Friends and Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the 2021 Feline Frenzy Tournament. This will be Eastern Washington’s first hybrid tournament of the year with debate rounds beginning online on Friday. We will welcome you to the Mt. Spokane campus for in person speech and debate rounds on Saturday. Please read closely for all tournament information including COVID safety protocols.

Registration will take place on Tabroom at http://frenzy.tabroom.com. We will have open and novice divisions in Policy, Lincoln Douglas, and Public Forum, and Congressional Debate as well as Dramatic Interpretation, Extemporaneous, Humorous, Impromptu, Informative, Program Oral Interpretation, Original Oratory, and Editorial Commentary. We will collapse divisions as necessary based upon registrations.

Registration deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 30 by 5:00PM. Drops only after Wednesday, December 1. Please register online at Tabroom.com. Fees will be assessed as of 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1. After 5PM on Wednesday, all drops or judge changes must be emailed to me at jessica.klingback@mead354.org

Please notify us of drops prior to the tournament beginning.

Some Key Details:
- Preliminary debate rounds 1-3 on Friday will be synchronous using NSDA Campus. Congress sessions 1 and 2 will be synchronous on Friday likely on Zoom due to user limitations; we will send more information on the platform and access codes when rooms are determined.
- We will have an ombudsman available for coaches and competitors during the online portion of the tournament. We believe that debate should be a safe and fair space for all participants, and we will do our best to make this happen. Ombudsperson contact info will be prominently featured on the Tabroom page.
- Debate prelim rounds 4-5, Congress session 3, all finals rounds, and all speech events will be held in person on the Mt. Spokane campus. Please continue reading for COVID safety protocols.

Please note that due to the changing landscape, changes to procedures may be necessitated. Please review the rules in advance and watch for any tournament updates via Tabroom. Thank you for all that you do to support speech and debate in our community, and for partnering with us in this step forward with partial in-person competition.

SQUADS
Maximum Entry Limits:
- Debate: 12 debaters per squad. (One CX entry = two debaters; one LD entry= one debater; one Public Forum entry = one debater; one student congress entry = one debater)
• **Individual Events**: 24 IE entries including both divisions. One student entered in two (2) events = two (2) entries; each dual entry = one (1) entry.

• **Additional squads**: Additional squads will be permitted as long as room permits. Because the Feline Frenzy is a GSL qualifier, we reserve the right to delay registering extra squads until after the registration deadline, in order to ensure that all teams have an opportunity for qualifications competition.

• **If you have more than one squad, please indicate which debaters should be included on your top squad for sweepstakes calculations**. Failure to do so by the end of Friday will result in Varsity members counting as one squad, and JV/novice debaters being counted as a second squad. Any numbers that still exceed the squad limit will be adjusted by the Tab room staff at their discretion until squad limits are reached.

**AWARDS AND SWEEPSTAKES**

**Debate**: Awards can be made to the semifinalists and above in each division of debate. Quarterfinalists receive recognition but no award. The top 3 speakers in Policy, Lincoln Douglas, and Public Forum can receive awards.

**Individual Events**: Medallions can be awarded to the top three speakers in each event and division. Finalists will receive recognition but no award.

**Sweepstakes**: Policy & LD 1st-15; 2nd-10; 3rd-7; Qtrs.-5
   Public Forum—1st-12; 2nd-9; 3rd-6; Qtrs.-4
   IE’s—1st-10; 2nd-6; 3rd-3; Finalist-1
   Congressional Debate—1st-12; 2nd-9; 3rd-6; Finalist-1; Outstanding PO-5

**FEES**

We fully understand that these are some rough economic times, so we have decided to modify our fees this year to be sensitive to the additional financial challenges programs are facing, so we are eliminating squad/team fees.

**Debate**

**Divisions**:

• Novice Division: Open to all students who have no debate experience prior to this school year and who have not placed first through fourth in any debate division at two invitational tournaments with 15 or more schools.

• Open Division: Open to any debater regardless of experience or class standing.

**Debate Matching**:

• The first two rounds of debate will be randomly matched. Rounds 3 and all subsequent rounds will be power-matched. We will do our best to break competitors with winning records to elimination rounds.

