

Lincoln Southwest Silver Talon

November 6, 2021 -- 7001 S 14th Street



The 19th annual Lincoln Southwest Silver Talon Debate Tournament will take place on November 6, 2021. We will offer “in person” competition in Policy, Lincoln Douglas, Congressional Debate and Public Forum. We are pleased to announce that we are once again a TOC bid tournament with a “Gold Bid” (finals) in Public Forum.

This tournament will follow all NSAA bylaws. This is a high school only tournament. Students must be eligible according to NSAA and may only compete for the school in which they are currently enrolled. The NSAA bylaws can be viewed at nsaahome.org.

Masks are required of all who enter LPS district buildings. Please make your students, judges, parents and coaches aware that they will be required to wear a mask at all times while in the building. Judges and coaches do not have the authority to tell students that they do not need to wear masks when they are debating. The rules are clear -- unless students are in the

commons and actively eating and/or drinking, they must wear masks.

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Online balloting – we will be using online balloting for all events. Please make sure that all of your students and judges are “linked” to accounts in Tabroom.com.

Online Entry -- Entries will only be accepted online via Tabroom.com. Deadline for entries is November 3, 2021. Changes or drops after that date can be changed on the website or emailed to me at theimes@lps.org.

Opening meeting -- The Nebraska Speech Communication and Theatre Association has created an equity statement for speech, theatre and debate. We will take the first hour of the tournament (8 am - 9 am) to introduce this statement and to discuss what bias and barriers exist in the debate space. This meeting is for students, coaches and judges. Please make your judges and coaches aware that it is an expectation that they attend this workshop.

Every Person. Every Voice.

The Nebraska Speech, Communication, and Theater Association believes that communication's value is through the sharing of multiple perspectives and learning through the experiences of others. Therefore, our mission as the NSCTA is to foster and promote the celebration of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We define diversity as differences in race, color, place of origin, socioeconomic status, religion, immigrant and newcomer status, ethnic origin, ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and age. We seek to enhance diversity through

the removal of systemic barriers and biases. We commit to model and encourage the practice of valuing and respecting the contributions of all participants in speech, debate, and theater.

With these goals in mind, NSCTA is dedicated to:

- The collection and tracking of data related to the demographics of coaches and judges
- Finding ways to promote increased transparency regarding student involvement, inclusion, and success
- Proactive communication and collaboration to eliminate systemic barriers and biases
- Actively promoting and recruiting people from diverse backgrounds to coach and lead our programs

We are committed to growth and change in the areas through self-reflection on both successes and shortcomings that will help us evolve as an organization.

Awards

- Policy – Six speaker awards in each division, along with team awards for semifinal and final participants.
- Congress – A gavel to the presiding officer as well as medals to the top six speakers and a trophy to the champion in each house.
- Lincoln-Douglas – Six speaker awards in each division along with awards for quarterfinalists and above.
- Public Forum – Six speaker awards in each division along with awards for quarterfinalists and above.
- Sweepstakes – Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.

Fees –

LD -- \$25

PF --\$30

Policy --\$30

Congressional Debate \$20

Judge Coverage (judges are obligated to one round beyond their team's elimination)

- Policy -- One judge per two teams.
- Lincoln-Douglas – One judge per two debaters.
- Public Forum – One judge per two teams.
- Congressional Debate – One judge per six debaters

Policy Debate –

We will determine the round structure based on the number of entries.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate –

We will be using the November/December topic FOR BOTH DIVISIONS. Will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format with **4 minutes prep time**. Varsity and novice divisions will have five prelims (powered after two) breaking to quarters.

Public Forum Debate –

We will use the November/December Topic. . Varsity and Novice divisions will have five prelims (powered after two) breaking to quarters.

Congress –

- We will utilize NSDA style of congress at this tournament.
- We will be using the Nebraska Docket. Students may not rearrange the docket.
- Novice Congress Workshop -- In the morning session of novice congress we will hold a workshop in order to help novice students understand logistics and style in congressional debate. In the afternoon, these students will compete.

Hospitality and Concessions -- At this time we are planning our traditional hospitality and concession services. We will, once again, do food vouchers for students. These

vouchers will be paid for when entry fees are paid. We also accept cash at our concession stand.

Contact Info --

You may reach me via cell phone at 402/310-4152. Email – theimes@lps.org. Please contact me with questions or concerns.

Schedule

Registration -- 7:15 am -7:45 am
Opening Meeting -- 8 am - 9 am

LD and PF

Round I -- 9 am
Round II -- 10 am
Round III 11:15
Lunch 12-12:30
Round IV -- 12:30
Round V -- 1:45
Quarterfinals -- 3:00
Semi Finals -- 4:15
Awards -- 5:45
FInals -- After Awards

Policy

Round I -- 9:00
Round II -- 11:00
Lunch 12:30 - 1:00
Round III -- 1:00
Round IV -- 3:00
Outrounds will follow
Awards -- 5:45

Novice Congress

Workshop -- 9:00 - 12:30
Session I -- 1:30 - 4:30
Awards -- 5:45

Varsity Congress

Session I -- 9:00 - 12:30
Session II -- 1:30- 4:30
Awards -- 5:45