

You are Invited to:
Montana East District Tournament
February 11th & 12th, 2022
<http://montanaeast.tabroom.com/>



Welcome to the culmination of the 2021-2022 Speech, Debate, and Drama season! We are so ecstatic to have you back for in-person competition this year, and we look forward to seeing you at Billings Senior High on February 11th-12th for the Montana East District Qualifying Tournament! Please carefully review all tournament procedures on this document.

The cost per entry is outlined in the following table:

Fee	Amount
Entry (Single Person Event)	\$6
Entry (Partner Event)	\$12
Drop Fee after deadline*	* Will just be charged as though student attended

The deadline for adds is February 4th at 11:59 PM. The deadline for drops is February 10th at 8:00 PM. Please note that if you must drop a student after the February 10th deadline, you will be charged for that student as though they attended the tournament. This is due to the new fees associated with Tabroom.com. All drops should be sent to Dan Johnson.

Additionally, judges will be using computers to fill out digital ballots at NSDA this year.

Tab staff will be selected from participating schools by the Tournament Staff. If you have volunteers that would like to volunteer for a tab assignment, please email Steve Macartney. Tab staff will be notified of their assignment on February 4th. All tabbing will take place through Tabroom.com.

Finally, this tournament in the past has used a double-elimination method in debate and 3 judge panel format in prelims for speech. That is not the case this year. It is run like a standard 5 round tournament much closer to the standard AA meet/A & BC state model. All prelim rounds will use 1 judge and all elimination rounds will use 3. Please see the attached schedule for event specifics. Due to this change, Congress cannot be offered as an out event for debaters. If you have students that would like to do Congress, we plan to offer 2 preliminary rounds (Friday afternoon & Saturday Morning) with an elimination round Saturday afternoon. This can only occur with enough entries.

Cordially,

Montana East NSDA Committee & Billings Public Schools

Dan Johnson - NSDA Com. Chair - Skyview
Adam Than - NSDA Com. Member - Bozeman
Liz Schwartz - NSDA Com. Member - Laurel
Becky Nay - NSDA Com. Member - Huntley
Dan Porish - NSDA Com. Member - Huntley
Jake Music - Tournament Host - Senior
Stephen Macartney - Assistant Tournament Host - West

New Procedures for Coaches and Competitors

COVID Masking and Distancing

We ask that all coaches and competitors remain masked while not actively engaged in competition (i.e. speaking). This includes competition rooms, hallways, and team areas. Competitors should also strive to maintain 6 feet of distance where possible from judges and other competitors while performing. Competitors will also remain in rooms until the end of the round (all speakers have spoken) before returning to team areas. Competitors should not congregate in hallways.

A team area will be designated for each school and we ask for help in ensuring students stay in their designated area while waiting for rounds. Postings will happen digitally, so all competitors will need access to receive notifications from tabroom or their coach during posting.

Debate Topics:

Students in Congress must submit bills for the docket by February 4th.

Lincoln Douglas: **Resolved: The appropriation of outer space by private entities is unjust.**

Public Forum: **Resolved: On balance, Turkey's membership is beneficial to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.**

Policy will be debating the following resolution: **Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States.**

Extemporaneous Speaking

Extemporaneous speaking will not pilot allowing the use of internet-enabled devices for the national qualifier this year. Please ensure that all students can access materials without the use of the internet.

Tournament Staff Contacts

Dan Johnson (NSDA Questions, Tabroom.com, Add/Drops, Fees)

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Schedule

Friday, February 11th, 2022

3:30 PM: USX R1 Draw
4:00 PM: Round 1 (No IX)
5:30 PM: IX Round 1 Draw
6:00 PM: Round 2 (No USX)
7:30 PM: Round 2 USX Draw
8:00 PM Round 3 (No IX)

Payment

Please make all checks payable to:
Skyview High School Speech and Debate
%: Dan Johnson
1775 High Sierra Blvd.
Billings, MT 59105

Saturday, February 12th, 2022

8:00 AM: IX Round 2 Draw
8:30 AM: Round 4 (No USX)
10:00 AM: USX Round 3 Draw
10:30 AM: Round 5 (No IX)
12:00 PM: IX Round 3 Draw
12:30 PM: Debate Quarterfinals/IX Round 3
2:00 PM: USX Finals Draw
2:30 PM: All Semifinals/USX Finals
4:00 PM:IX Finals Draw
4:30 PM: All Finals/IX Finals