**Online Specific Info**:

• We will be using NSDA Campus for preliminary rounds 1-3. Make sure that your students have active Tabroom accounts well ahead of the tournament. They will be unable to compete otherwise.

• Teams in LD, PF, and Policy are allowed up to ten minutes of tech time. If the debate is paused for technology related reasons, that team’s Tech Time begins to count down. If a team uses all their Tech Time before the round ends, they will be required to forfeit that round. The tech time is not to be used as prep.

• Cameras should be on. This is a safeguard against outside assistance and it is an important accessibility feature. Cameras also help maintain the social atmosphere of debate.
Events:

- Cross-Examination/Policy
  - We will use the 2021-2022 NFHS topic. Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States.
  - Novices will be limited to the following novice case areas determined by WSFA.
    - **Affirmatives**: Novices in policy debate may use affirmative cases in these areas:
      - Agriculture Runoff
      - Fracking
      - Lead
      - Wetlands
    - **Negative Advocacies**:
      - An environmental management kritik is permitted.
      - No other kritiks or counterplans are permitted.
      - Inclusion on this list in no way guarantees an area is topical.
  - Teams have six minutes for prep.

- Lincoln Douglas
  - We will use the 2021 Nov/Dec topic. Resolved: A just government ought to recognize an unconditional right of workers to strike.
  - Debaters have four minutes for prep.

- Public Forum
  - We will use the 2021 Nov/Dec topic. Resolved: Increased United States federal regulation of cryptocurrency transactions and/or assets will produce more benefits than harms.
  - Teams have three minutes for prep.

- Congressional
  - Washington State uses a pre-prepared docket created by the WSFA.
CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Students will be allowed to use computers in-round for flowing, note-taking, the reading of speeches, and looking up pre-prepared evidence. Students are discouraged from using the internet during the round for purposes other than video-conferencing. The tournament will not be liable for any computer crashes or technological issues, and students should bring paper copies of evidence and speeches to be prepared for this occurrence.

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Legislation:
- The official legislation adopted by the State will be the legislation used for the tournament. A copy of the legislation is available on the Tabroom site. Please have your students in Congress bring their own copies of the legislation. NO COPIES WILL BE PROVIDED.

Docket Setting:
- We will follow the docket setting method suggested by the WSFA committee. Each school represented in each house will draw numbers to determine the order for a legislation draft. They will then take turns picking bills to be debated. This will determine the docket for the session.

Scoring:
- Each speech will be awarded up to 6 points by the judge in the round. The parliamentarian will score the PO. After each session, judges will rank the top eight speakers, including the PO. The cumulative total of these ranks in preliminary rounds will determine the students who will advance to Super Congress.
- The parliamentarian's one-time ranking of the chamber at the end of preliminary rounds will be used to break any ties that result both in determining who breaks to Super Congress.
- If the number of entries results in more than one chamber of Congress for a division of competition, Session III will be a Super Congress. After Session II, the top 6 to 10 members of each chamber (based on total judge rankings from sessions I and II) will advance to the two-segment Final Session. The legislation identified by the State as Super Congress Legislation will be the only legislation discussed during this round. Awards will be based on the cumulative rankings of judges during the final round. Parliamentarian rankings will be used to break ties. There will be a top PO award as determined by the Parliamentarian.
  - If there is only one chamber of Congress for a division of competition, Session III will be a regular session, and final scores for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, will be determined by the accumulation of judges’ rankings for all three rounds. Outstanding PO will be determined by the parliamentarian.
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Two divisions will be offered: Novice-first year competition, and Open-all others. If a student has more than five rounds of experience in speech events in a previous season, this student must be entered at the Open level.

Overtime: For most individual events, no penalty should apply if the student falls within a 30-second grace period. Speaking beyond the time when there is no grace period or more than 30 seconds beyond the event time limit simply means that the judge may not give that student first in that round. Exceptions to this guideline are made clear on individual ballots.

Finals: The tournament directors reserve the right to determine winners of one-panel events based on preliminary round results due to limited entries in a division/event.

