Bolivar High School Speech and Debate Invitational

November 2021

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Dear Speech & Debate Coach,

The Bolivar High School speech team invites you and your students to attend the Bolivar Invitational Tournament to be held at Bolivar High School on December 10-11, 2021. We hope to accommodate as many entries as our schools will hold, but will limit schools and entries as needed. Any school sending an entry after the deadline of December 3, 2021 or after meeting maximum capacity may be turned away.

**We will host novice and varsity divisions of the following events:** Policy, Lincoln Douglas, and Public Forum Debates, IX, Original Oratory, USX, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, POI, Informative Speaking, Storytelling, Radio Speaking.

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 3, 2021.** Schools will be held financially responsible for Drops beginning at 8am December 7th. Each school will be responsible for providing an adult **judge.** Coaches may be used as judges, but every attempt will be made to use coaches as a last resort. *Please provide entries through tabroom.com, though we may choose to paper tab once the tournament begins.*

Registration will take place on Friday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. Schools should not arrive before 2:45, and should drop off at the theatre entrance on Laird Street to av. We look forward to hosting another exciting tournament and hope to see you at the Bolivar Invitational.

Sincerely,

Bolivar Speech and Debate

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Debate Regulations

*Use of Internet at BHS*
Schools will be given access to our guest network during competition. Students are to follow all MSHSAA and NSDA regulations regarding communication and evidence retrieval.

**POLICY DEBATE RULES**

1. The proposition shall be the NSDA national topic for the 2021-2022 School Year

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

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

4. The use of laptop computers, electronic storage, retrieval devices, etc. is permitted in Policy Debate for flowing or evidence retrieval.

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

6. NFHS Case List, if a novice division makes, will be enforced. The NDCA and MSDI Wordings of the Plan texts is expected of Novice competitors. Counterplans and Kritiks are not allowed in the Novice Division.

**LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE RULES**

1. The proposition shall be the NSDA November-December Topic

2. Lincoln-Douglas rounds will run at the same time as Policy Debate, so two Lincoln-Douglas Debates will take place during one Policy Debate.

3. Lincoln-Douglas format of 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 will be used. Prep time: 4 minutes per debater.

4. The use of laptop computers, electronic storage, retrieval devices, etc. is permitted in Lincoln-Douglas Debate for flowing or evidence retrieval.

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 entries.

7. 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, and total opposition records will be used to break ties.

**PUBLIC FORUM RULES**

1. The proposition shall be the NSDA November-December Topic
2. Public Forum rounds will run at the same time as Cross-Examination team debate, so two Public Forum debates will take place during one Cross-Examination team debate.

3. Public Forum format of 4-3-2 will be used. Prep time: 3 minutes per team. Defense/Clarification Speeches are 3 Minutes, per the new rules.

4. The use of laptop computers, electronic storage, retrieval devices, etc. is permitted in Public Forum Debate for flowing or evidence retrieval

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, and total opposition records will be used to break ties.

**Individual Event Regulations**

1. **Extemp**: Drawing will be conducted for live Semifinals and Finals at five minute intervals with thirty minutes preparation time.

   Topics will be based on current events. **Both styles of extemporaneous speaking will be offered (USX & IX).** Consultation during prep time is prohibited. No use of notes will be allowed. Time Limit: 7 minutes maximum.

2. **Oratory**: The speech must be the original work of the contestant. Not more than 150 words may be in direct quotation. The presentation must be memorized. Time limit: 10 minutes maximum.

3. **Interpretation**: Selections may be taken from any published novel, play, or short story. Selections must be memorized and possess literary merit. An adequate introduction should be provided. Time limit: 10 minutes maximum.

4. **Duo Interpretation**: Selections may be taken from a published novel, play, or short story. Selections must be memorized and possess literary merit. An adequate introduction should be provided. Per MSHSAA Rules, Preliminary recordings require both contestants be on screen for the entire recording. Time limit: 10 minutes maximum

5. **POI**: -see NSDA regulations for this event.

6. **Informative Speaking** – see NSDA regulations for this new event.

7. **Congress** :

**Sweepstakes Points**:

Sweepstakes points will be awarded as follows:

Quarterfinal debate breaks............15 pts

Preliminary wins.........................5 pts

Semi-finals I.E.’s...........................5 pts

Finals I.E.’s.................................10 pts
Sweepstakes points will be awarded to the top two performing points entries from each team in that event.

1. Tournament will be conducted according to NSDA regulations. Final decisions will be at the discretion of the tournament director.
2. A student may enter two individual events, but only one form of extemp and one form of debate.
3. Coaches may be used as judges, although this will be done on a last resort basis.
4. Trophies will be awarded for finalists in individual events, debate quarterfinalists, and for the top 3 schools in sweepstakes.
5. The host school’s conduct code will be followed at all times. Failure to comply with these rules will result in forfeiture of the offending students from the round.

**A Note on our Debate Schedule:**
The intention is that we have rounds scheduled semi-normally. Since Public Forum has the most moving parts to it, we are trying something a little different. All PFD will be second flight and all LD will be First. The intention is for the PFD round to begin as soon as possible after the LD round. This also allows community judges to not base their flight 2 decisions based off arguments they heard in flight 1. Please do your part in letting your kids know about this way of doing things!

**Tuesday, Dec 7, 2021**
Recordings Due by 6:00pm. Links should be checked by coaches, please!

**Wednesday, Dec 8, 2021**
Video Submissions for IE’s Begin Their Judging

**Thursday, Dec 9, 2021**
Semifinalists Announced for IE’s

**Friday, Dec 10, 2021**
Registration 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.
Round 1 of Debates- 4:00PM, PFD Be at door no later than 4:45!

Round 2 of Debates- 6:00PM, PFD Be at door no later than 6:45!

Saturday, Dec 11, 2021

Semifinals Extemp Draw 8:00 AM, Auditorium

I.E. Semifinals 8:30 AM

Debate Round 3 10:00AM, PFD Be At Door No Later Than 10:45!

Debate Round 4 12:00PM, PFD Br at Door No Later Than 12:45!

Finals Extemp Draw 1:30 PM, Auditorium

I.E. Finals 2:00PM

Debate Quarterfinals 3:30 PM (If we do not single flight, it will be PF Flight 1, LD Flight 2)

Awards 5:00 PM

Debate Semifinals and Finals will begin immediately following awards

Fees are $8 per entry.
Tabulation is the responsibility of the student members of the BHS Debate team. This is a learning experience for them. We encourage coaches to check the work of our students, but please do not tabulate for us.