August 23rd, 2021

Dear Coach,

You and your team are cordially invited to attend the Teresa Sparkman Kickapoo Varsity/Glendale Novice Speech and Debate Tournament on October 8th and 9th, 2021.

Changes as we are trying to move to in-person:

After a year of online tournaments, we all want to see our students have the opportunity to compete face-to-face with other students. After consultation with our building administrators, we believe this is the best way to make sure students have that chance. We know this is not perfect but it is the best option of all the bad options:

Due to masking policies, social distancing guidelines, and the lack of vaccinations in SWMO, we have been forced to limit entries to ONLY SCHOOLS IN THE OZARK DISTRICT NSDA AND/OR MSHSAA DISTRICT 8 (-this distinction may change between now and the tournament, but it is the MSHSAA district that has included Springfield schools). Please know that we are sad by this change and we hope that it will only be this year. Other schools that are in the same geographic area, but have not attended districts in the past are welcome to contact us for more information.

Each school will have a “room” at the tournament to congregate. This room will function as the cafeteria often does but will allow you to keep contact tracing information based on who is in the room.

All competitors, judges, coaches, other adults, and anyone else at the tournament over the age of 5 will be required to have a mask on at any time they are not actively eating or drinking. Please note that this INCLUDES when they are performing/ debating.

Please pay close attention to the schedule. While all debate events are live and in person, all individual events will have preliminary rounds asynchronously with finals being live and in person. If you have a student who advances to finals but is not able to attend, it is your responsibility to let us know.

Since this will be the first year for both novices and 2nd year debaters at live tournaments, we will be designating entries as novice, junior varsity, and varsity. Novice indicates students who have not been to a tournament in high school in any capacity before this year. Junior varsity includes students who have competed in any tournaments before the 2021 season but have not competed in multiple years. Varsity includes any students who are entering their 3rd or 4th year of competition.


PLEASE READ THE ONLINE SUPPLEMENT FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT THE 2021 VIRTUAL TOURNAMENT ***Here is the short version:

All registration/ scheduling/ etc. will be through sparkman.tabroom.com. Entries not entered through tabroom will not be accepted. Please make sure students are entered in the correct event, division, etc. We will waitlist students when they are first registered. We will guarantee 3 entries per event and open up other entries the week of the tournament.
Pre-recorded events will be charged $4 per entry, live events will be charged $9 per entry. For ease of payments and scheduling, all checks should be made to Kickapoo. We will sort out the money after the tournament. The invoice, etc. will be able to be printed from within tabroom.

Please remember to extend grace to us and to each other. We are all trying to give the best opportunity for our students. You may be asked to judge rounds.

All entries must be received by 3:00pm on October 1st. Please submit as soon as possible. Extra entries will be granted as space allows and confirmed after the entry deadline.

Should you have any questions, contact:

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We look forward to seeing you in October!

Sincerely,

Chris Roberds
Speech & Debate Coach at Kickapoo

Allen Sutton
Speech & Debate Coach at Glendale
KICKAPOO VARSITY AND GLENDALE NOVICE SCHEDULE

Wednesday:
Noon - all asynchronous recordings must be submitted on tabroom

Thursday and Friday - All asynchronous videos will be judged FOUR times. Announcement of those students advancing to live finals will be made as soon as possible on Friday.

Friday:
4:00 - Debate round 1 - Policy and LD
5:00 - Debate round 1 - PFD
6:00 - Debate round 2 - Policy and LD
7:00 - Debate round 2 - PFD

Saturday:
8:00 - Draw for extemp finals
8:30 - Finals of all i.e.s LIVE
10:00 - Debate round 3 - Policy and LD
11:00 - Debate round 3 - PFD
12:00 - Debate round 4 - Policy and LD
1:00 - Debate round 4 - PFD
2:00 - Quarters of debate (all forms)
4:00 - awards
5:00 - Sems of debate
6:00 - Finals of LD and PFD
7:00 - finals of policy

Each asynchronous event will be judged 4 times total in preliminary rounds with the top 6 advancing to a final live round on Saturday morning.

Judges will judge a round of LD and a round of PFD each “round” but by not flighting them, we give students more time to know when to go to their round and avoid rounds running late due to 2nd flight not getting finished on time. This also provides students with time to schedule eating.

Each school in attendance will be provided their own “room” for their students in the building instead of gathering in the cafeteria. Schools with fewer than 10 students attending may be grouped together for the sake of space. This helps with contact tracing.

GENERAL RULES
1. Each school must be registered by an adult sponsor prior to competition. This will be done through a zoom link at each tournament.
2. A school may enter two contestants in each event.
3. A student may enter two speech events and debate, with the following exceptions:
   a. A student may not enter both divisions of extemp.
   b. A student may enter only one category of debate: Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, or Big Questions.
4. A novice shall be defined as a student in their first year of interscholastic competition. A JV student will be defined as a student in their second year of competition.
5. Awards will be presented for first, second, and third place in sweepstakes for each tournament. Additionally, awards will be presented for competitors placing in the top six in speech Events, debate competitors advancing to quarterfinals and beyond will be presented with awards, and the first place, overall, Kickapoo-Glendale sweepstakes will be presented with the Bill Jordan traveling trophy.
1. The proposition shall be the NSDA September-October Topic: "Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States.

