Ar. Round 1
10:45 a.m. Debate Round 2, Sp.Ar. Round 2
11:45 a.m. Congress Session 2
12:30 a.m. Debate Round 3, SpAr Round 3
2:15 p.m. Debate Round 4, SpAr Round 4
3:00 p.m. Congress Finals (as needed)
4:00 p.m. Debate & SpAr Elimination Rounds (as needed)

Awards

8:00 p.m. on Zoom.us (meeting ID, link and passcode TBA)

Judge requirements:

1 judge per 2 debate entries, and 1 judge per six speech entries. A full slate is required to bring a minimum of six judges. Schools who fail to supply their allotted judges will be fined \$100.00 per judge, and the failure of a judge to appear for an assigned round will result in a fine of \$25.00 (see UHSAA Handbook, "Speech & Debate," Chapter III, Article I, Section 17).

Trophies:

We will award UHSAA issued medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in speech & debate events, plus 1st and 2nd Place Sweepstakes trophies.

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Event Descriptions:

Public Forum Debate will follow regular UDCA and NSDA rules, with teams of two debaters discussing the pros and cons of the March NSDA topic. The round will consist of four separate 4 minute speeches, followed by four additional 2 minute speeches, with a three minute cross-examination after the 2nd, 4th, and 6th speeches. Competitors are judged by their use of evidence, analysis, and overall persuasion.

Lincoln Douglas Debate will follow regular UDCA and NSDA rules, with one debater on each team discussing the pros and cons of the March NSDA topic. The round will consist of five separate speeches (6 min., 7 min., 4 min., 6 min., 3 min.) interspersed by a three minute cross-examination after the 1st and 2nd speeches. Competitors are judged by their analysis of the arguments within a moral framework and their overall persuasion.

Student Congress will follow UDCA rules of the day, with students using the recommended bills from the UDCA website. In Congress students play the part of elected legislators debating proposed bills.

Extemporaneous Speaking is a 7 minute speech about a current event. Before arriving at the assigned room, students are given 30 minutes of prep time, and perform one at a time before the judge.

Oratory is a 7-10 minute memorized speech written by the student.

Impromptu allows a student 7 minutes to prepare and deliver a speech, with the judge assigning topics at the start of the 7 minute period.

SpAr, will follow normal UDCA rules. Students are allowed 1 minute of preparation, followed by a 2 minute affirmative speech, a 2 minute negative speech, three minutes of cross-examination, and 1 one minute summary for each of the students.