West Bend East Invitational Forensics Tournament Saturday, February 13, 2021

Location: Online, asynchronous with livestreamed awards ceremony. The tournament website is wbeast.tabroom.com

Entries: There is no entry limit in each event, however, the top 25 contestants from each school will be determined for team trophies. This will be a double entry tournament.

Rules: This tournament will follow WFCA rules.

Registration Info: Registration will open on tabroom.com on January 25. The registration deadline is **5:00pm on Wednesday, February 10**.

Judges: Each school must supply one qualified judge for every five entries or fraction thereof. (For example, if you have ten entries, you must provide two judges. If you have eleven entries, you must provide three judges.) A limited number of hired judges will be available at \$150 each. All judges must have linked accounts on tabroom.com in order to be registered and judge. Directions are posted on the tournament website. Specific directions will be emailed to judges when rounds are released.

Fees: Individual Events \$15; Group Events \$20; Congress \$15 (Congress details are included on a separate invitation). Fees will be calculated based on your entries as of 5:00pm on February 10.

VIDEO UPLOADS

Entry videos must be unedited and recorded in a single take. The same video performance will be used for all rounds, including finals.

Upload videos to YouTube as UNLISTED (not private), and paste the video links into your registration in tabroom.com for each entry. Videos should be titled in the following format: LAST NAME FIRST NAME and EVENT (example: Knetzger John Poetry). For entries requiring multiple videos (OIL and Storytelling), see instructions below.

OIL video titles should include whether the video is prose or poetry (example: Knetzger John OIL PROSE). Instead of submitting a YouTube video link directly into your registration on tabroom.com, paste both video links into a Google doc, and paste the Google doc link into your registration on tabroom.com.

Storytelling video titles should include the storytelling topic (example: Knetgzer John Story UNDEAD). Instead of submitting a YouTube video link directly into your registration on tabroom.com, paste all four video links into a Google doc. (The final round video link <u>must</u> be the same link as one of the prelim round videos). Paste the Google doc link into your registration on tabroom.com. Storytelling video links should be pasted into the Google doc in the following order: Round 1: A story about finally being heard; Round 2: A fable; Round 3: A story of the undead; Final Round: students' choice.

Impromptu Speaking videos must include the full 5 minutes of allotted prep time and speaking time. Impromptu prompts will be available via Google form beginning Saturday, February 6 and videos may be uploaded any time before the registration deadline (Wednesday, February 10 at 5pm). The same video will be

used for all prelim and final rounds. Videos must be uploaded to YouTube within 30 minutes of the time stamp on the Google Form.

Radio Speaking videos must include 30 minutes of prep time in addition to speaking time. Students are allowed to cut packets electronically. Radio packets will be available via Google form beginning Saturday, February 6 and videos may be uploaded any time before the registration deadline (Wednesday, February 6 at 5pm). When a competitor completes the Google form, they will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the radio packet. The same video will be used for all prelim and final rounds. **Videos must be uploaded to YouTube within one hour of the time stamp on the Google Form.**

Extemporaneous Speaking videos must include 30 minutes of prep time in addition to speaking time. Extemp questions will be available via Google form beginning Saturday, February 6 and videos may be uploaded any time before the registration deadline (Wednesday, February 10 at 5pm). The same video will be used for all prelim and final rounds. **Videos must be uploaded to YouTube within one hour of the time stamp on the Google Form.**

Group Events: For equity reasons, Duo, Play Acting, and Group Interp entries must be recorded in split screen, similar to the NSDA Nationals videos. Here is a helpful link for recording in split screen from the NSDA: https://www.speechanddebate.org/duo-interp-split-screen-demo-nats-2020/

Judging Schedule: All preliminary rounds will be released by Friday, February 12 at 11:00am. Judges should complete their ballots for all prelim rounds by **11:00am on Saturday, February 13**. Final round postings will be announced online at **1:00pm on February 13**. At that time links will be sent to judges and advancing entries will be posted on tabroom.com as well. Judges must submit final round ballots **no later than 3:00pm**.

Awards will be presented in a Zoom meeting that will be recorded at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 13. The recorded awards will be made available after the tournament.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three students in each event. Medals will be awarded to the finalists. Team awards will be awarded as follows:

Places 1 – 3 in Small (based on quality), Medium (based on quality) and Large (based on total points). Team sizes for awards will be small 5-11, medium 12-18, large 18-25. All team results will be available for download at tabroom.com.

Ballots and trophies: Ballots and results will be available on tabroom.com after the tournament. Trophies will be mailed or delivered after the tournament. The tournament host will contact coaches to make arrangements for trophy distribution.

Please make checks payable to West Bend East Forensics and mail to:

West Bend East HS 1305 E. Decorah Rd. West Bend, WI 53095

Attn: Sexton

Please direct questions to:

West Bend Congress -- General Information for Friday, February 12, 2021

1. Schedule: 3:00 – 3:30 Registration on Tabroom

3:30 – 3:45 Set Agenda 3:45 - 4:00 PO Voting 4:00 – 5:45 Session # 1 5:45 - 6:15 Dinner Break 6:15 – 8:00 Session # 2

8:15 Voting followed by Awards

We will follow the schedule. If you arrive late, your students will join Congress "in progress". This may negatively affect their final ranks.

- 2. One PO for each session.
- 3. Awards will be Top PO and Top Speaker.

Legislation

Must be posted to tabroom by noon on **Thursday, February 4**. No exceptions. Legislation will be posted on TABROOM by noon on Friday. Make copies for your use. To eliminate unfair advantage, **only posted legislation may be used in chambers.**

Participants

- 1. Remain in the same chamber for both sessions.
- 2. Select a PO for each session
- 3. Will determine Top PO with one vote per school.
- 4. Collect your score sheets from Tabroom.
- 5. Set agenda one student per school.
- 6. To help shyer speakers, precedence will **not** reset for session # 2.

Scorekeepers

- 1. Will write critiques for speeches. Please provide detailed comments.
- 2. Will rank the top 8 contestants at the end of each session (based on speeches, questions and general decorum. The PO can be included in your top 8.)

Parliamentarians

- 1. Will score the PO twice during the session.
- 2. Will rank the top 8 speakers (after session 2) based on both sessions.
- 3. Will conduct voting for session PO's and Top PO.

Register on www.tabroom.com \$ 15 per student. **One judge for 1- 5 students.** Two judges needed for 6 or more participants.

Specific chamber assignments for judges and students will be made during registration. Questions ?? Email them to me. **dsexton@wbsd-schools.org**