

Arkansas Forensics and Debate State Championship

Dear Coaches and Competitors,

We are excited to invite you to the first virtual Arkansas Forensics and Debate State Championship to culminate what has been an interesting, but nevertheless, wonderful competitive season. It will be hosted on the platform NSDA Campus the weekend of Thursday April 1st through Saturday April 3rd, 2021. You will find a tentative schedule below and on tabroom once the event is posted. This tournament will be celebrating our best who have worked so hard to qualify all year long at our regional tournaments. We also have some waivers this year but there are stipulations outlined in our qualifications document which are also attached. 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. Individual Events will be asynchronous except for Extemp and Impromptu. All Debate events will be live.

The tournament will be hosted utilizing NSDA Campus. If you need more clarification about this platform here click the next link:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/nsda-campus>

Registration

Registration closes on **March 29th at 5pm**. At this time, registration fees and judge commitments lock in. As you enter your entries, the committee will make sure that registration is correct for qualifiers so that we know that students are correctly entered. You must also make sure that students have waivers and all necessary information including performance information. You must also check your to make sure your judges have completed judge training. **Because of the small window of time, we will not be able to allow for the 48 hour window to fix issues. So please make sure that you check your entries and get them in early. We will drop entries at no cost to the school if there are errors.**

Events

The following events will be offered at State:

Debate- (Live)

- World Schools (Round Robin)
- Policy Debate (Round Robin)
- Varsity Congressional Debate
- Novice Congressional Debate
- Novice IPDA
- Varsity IPDA
- Varsity Lincoln Douglas
- Novice Lincoln Douglas
- Novice Public Forum
- Varsity Public Forum
- Big Questions

Speech- (Asynch)

- Humorous Interpretation
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Original Oratory
- Informative Speaking
- Program of Oral Interpretation
- Prose
- Poetry
- Storytelling
- Duo Interp
- 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 state tournament committee.

Judge Requirements

You will owe the following obligations -

1 Judge Per 10 IE Entries

1 Judge Per 5 Debate Entries

1 Judge Per 5 Congress Entries

Drops after Monday, March 29th (Judges and Entries) - \$25

Missed Rounds during Tournament(including missing from judge pool)- \$25

Missing Judges - \$60

Drops made after the entry deadline but prior to online registration are \$25.

Drops made during the tournament or post online registration are \$35. It's the coaches responsibility to confirm their entries.

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) (Sat Morning - \$15) (Sat Afternoon - \$15)

Forensics

Forensics (Asych Prelims - \$20) (Thursday/Friday Asych Semis - \$10)

(Forensics Saturday Asych Finals - \$10)

(Friday Live Extemp/Impromptu-\$10) (Saturday Live Extemp/Impromptu-\$10)

Entry Costs

School Fee - \$50

LD or BQ- \$20

PF or CX- \$40

Congress - \$20

Speech - \$20

Timeline

Wednesday March 10th at 2pm - Registration Opens on Tabroom

Friday, March 26th at 5pm- ACTAA Waivers Due. Entries Due. Judges Due. Performance Information Due. Videos 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 April Topic (There is no Novice Topic)

Extemp/Impromptu Areas will come out March 12th

Congress legislation will use selections from the ACTAA Spring Docket.

Session I- Bills 7, 12, 16, 1

Session II- Bills 9, 13, 21, 6

Finals- Bills 5, 15, 18, 24

Qualifications

For the state tournament this year, we have altered qualifications per the guidelines voted on by the organization. Please see the changes to the qualification process in the [qualification document](#).

In addition, the Executive Council voted unanimously to allow for waivers for competitors who competed out of state, at the Cabot Classic, Har-Ber Speaker Series, and our Arkansas District Tournament to qualify as well as long as they competed at least one regional tournament. Please look at the Tab on Tabroom for more information.