Dear Coach,

You and your squad are invited to compete in the Kickapoo High School Middle School Speech and Debate Tournament to be held on **Saturday, March 26** at Carver Middle School. Interp events (Pro/Po, HI, DI, and Duo) will be pre-recorded to allow for equity and all other events (LD, OO, Info, and Extemp) will be live. We are using Tabroom. Entries must be entered on <http://kickapooms.tabroom.com/> NO LATER than Wednesday, March 23rd at 3:00 p.m. so that we can judge the pre-recorded rounds. You will be able to and responsible for making any changes on tabroom for student names, events, etc.

Competition for 7th and 8th-grade students will be offered in the following events:

* Informative Speaking
* Original Oratory
* Extemporaneous Speaking
* Duo Interpretation
* Lincoln-Douglas Debate
* Dramatic Interpretation
* Humorous Interpretation
* Prose/Poetry Reading

**Masking while in the building is encouraged; except while eating and performing.**

Individual Event Rules:

Extemporaneous Speaking: Topics will be based on current events. 30-minute prep time. Based on MSHSAA and NSDA rules, internet IS allowed during prep time. Time limit: 5 minutes maximum.

Duo Interpretation: A memorized humorous or dramatic piece performed from a published source by 2 students following NSDA guidelines, no original content except for the introduction. Time limit: 5 minutes maximum.

Original Oratory: The speech must be the original work of the contestant. No more than 150 words may be a direct quotation. The presentation must be memorized. Time limit: 5 minutes maximum.

Humorous Interpretation: Selection may be taken from any published novel, play, or short story. Selections must possess literary merit and be age-appropriate. An adequate introduction should be provided. No props may be used. Selections must be memorized. Time limit: 5 minutes maximum.

Dramatic Interpretation: Selection may be taken from any published novel, play, or short story. Selections must possess literary merit and be age-appropriate. An adequate introduction should be provided. No props may be used. Selections must be memorized. Time limit: 5 minutes maximum.

Prose/Poetry Reading: Selections must be from a published source. Selections must possess literary merit and be age-appropriate. An adequate introduction should be provided. No props may be used. Selections should not be memorized. Prose selections must be no more than 50% dialogue. Poetry selections may be a combination of short poems on the same theme or by the same author OR they may be from a longer poetic piece. Time limit: 4 minutes maximum.

Informative Speaking: Original informative speech performed from memory, students may use non-electronic visual aids following NSDA rules. Time limit: 5 minutes maximum.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate Rules:

1. The Lincoln-Douglas Debate proposition shall be the Novice NSDA topic: Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified.

2. Lincoln-Douglas rounds may be “flighted”, meaning that (depending on the size of the tournament), the schedule might have two sets of debates scheduled for the same room during the round.

3. Lincoln-Douglas format to be used for middle school is as follows:

Affirmative Constructive 3 minutes

Cross-Examination 2 minutes

Negative Constructive 4 minutes

Cross-Examination 2 minutes

1st Affirmative Rebuttal 2 minutes

Negative Rebuttal 2 minutes

2nd Affirmative Rebuttal 1 minute

2 minutes of prep per side

**General Rules:**

 - Each school must be accompanied by an adult sponsor.

- Sweepstakes awards are presented for first, second, and third place.

- Awards for the Top 6 will be presented for all events. –

- Campus regulations prohibit the use of tobacco products, drugs, and alcohol.

- No food or drink is to be taken out of the cafeteria.

- Failure to comply with these regulations will result in the elimination of that contestant. - Fees are due for cancellations made after the deadline.

- Entry fee is $5.00 per entry.

**Sweepstakes Rules:**

- A school’s best two entries in each event earn sweepstakes points.

- 10 points qualify for finals

- 5 points - 3rd place

- 10 points - 2nd place

- 15 points - 1st place

Trophies and Sweepstakes Awards:

 - 6 competitors will advance to the finals

 - Medals will be awarded to 1st - 6th Place

 - The top 3 schools will receive sweepstakes awards

**Saturday, February 26**

7:30 am - Registration

8:00 am – Debate Round 1

8:45 am – Debate Round 2

9:30 am – Debate Round 3

10:15 am – Debate Round 4 1

11:00 am – Extemp Draw Round 1

11:30 am – Speech Events Round 1

12:45 pm – Extemp Draw Round 2

1:15 pm – Speech Events Round 2

2:15 pm – Debate Semifinals

3:00 pm – Extemp Draw Finals

3:30pm – Speech Events Finals

4:30 pm – Debate Finals

5:30 pm – Awards