



# Moundridge High School Debate & Forensics

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Dear Coach,

You and your forensics squad are invited to attend the Moundridge High School Speakeasy Invitational, held on Friday, March 5, and Saturday, March 6. This is an unusual tournament for this unusual time. We plan to host the tournament in its entirety on Zoom, unless entries make that impossible.

The Friday portion of the tournament will consist of three sessions of Student Congress. We plan to seat a Senate, a House and a Novice House, understanding that we may have to combine houses. LD and PFD will have four rounds, if entries permit.

The Individual Event Tournament will consist of three preliminary rounds of individual event competition, followed by a final round. Events included will be:

Original Oration

Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking

Informative Speaking (KSHSAA 7 min.)

Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking

Informative Speaking (NSDA 10 min.)

Impromptu Speaking

## LD/PFD

**IF THERE IS INTEREST ENOUGH - Moundridge will host a four-round Lincoln Douglas Debate Tournament and a four-round Public Forum Debate Tournament on Friday, March 5. Debate will be on the March-April topic for LD and on the March PFD topic. You will be expected to send a sponsor who can judge and who expects to judge. If school judges can't judge in LD or PDF because they would be seeing their own school's competitors, we may be able to trade them with some Congress judges.**

We will award first, second, and third places in Sweepstakes. Sweeps will be based on the top finishers in all the events and will consider ONLY final round placings or final finishes in Friday events.

Please confirm your entry by Thursday, March 4, at 12:00 PM. You will be expected to pay for all entries as they stand after this time. Entries are unlimited - however, students may not enter both divisions of extemp and should enter no more than two events; three would be allowable if the third is Impromptu Speaking.

Also attached is a copy of the tournament general regulations. Generally, KSHSAA rules will be used. **SPECIAL NOTE: Judges will be informed of the KSHSAA or NSDA time limits. If a judge chooses to dock performances based on a performance being overtime, that decision will be honored by the tab room.**

Schools will be expected to bring, *if they are participating in the event*, a judge for Congress, a judge for LD/PFD, and a judge for every 8 entries in Individual Events.

We are looking forward to hosting a different type of tournament! For the team -

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## MOUNDRIDGE INVITATIONAL FORENSICS TOURNAMENT

### Friday, March 5

3:00 Registration

#### Congress

3:15-3:45 PM Congress will caucus as houses to discuss docket and consider POs

4:00-5:20 PM Congress - Session 1

5:30-7:00 PM Congress - Session 2

7:00-8:30 PM Congress - Session 3

#### LD/PFD

4:00-5:00 Round 1

5:00-6:00 Round 2

6:30-7:30 Round 3

7:30-8:30 Round 4

### Saturday, March 6

7:30 AM Registration 12:00 PM Round III (*11:45 Extemp Draw*)

8:00 AM Round I (*7:45 Extemp Draw*) 2:00 PM Finals (*1:45 Extemp Draw*)

10:00 AM Round II (*9:45 Extemp Draw*) ASAP Awards

### General Regulations

**Entries:** Students may enter only one event on Friday, and two events on Saturday - three if the third event is Impromptu Speaking. No student may enter both sections of Extemp.

**Scheduling:** We will schedule contestants and events in a way that will maximize qualification possibilities and will collapse divisions if one half of a "like" event doesn't make (i.e. Extemp v. IX and DX). We will let you know if that happens so you can adjust your entry if needed.

**Fees:** Fees are \$6 per person per event. Fees are based on entries finalized by **Thursday, March 4, at 12:00 PM.**

**Performances:** Any student who does not perform within the time limits of the round will receive the last rank in the round.

**Time Limits:** Time limits exist to encourage professionalism and to enable tournaments to be run in a fair and timely way. **Judges will be informed of the time limits listed below. If a judge chooses to dock performances based on a performance being overtime, that decision will be honored by the tab room.** The judge will act as a timekeeper in Impromptu and Extemp.

Oration: 10 minutes

Informative 7: 7 minutes

Informative 10: 10 minutes

Extemp: 7 minutes

Impromptu Speaking: 5 min. prep/5 min.

**Special Note:** *Impromptu prep will be in the performance room. The judge will give the topic to the speaker and he/she will prepare and then speak in the room.*

**Judging:** One judge will be used in each round. We will attempt to panel final rounds. Results will be determined by preliminary scores and final placing. The only exception to this will be if an event is so small that all contestants will be seen by the same judge every round. If this happens, there may be no final round; placing will be on the cumulative scores of the three prelim rounds.

**Awards:** Medals will be awarded to the top six contestants in each event at the tournament. Sweepstakes awards will be based on a "1" score = 5 points, etc. scale. **FINALS RANKINGS ONLY WILL DETERMINE SWEEPSTAKES AND FRIDAY EVENTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN SWEEPS.**

**Tab Room:** The Tab process will be open to coaches. There should be time for coaches to check tab entries postings. Please take advantage of this time to correct any errors. The **Moundridge Forensics** coaches, flawed and human as they may be, still reserve the right to be the final arbiters of any problems that occur at the tournament or decisions that have to be made.