

McMinnville High School Forensics

Hello Friends,

I am so very pleased to invite you to the 2022 McMinnville High School Speech Invitational, hosted in person on January 29th 2022. In order to be able to make this happen in the time of covid, there will be some new rules, and limitations. I am sure we can all work together to make this a successful and safe tournament for everyone.

This year we will be offering Speech Events, Congress, and CX only. Speech competitors may double enter at their own risk. Congress and CX may not . We will not be offering Parli, PF, or LD.

Each team is allowed 3 entries per event.

For every 4 entries (not students, entries) the school MUST PROVIDE ONE JUDGE

For example, 16 entries= 4 judges

Each judge must meet the volunteer requirements of that school district.

Each judge must be prepared to judge EVERY ROUND OF THE DAY.

(there are ONLY 3 ROUNDS, see schedule below)

I realize this is a crazy judge requirement. I do. But in order to make this happen, and to make it run like a swiss clock, this is the plan. I hope that I am giving you enough notice to call in your troops and get them signed up. This allows us to keep the numbers to a minimum of the total number of bodies in the building. It's only 3 rounds.

In order to keep the day short, we will offer 2 prelim rounds of speech, with two judges each, round three will also be hidden finals, so all kids will get at least 6 ballots.

There will be 2 sessions of Congress.

There will be 3 rounds of cx.

I have a 30 school limit/ or if I go too far over 50 rooms, it has to stay smallish. I am hosting with the caveat that it will be HALF the size of a normal year. This is the reason we are not offering PF, Parli and LD.

Once registration is open, there will be a waitlist if needed.

More info on food/concessions soon.

Awards will be nice trophies or medals that I order from a real place (more info soon).

*awarded with every first place will be a \$100.00 scholarship toward Southwest Speech and Debate Camp, held in July 2022. http://swsdi.org/

Covid Protocols:

Masks will be worn at all times except when drinking or eating. In competition, masks may be removed for active speakers only. If a student chooses to remain masked while speaking, no judging penalties will apply. Fellow competitors who are not speaking should remain masked. Judges remain masked. Active speakers must be at least 6 feet from competitors, spectators, and judges and appropriate spacing between debate or Dual partners.

Tournament staff will maximize spacing and air flow in speech and debate rooms as well as commons areas (e.g. cafeteria, theater). Coaches should supervise their own team to maintain best safe practices.

Coaches are responsible for being aware and making sure that any adults (judges/coaches/ + whomever else) follow mandates set by their school districts at time of tournament.

Food and Concessions: TBD

There will definitely be Coffee and beverages available all day for judges/coaches.

It is possible this will be a food free tournament.

I am working on this and figuring out what I can, and can not do.

There is a great deal of choices within walking distance of the HS (3 blocks to food truck pod)

More info about food later.

Events offered: Humorous, Dramatic, Duo, Poetry, Prose, Inform, Oratory, Extemp, Imp, ADS, POI, LIELL, and Radio. All open division. CX, and Congress

Congress Leg- due 1/25 to cwalsh@msd.k12.or.us OR Kristline_lgawa@beaverton.k12.or.us Kristline_lgawa@beaverton.k12.or.us

Schedule for 1/29/22

8:30am Extemp draw

9am Round One Speech, CX - Congress Session 1

11:00am Extemp draw

11:30am Round Two Speech, CX

Lunch break 1-2

1:30 Extemp draw - Congress Session 2

2:00pm Round Three Speech Finals, CX

3:30pm or asap : Awards

School fee: \$25.00 Fee per Entry: \$5.00

Please print your invoice from tabroom and mail with your payment.

Checks can be mailed to : MHS Speech and Debate

Attn: Tracy Brandt/ Courtney Walsh

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I look forward to seeing you in January. Thank you for taking this step toward normal with me. It means the world.

Respect and love, Courtney Walsh, (503) 550-7729; cwalsh@msd.k12.or.us

Link for your convenience:

OSAA Speech Handbook: https://www.osaa.org/docs/handbooks/spehandbook.pdf