



Wild West Invitational 2022

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The Bentonville West Forensics & Debate team is thrilled to welcome you to our 2021 Wild West Virtual Invitational! The Wild West Invitational tournament will take place on Friday, February 4, 2022-Saturday, February 5, 2022. We will have trophies for finalists in High School, Junior High divisions will receive medals and certificates, and sweepstakes trophies will be presented in all divisions.

We will utilize a two-fold method of tabulation. One method will be cumulative. This is the most common method used in Arkansas. Each of your entries dependent on their rank, win-loss record, and placement will receive points for your school. This is not capped by a 'sweep-slate" The other method will be based upon squad efficiency. This will be determined based on the ratio of breaks per individual student competing for your school. Therefore, we will be offering the following sweepstake categories; Cumulative Sweeps, Squad Efficiency Sweeps, Junior High Sweeps. Junior High Schools will not be included in the calculation of Cumulative and Squad Efficiency Sweeps. If you have specific questions about this method, please contact jskordal@bentonvillek12.org.

Deadline for entries will be **FRIDAY, JANUARY 28TH** by 4:00 p.m. After this time, drops and adds will need to be emailed directly to Jessica Skordal at jskordal@bentonvillek12.org and you

will be charged a drop/add fee. There will be a \$10 fee for every add or drop to your entries/judges after this date.

REMINDER:With the transition to virtual, we will have to implement judge requirements for each school.

- High School Debate (including congress) will owe 1 Judge per 5 Entries with a missing fee of \$20.
- High School Forensics will owe 1 Judge per 10 Entries with a missing fee of \$20.
- Junior High Debate (including congress) will owe 1 Judge Per 10 Entries with a missing fee of \$10
- Junior High Forensics will owe 1 Judge Per 10 Entries with a missing fee of \$10

Judges are ALWAYS a problem, so we will be grateful for any "extra" judges you can bring! Entries may be limited for schools that do not provide the required number of judges. Please state any times your judges are unavailable on Tabroom with your registration. If your judge's time commitment changes, please contact jskordal@bentonvillek12.org.

We will utilize Bentonville West High School team members to judge middle school/junior high!

Students may enter multiple events in a given round, but double entry policies must be followed, and rounds will not be held late to accommodate students with multiple entries. Students may only enter one debate event, and policy debate students will not be able to compete in individual events. High School students in other styles of debate will be able to enter both Pattern A and B events, with the understanding that if they miss those rounds, refunds will not be granted. Please be aware of the schedule and that we will not hold rounds for students in multiple events. There will not be refunds provided if your students fail to attend a round.

Registration: We will be using Tabroom for registration and tabulation purposes! Tabroom will have public access to tournament-related documents, pairings, and results for the tournament. In order to register, go to www.tabroom.com and click either "login" if you have utilized this website before or "signup" if you have never previously used this site. You may either sign up with a separate account or use your NSDA login to create an account. The attached link will give step-by-step instructions for setting up Tabroom prior to registering: <http://docs.tabroom.com/Registration>. If you have any questions or concerns about Tabroom, please contact jskordal@bentonvillek12.org.

Congressional Debate: We will utilize the ACTAA Spring Congressional Debate Docket. You may find a copy [here](#).

Our schedule does not allow for a break, so we provide a great concession stand! We ask that you please help support our program by eating from the concession stand we provide rather than bringing outside food into our buildings. Please inform your students AND parents of this request. Please arrive at our campus for registration between 2:45 pm and 3:30 pm. You will need to enter through the main school driveway off of Gamble Rd. and continue straight to student parking. Students will be there to show you where to unload. Our school releases at 3:55 pm. We have bus drivers who have to evacuate our campus around 4:00 pm taking our many students home. Registration in the Performing Arts Center Lobby will be between 2:45 pm and 3:45 pm. Traffic can be a headache, so please allow enough time to arrive on campus in time for your first events, which will begin promptly.

Please review the new TOC Qualifying tournament guidelines for the 2021-2022 school year at www.ACTAA.net. Bentonville Schools does have a guest WiFi network, but please plan for a backup for all rounds that need WiFi. We will abide by ACTAA Sanctioned Rules followed by NSDA Rules. We will be piloting the new rules in regard to internet usage but can't guarantee internet access at this time. We will also be using online ballots for all events at this time. **Coaches, please bring a device to judge from.** The attached schedule is tentative.

Thanks,

Coach: Jessica Skordal, Director of Forensics and Debate

Tournament Notes

Individual Event Sectioning and Breaks:

- Preliminary sections will consist of up to 8 entries. Pay CLOSE attention to the schedule.
- We reserve the right to utilize select high school students to judge junior high events.
- These students will be directly selected by the tournament director/tab if needed.

Debate Pairings and Breaks:

- Brackets will not be broken. Rolls will be assumed for out rounds unless the coach of the teams provides additional judges for the round in question and contacts the tabroom with this request.
- We will accept any hybrid or maverick entries. Please just communicate to tab with those so we can calculate them into sweeps accordingly.
- PF Debate WILL use the coin flip.

- We reserve the right to collapse divisions based on entry numbers at the end of the registration. You will be informed of this decision as it is made.
- We will use the February PF Topic. We will use the Jan/Feb LD Topic.
- Congress
 - We will run an NSDA-style student congress.
 - We will utilize the ACTAA Spring Congressional Debate Docket
 - All speakers will compete in two prelim sessions of Congress. One house will consist of no more than 25 speakers. If multiple houses are required, an even number from each house, will advance to Supersessions

Please message jskordal@bentonvillek12.org with questions.

Thanks,



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