Events
A brief description of each event follows. Please know that these descriptions are not exhaustive, and you can find complete ballot instructions and rules at tinyurl.com/wsfadocuments. We will follow WSFA adopted rules, unless noted.

- **Informative:** Informative speaking is to describe, clarify, explain, and/or define an object, idea, concept, social institution, or process. The speech must be the original work of the speaker. No more than 150 words of quoted and/or paraphrased material may be included in the expository. This speech may not have been used in forensic competition by the student prior to the current competitive season. Responsibility for choosing a worthwhile topic rests with the contestant. The use of humor will not be penalized. No costumes are allowed. Any demonstration should enhance, not be the focus of, the information presented. The speech must be delivered extemporaneously, with or without the use of notes. The contestant will not be penalized for using notes or visual aids unless they interfere with the ability to communicate with the audience. The time limit for this event is TEN (10) MINUTES, which will include audience reaction time. If the speaker goes over a 30 second grace period the contestant may not be awarded first place in the round. No minimum time limit.

- **Program of Oral Interpretation:** POI is a program of thematically-linked selections chosen from two or three genres: prose, poetry, drama (plays). At least two pieces of literature that represent at least two separate genres must be used. Unlike the other interpretation events, Program Oral Interpretation may use multiple sources for the program. The title and author of all selections must be verbally identified within the program. The use of a manuscript during the performance is required. Reading from a book or magazine is not permitted. The intact manuscript may be used by the contestant as a prop, so long as it remains in the contestant's control at all times. No costumes or props other than the manuscript are permitted. Introduction and transitional material may be memorized. Full movement, including walking, is allowed. Length: The time limit is 10 minutes with a 30-second “grace period.” Should a student go beyond the grace period, the student may not be ranked 1st. Judges are to use accurate (stopwatch function) timing devices. No minimum time is mandated. Publication Rules: All literature performed must meet the publication rules of the NSDA. Adaptations may be used only for the purpose of transition. Changes to the script may only be used for the purpose of transition or to eliminate profane language. Transitions may be used to clarify the logical sequence of ideas. They are not to be used for the purpose of embellishing the humorous or dramatic effect of the literature. (Note: for COMPLETE interp rules, including publication lists, see speechanddebate.org)
Impromptu Speaking:

1. A good impromptu speaker will discuss intelligently and with adequate speaking skills his/her chosen topic. Each contestant will have a different choice of topics.
2. The contestant has six (6) minutes to choose one of three topics, organize thoughts, and speak on the chosen topic. No notes may be prepared or used. The speaker must identify the chosen topic as part of the introduction.
3. JUDGES MUST GIVE TIME SIGNALS: oral signals at 30-second intervals for preparation time and hand signals for the remaining minutes.
4. Time limit: preparation and speaking time shall be a total of six (6) minutes. Contestants may use the time as they wish. If the speaker goes over a 30 second grace period the contestant may not be awarded first place in the round. No minimum time limit.

Original Oratory: Orations may deal with a current problem and propose a solution OR they may alert the audience to a threatening danger, strengthen its devotion to an accepted cause, or eulogize a person. Give the orator free choice of subject and judge him/her solely on the effectiveness of its development and presentation. The use of appropriate figures of speech, similes and metaphors, balanced sentences, allusions, and other rhetorical devices should be noted. Delivery should be judged for mastery of the mechanics of speech: poise, quality and use of voice and bodily expressiveness, and for qualities of directness and sincerity.

1. The presentation must be memorized.
2. The speech must be the original work of the speaker. No more than 150 words of quoted and/or paraphrased material may be included in the oration and must be designated in the manuscript. This speech may not have been used in forensic competition by the student prior to the current competitive season.
3. A copy of the oration must be available from the student upon the judge’s request.
4. The time limit for this event is TEN (10) MINUTES, which will include audience reaction time. If the speaker goes over a 30 second grace period the contestant may not be awarded first place in the round. No minimum time limit.

