



## Shawnee Mission NorthEast Forensics

Dear Coach,

Your forensics squad is cordially invited to the Shawnee Mission NorthEast Virtual Forensics Invitational Tournament on Friday, February 26th and Saturday, February 27th, 2021.

We will host Congressional Debate, Public Forum Debate, and Lincoln-Douglas Debate SYNCHRONOUSLY on Friday, February 26th. There will be two sessions of Congress and four rounds of Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Public Forum Debate.

Three preliminary rounds of limited prep-events (USX, IX, and Impromptu) followed by a final round will be held SYNCHRONOUSLY on Saturday, February 27th.

Three preliminary rounds of all other speech and interp events (INFO10, OO, DI, HI, DUO, PR, PO, POI) will be held ASYNCHRONOUSLY between February 24th and 26th with asynchronous (pre-recorded) finals taking place on Saturday as well..

Enclosed are the tournament rules and regulations in addition to a tournament entry form. Please submit entries through this link: <http://smne4n6.tabroom.com>

Each school is allowed up to 10 Friday debate entries and 20 speech/interp entries, with student-specific limits listed in the invite below. We will allow extras if possible and reciprocate above these limits for schools who did so for us too. All judging requirements must be met to guarantee your entries. Entries are due Friday, February 19th at 5pm. Competitor names and judges are due Monday, February 22nd at 5pm. Titles/authors, and video submission links are due Tuesday, February 23rd at 5:00 pm.

We look forward to hosting your squad at this year's tournament!

Thanks,

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**Congress, LD, PFD:  
Friday, February 26th**

Registration	2:00
Congress Session 1	3:30-5:00
Congress Session 2	5:30-7:00
LD/PFD Round 1	3:30
LD/PFD Round 2	4:30
LD/PFD Round 3	5:30
LD/PFD Round 4	6:30

**Speech and Interpretation:  
Saturday, February 27th**

Registration	7:15
Round 1	8:00 (extemp draw 7:45)
Round 2	9:30 (extemp draw 9:15)
Round 3	11:00 (extemp draw 10:45)
Postings	ASAP
Finals	1:30 (extemp draw 1:15)

*Asynchronous finals of interp/OO/Info will occur during any Saturday rounds..*

**OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- Schools must provide 1 judge per 4 LD/PFD entries on Friday and 4 rounds of speech/interp judging per 6 entries over 12. All coaches may be on standby regardless and we appreciate your help with providing any extra judges that you can!
- Our plan (subject to change) is to use the NSDA Campus platform for all debate rounds as well as live/synchronous prelims of extemp and impromptu. All rounds of interp and oratory, informative will be asynchronous. Competitors must submit titles as well as shareable video links by Tuesday, Feb, 23 at 5pm. We will use Zoom breakout rooms for finals of extemp, impromptu on Saturday, Feb. 27th and will use either Zoom or YouTube live streaming for awards. Links will be sent out the week of the tournament.
- Congress will use the 2nd EKNSDA docket of the season.
- LD will use the NSDA **January/February** topic. PFD will use the NSDA **February** topic.
- Extemp questions will be written from news sources no earlier than December 2020.
- Internet will be allowed in extemp and debate events, but there may be no communication with others outside of the round during rounds.
- Events will follow KSHSAA rules (except Congress and PFD will follow NSDA rules). We reserve the right to resolve any conflict as we see fit.
- No video editing or effects are allowed in any videos, except in duo, which must use a split screen with each performer in a separate room. All video submissions must be created specifically for this tournament (no re-use from previous tournaments). The video must state the name and date of this tournament.
- All video submissions must state the competitor's name as well as the date and name of the tournament.
- Judges may time, or not time. We don't care.
- Medals will be awarded to the top six entries in each event. Three sweepstakes awards will be given based on the cumulative points of each school's top two speech/interp entries (based on prelim scores only) in each event, limited to 18 total entries.
- For Saturday events, the posted speaking order must be followed in extemp and impromptu.
- Students may only enter 1 event on Friday, 1 live/synchronous speech event (extemp, impromptu), and up to 3 pre-recorded/asynchronous events. When the posted round time is over, it's over. Students may not double enter in the same event. Students may not perform the same selection in different events. Students may repeat selections they used in 2020, as long as they didn't compete with the selection at nationals.
- Final placement in debate will be determined by W/L record, head to head, speaker points, opp record, opp speaks, coin flip. Breaks in speech/interp will be determined by lowest cumulative ranks from rounds 1-3. We won't tab quality points. We will try to truncate scores above a 5 to 5 if tabroom allows. Ties will be broken on reciprocals and opposition ranks then raw scores. Final placement will be based on cumulative score of the 3 prelim rounds and 3 finals judges. Ties will be broken in the following order: lowest total ranks in finals, judges' preference in finals for a 2 way tie, reciprocal ranks in finals for more than a 2 way tie, reciprocal ranks in all rounds for more than a 2 way tie, dropping 1 high and 1 low score, prelim seed, coin flip.