



# Arkansas Communication & Theatre Arts Association

## Arkansas High School March Regional Invitation

Dear Coaches and Competitors,

We are excited to invite you to the 5th and Final High School Arkansas Regional Competition of the 2020-2021 Season which will be hosted with NSDA Campus the weekend of March 12th and 13th. This is the FINAL opportunity to qualify for the State Tournament. Remember that even if you've qualified at an Out of State Tournament, you still need to have attempted an Arkansas Regional in that same event.

**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 March 1st 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)

- Varsity Congressional Debate
- Novice Congressional Debate
- Novice IPDA



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- Varsity IPDA
- Varsity Lincoln Douglas
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- Novice Public Forum
- Varsity Public Forum
- Big Questions

## 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 March.

Sincerely,

Regional 5 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 4 Debate/Congress Entries

Drops after Monday March 1st 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 -



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Forensics Asych Prelims - \$20

Forensics Friday Live Extemp/Impromptu - \$10

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

PF or CX- \$40

Congress - \$20

Speech - \$20

## **Timeline**

Friday February 12th 2021- Registration Opens on Tabroom

Monday March 1st 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 March/April Topic (There is no Novice Topic)

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

Extemp/Impromptu Areas will come out February 19th



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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 March 1st)
  - Piece Title/Author
- Waivers for Each Student Competing (Due March 1st)
  - 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 not double enter between Extemp and Impromptu.** 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 March 1st at 4pm.

**THE PASSWORD THAT MUST BE HELD OR POSTED ON THE WALL AT THE START OF EACH VIDEO IS “TRUSTNO1” IF A PASSWORD ISN’T HELD UP (IT CANNOT JUST BE SPOKEN), THE ENTRY WILL BE UNABLE TO COMPETE.**

IE piece information needs to be uploaded to Tabroom by March 1st. Failure to upload piece information will result in an inability to compete with no refund.



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## **Debate Schedule**

### **Friday March 12th -**

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 March 13th -**

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

Awards ASAP (Approx 5:30pm)

## **Congress Schedule**

### **Friday March 12th -**

5pm to 7pm - Congressional Session 1

### **Saturday March 13th -**

9:30am to 11:30am - Congressional Session 2

12:45pm to 2:45pm - Congressional Finals

Awards Approx 5:30pm



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## **Forensics Schedule**

**Asynchronous Prelims - Sunday March 7th at 6pm to Wednesday March 10th at 6pm**

### **Thursday March 11th -**

Recorded Breaks Posted at 12pm

Recorded Semis Judged from Thursday March 11th at 1pm to Friday March 12th at 2pm

### **Friday March 12th -**

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 March 13th**

8:30am - Extemp Draw Round 3

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

11:15am - Extemp Draw Finals

11:45am-1pm - Extemp Finals and Impromptu Semis

2pm-3pm - Impromptu Finals

Awards Approx 5:30PM