2. The proposition shall be the NSDA national topic: "Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States.

3. Policy format of 8-3-5 will be used. Prep time: 8 minutes per team.

4. Since debate is oral communication, evidence shall be presented in an understandable fashion. NSDA guidelines are advised.

5. Contestants more than ten minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit.

6. At Kickapoo, coaches may be used as judges. At Glendale, each school must provide one judge (may be an advanced student) per two debate-entries (all divisions). Failure to meet judging assignments will result in the forfeiture of one of the school's teams for that round.

7. Fees are due for cancellations made after the entry deadline. Please note additional fees for drops during the tournament.

8. All efforts will be made to have wifi available to all students in all events. Use of internet connected devices during rounds is allowed for evidence retrieval purposes including doing research. Use of devices to connect to people outside the room (e.g. coaches, etc.) will result in immediate disqualification of students found in violation.

9. All evidence must be available to any competitor or judge in the room who requests it for any reason after it has been read. The evidence should be marked to indicate which parts of the evidence were spoken out loud and the full evidence (tag, cite, evidence) must be provided in an accessible way to the requestor. A competitor does not need to ask for each piece of evidence specifically, just asking "can you please flash/ email/ speech drop all your evidence to me?" is sufficient and must be met with the provision of said evidence. Any time used to send this evidence after the speech should be counted against the prep time of the team who read the evidence as long as the request is made during cx.

Sweepstakes Rules
1. Only a school's best two entries in each event earn sweepstakes points.
2. 5 points for each preliminary debate round win.
3. 15 points for qualifying for quarterfinals in debate.
4. 5 points for qualifying for semifinals in speech events & Congressional Debate.
5. 10 points for qualifying for finals in speech events & Congressional Debate.
6. 5 points for third place in speech events & Congressional Debate.
7. 10 points for second place in speech events & Congressional Debate.
8. 15 points for first place in speech events & Congressional Debate.
9. There will be a 10 point sweepstakes penalty for each dropped entry on the day of the tournament.

SPEECH EVENT
1. Extemporaneous Speaking: For preliminary rounds - all students will select ONE topic from a list of topics distributed on Monday morning. They should take up to 30 minutes to prepare a 7 minute speech and record it. For finals - Drawing will be conducted at five minute intervals with thirty minutes preparation time. Topics will be based on current events. Consultation during prep. time is prohibited. Excessive use of notes will be penalized. Time limit: 7 minutes, maximum.
2. Oratory and Informative: The speech must be the original work of the contestant. Not more than 150 words may be a direct quotation. The presentation must be memorized. Time limit: 10 minutes, maximum. For Informative: Audio/visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. During the presentation, no electronic equipment is permitted. The use of live animals or any additional people as visual aids is not allowed during the speech. Items of dress put on and removed during the course of the presentation are considered costumes and may not be part of the contestant’s presentation.
3. Interpretation (Humorous, Dramatic, Duo, & POI—NSDA rules apply): Selections may be taken from any published novel, play or short story. Selections must possess literary merit. An adequate introduction should be provided. Off-stage focus for Duo. No properties may be used. Selections must be memorized. Time limit: 10 minutes, maximum.
4. According to MSHSAA rules, a student who performs in the wrong room will be ranked last in that section.

POLICY DEBATE RULES
1. See attached Novice policy rules. Please note that aff plan texts for novices and other guidelines are different from in years past. You may click here to access it directly.
2. The proposition shall be the NSDA national topic: "Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States.
3. Policy format of 8-3-5 will be used. Prep time: 8 minutes per team.
4. Since debate is oral communication, evidence shall be presented in an understandable fashion. NSDA guidelines are advised.
5. Contestants more than ten minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit.
6. Failure to meet judging assignments may result in the forfeiture of the offending school's teams.
7. In case of a forfeit, the winning team will receive speaker ranks of 1-2.
8. Team personnel must remain consistent throughout the tournament.
9. At the end of preliminary rounds, the top teams will advance to quarterfinals. Speaker ranks, the win-loss record of the team to whom the prospective quarterfinalist has lost, (at KHS - speaker points), and total opposition records will be used to break ties.
Resolved: The member nations of the World Trade Organization ought to reduce intellectual property protections for medicines.

2. Lincoln-Douglas rounds will run at the same time as Policy Debate, so the first half of every policy round will be an LD round.
3. Lincoln-Douglas format of 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 will be used. Prep time: 4 minutes per debater.
4. Contestants more than ten minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit.
5. Failure to meet judging assignments may result in the forfeiture of the offending school's entries.
6. At the end of preliminary rounds, the top contestants will advance to quarterfinals. The win-loss record of the debater to whom the prospective quarterfinalist has lost, (at KHS - speaker points), and total opposition records will be used to break ties.

PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE RULES
1. The proposition shall be the NSDA September-October topic:
   Resolved: The North Atlantic Treaty Organization should substantially increase its defense commitments to the Baltic states.
2. Public Forum rounds will run at the same time as Policy debate, so Public Forum rounds will happen at the 2nd half of policy rounds.
3. Public Forum format of 4-3-3-2 will be used. Prep time: 2 minutes per team.
4. Contestants more than ten minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit.
5. Failure to meet judging assignments may result in the forfeiture of the offending school's teams.
6. In case of a forfeit, the winning team will receive speaker ranks of 1-2.
7. Team personnel must remain consistent throughout the tournament.
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