Humorous Interpretation:

1. The time limit is ten minutes with a 30-second “grace period.” Should a student go beyond the grace period, the student may not be ranked 1st. Judges are to use accurate (stopwatch function) timing devices. No minimum time is mandated.
2. Selections must be cuttings from a single work of literature (one short story, play, or novel), as per NSDA rules.
3. Changes to the script may only be used for the purpose of transition or to eliminate profane language. Transitions may be used to clarify the logical sequence of ideas. They are not to be used for the purpose of embellishing the humorous or dramatic effect of the literature.
4. The presentation may not use physical objects or costuming. The contestant must name the author and the source from which the cutting was made. The gender stated by the author must be honored. However, a female contestant may play a male role, and a male contestant may play a female role. Selections must be presented from memory. Monologues, prose, and poetry selections are acceptable. Use of focal points and/or direct contact with the audience should be determined by the requirements of the literature interpreted. Full movement is allowed.
5. A student may not use a cutting from a work of literature the student used in competition in any previous contest year. A student entered in two events may not use the same selection of literature in both events.
6. EVENT RULES (Note: for COMPLETE interp rules, including publication lists, see speechanddebate.org)
**Extemporaneous Speaking:**

- 1. The speaker has one half hour to prepare one topic. The speaker should announce the topic choice as part of the introduction. The speaker will draw a topic from 2 domestic and 2 foreign choices.
- 2. In giving his/her speech, the speaker may not use any notes at the state tournament. Novices are allowed to use one 4x6 note card when speaking.
- 3. **JUDGES MUST GIVE TIME SIGNALS.**
- 4. The time limit for this event is SEVEN (7) MINUTES. If the speaker goes over a 30 second grace period the contestant may not be awarded first place in the round. No minimum time limit.

**Dramatic Interpretation:**

- 1. The time limit is ten minutes with a 30-second “grace period.” Should a student go beyond the grace period, the student may not be ranked 1st. Judges are to use accurate (stopwatch function) timing devices. No minimum time is mandated.
- 2. Selections must be cuttings from a single work of literature (one short story, play, or novel), as per NSDA rules.
- 3. Changes to the script may only be used for the purpose of transition or to eliminate profane language. Transitions may be used to clarify the logical sequence of ideas. They are not to be used for the purpose of embellishing the humorous or dramatic effect of the literature.
- 4. The presentation may not use physical objects or costuming. The contestant must name the author and the source from which the cutting was made. The gender stated by the author must be honored. However, a female contestant may play a male role, and a male contestant may play a female role. Selections must be presented from memory. Monologues, prose, and poetry selections are acceptable. Use of focal points and/or direct contact with the audience should be determined by the requirements of the literature being interpreted. Full movement is allowed.
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**Editorial Commentary:**

- 1. Individuals will present a scripted speech that is intended to be an analysis of a news event rather than a running synopsis of the news.
- 2. Original commentary should enhance the overall effect of the news event and analysis.
- 3. Speakers will read the manuscript from a seated position.
- 4. The script should be timed to end between 1:45 and 2:00 minutes. Any speaker ending before 1:45 or after 2:00 minutes shall be ranked one score lower.
- 5. Time signals **SHOULD NOT** be given to the competitors; however, the competitors may time themselves.

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**General Information**

**Judging**

- The following are requirements for judges at this year’s tournament: 1 judge is required for every 2 CX teams, 4 LD/PF teams, 5 Student Congress/IE competitors.
• Judges cannot combine any obligation except for speech and debate. For example, you can't have a judge cover 1 LD student and 3 PF students. You need two judges to cover your entry in this circumstance.
• All teams must provide judges. If you do not meet your judging requirements, entries will be dropped at the tournament director's discretion.
• All judges must have accurate contact information. This includes both email and phone.
• In general, one year out judges will not be used in the open division. Please note these judges in your registration.
• Judges must be available for ballots during the availability you specify on the website. You may not offer differing times, and you must completely fill your obligation. It is not the tournament’s responsibility to figure out your judging responsibilities.

Out of State Competitors: Please Read!
• WSFA/WIAA regulations prohibit unsupervised students from attending the tournament. This means that in general, independent students may not attend any tournament in Washington State. If you do not have a school official supervising you either at registration or during competition, you will be dismissed from the tournament without refund.

Feline Frenzy 2021 Fee Sheet

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MT. SPOKANE HIGH SCHOOL

2021 Feline Frenzy Schedule

Friday, Dec. 3 SYNCHRONOUS ONLINE ROUNDS
3:30PM Debate Round 1
3:30PM Congress Session 1
5:30PM Debate Round 2
6:30PM Congress Session 2
7:30PM Debate Round 3

Saturday, Dec. 4 IN PERSON COMPETITION AT MT. SPOKANE HS
6:45 AM On site check in begins
7:15 AM Extemp Prep
7:30 AM IE Round 1
8:45 AM Debate Round 4
8:45 AM    Congress Session 3A (1 hr)
10:30 AM    Extemp Prep
10:45 AM    IE Round 2
12:00PM     Debate Round 5/ Congress Session 3B (1 hr)
1:45PM      Extemp Prep
2:00PM      IE Round 3
3:15PM      Debate Quarter Finals/ Congress Super Session A
5:00PM      Extemp Prep
5:15PM      IE Finals
6:30PM      Debate Semi Finals / Congress Super Session B
8:00PM      Awards
8:00PM      Debate Finals (Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum, Policy)

All rounds will be single-flighted when possible
We will triple-judge quarters if enough judges are available. Otherwise, we will prioritize allocation of judges, triple-judging varsity division first. Students should not assume that they are not in a quarterfinal match simply because they only have one judge.

COVID Safety Protocols for In-Person Competition

These policies and procedures have been developed in direct coordination with the Mead School District COVID board and the Spokane Regional Health District. They comply with all current Washington state regulations on public school events. There will be a zero tolerance policy for these procedures. Any competitor, team, or judge knowingly violating these protocols will be immediately dropped from the tournament. It is imperative that coaches communicate all expectations in advance to all of their competitors and judges and commit to upholding them.

Masking and Social Distancing
All attendees of the tournament must be masked at all times in the building. Masks must be worn properly to cover the mouth, nose, and chin.

Teams will be given assigned areas in the commons, and are asked to stay with their own teams in their designated areas as often as possible. Even while seated in their team area, attendees need to remain masked unless actively eating or drinking.

Meals and Food Options
Competitors may bring in meals either on an individual or team basis. Please be aware that eating and drinking are times when COVID spread is most likely to occur due to removal of masks. All sanitation practices should
be observed, and masks should be removed only as necessary to consume the meal and immediately put
back on. As much social distance as possible should be maintained while eating.

The Mt. Spokane High School Debate Team will be hosting a small concession stand with pre-packaged,
individual serving snack options and bottled/canned drink options. Cash only will be accepted.

Judges will be provided meals and snacks in a hospitality room. They will be required to maintain social
distance while eating, and put masks back on as quickly as possible.

**Removing Masks for Interp Event ONLY**

According to WIAA guidelines updated as of 10/27/21, students in the performing arts may remove their masks
during the times of performances only IF the student

A.) Shows proof of full COVID -19 vaccination status (at least two weeks have passed since the second
dose of Pfizer or Moderna OR the single dose J&J) OR

B.) Attends a school that offers surveillance testing, and can present a negative COVID19 test from
within 24 hours before the start of competition Saturday morning. A negative test result would need to
be obtained on Friday from a school testing program.

We have decided to extend this option ONLY TO INTERP EVENTS. All other speech events, Congress
rounds, and debate rounds will require masks to be worn throughout the round. This is due to the fact that
interp events above all others rely on the competitor’s use of physical, non-verbal communication for
characterization purposes. These performances are done individually, and must remain under 10 minutes.
Debate and Congress rounds are too long with too many competitors in the room to allow for the removal of
masks.

**Vaccination Status of Adult Judges and Volunteers**

We are awaiting further clarification on this point from the Mead School District administration to ensure judges
are in compliance with state requirements. Our current understanding is that adult volunteers and paid adult
judges need to be able to show proof of full vaccination OR a negative COVID test obtained within 48 hours of
the start of the tournament. It is the responsibility of each coach to verify this information from each judge they
bring to the tournament. Regardless of vaccination status, judges will be required to keep their masks on while
indoors at the tournament unless eating or drinking.