



7th Annual Marshall-Spalter Cup

Dear Coaches and Competitors,

We are excited to invite you to the 7th annual Marshall-Spalter Cup which will take place on **February 17-18, 2023** on the campus of Har-Ber High School in Springdale, Arkansas.

The Marshall-Spalter Cup offers a **high quality** and **affordable** experience to all attendees. This year we will offer:

- ☐ bids to UK Tournament of Champions in Congressional Debate AND all Individual Events (except Duet Improv & Words and Music) corresponding to size
- ☐ bids for National Individual Events Tournament of Champions (NIETOC)
- ☐ 3-4 prelim rounds of **individual events** depending on event size
- ☐ 4 prelim rounds of **Congressional Debate** (90 minute rounds)
- ☐ 3 prelim rounds of **IPDA Debate**

The tournament will be held on the Har-Ber High School campus located at 300 Jones Rd. Springdale, AR 72762.

Go Deeper: For more information about Northwest Arkansas go to <https://www.arkansas.com/regions/northwest>

The 2023 Marshall-Spalter Cup will offer the following events:

- Congressional Debate (Open)
- IPDA (HS) ([IPDA HS Constitution](#))
- Declamation
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Duo Interpretation
- Duet Improv (ACTAA EVENT)
- Extemporaneous Speaking (Will be collapsed topic areas will switch from International to domestic each round)
- Informative
- Impromptu
- Humorous Interpretation
- Oral Interpretation
- Original Oratory
- Program of Oral Interp
- Words & Music (ACTAA EVENT)([Link to a Ballot](#))

Bid Levels for UKTOC are determined by size of event for individual events as follows:

If 24 or fewer competitors enter, the top 3 receive bids.

If 25 to 72 people compete, the top 7 finalists receive bids.

If 73 to 125 or more are in an event, the top 14 semifinalists receive bids

If 125 or more are in an event, the top 24 quarterfinalists receive bids.

For Congressional Debate our top 6 competitors will receive a bid to the UKTOC.

For NIETOC:

During with the competitive season, bids are gained at the following levels:

0-19 contestants = FIRST PLACE BID

20-34 contestants = FIRST, SECOND & THIRD PLACE BIDS

35-50 contestants = FINAL ROUND BIDS

51-70 contestants = SEMIFINAL ROUND BIDS

71-99 contestants = QUARTERFINAL ROUND BIDS

100 + contestants = OCTA-FINAL ROUND BIDS

Please refer to the rest of the invitation for further detail about the tournament and review our tournament website for updates. If you have any questions, please send an email at anytime to Harberspeechanddebate@gmail.com

For the IPDA HS National Championship:

Any rounds won will be reported as a part of the 6 total rounds you need to win to qualify.

Speaker awards and rounds won will be reported for season long point earnings.

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Timeline

December 1st, 2022 9 AM CST	Online registration begins on http://marspa.tabroom.com/
January 9th, 2023	Early Bird registration ends, entry fee raises to \$35.00 per entry
January 20th, 2023 11:59 PM CST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress legislation due. (Legislation released on the 25th) • Extemporaneous Speaking topic areas released. • Impromptu Round categories released
January 25th, 2023	Congressional Legislation released
February 6th, 2023	Regular registration ends, entry fee raises to \$45.00 per entry
February 10th, 2023 8 AM CST	Registration fees and judge burdens frozen. If you do not meet your judging obligation after this date, you will be fined \$40 per uncovered slate of entries, although there is no guarantee that any uncovered entry can be accepted into the tournament.
February 15th, 2021 5 pm CST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new entries/judges are due • All event information is due
February 17th, 2023 2 PM – 4 PM CST	Mandatory registration. You can register and pay fees during this time at our performing arts center, where we will house students until school is dismissed. If for any reason you think you will be arriving close to the start time of round 1 we will do call-in registration and a number will be provided closer to the day of the tournament. In order to run a timely tournament please be diligent about reporting all drops before you arrive, so we don't have judges waiting in rooms for students who aren't coming. Schools with unreported drops during the tournament will receive a \$50 fine per unreported drop.

Events

Congressional Debate will follow NSDA rules. IPDA Debate will follow all rules as set forth in the IPDA HS Constitution.

Congressional Debate

- There will be a **single**, open division of Congressional Debate.
- Chambers will comprise no more than 12 competitors.
- Templates for bills and resolutions can be found in tabroom.
- Please submit legislation by **January 20th, 2023**. Each student may submit only one piece of legislation and no school can have more than 3 pieces of legislation. We will publish legislation by **January 25th, 2023**. There will be two to three preliminary sessions advancing to a finals session and the Top Six competitors will receive a bid to the TOC.

Speech Events

Speech events will follow **NSDA rules** with a few exceptions.

- Speech competitors do not need to have copies of their manuscripts.
- Extemp will be a mix of IX and USX. Extemp topic areas will be released by **January 15th, 2023**.
- **OI** will follow **NCFL rules** (ncfl.org/oral-interp).
- ***Speech tabbing will be cumulative throughout the tournament.***

IPDA

1. There is absolutely NO use of computers allowed in rounds
2. Students will be disqualified if they research or use a computer for speaking
3. All other rules outlined in the IPDA HS Constitution ([IPDA HS Constitution](#))

Electronic Communications & Internet Rules **

Be reminded, however, that there is no assurance that WiFi, cellular service and the like will be available. Participants electing to use electronic devices do so at their own peril and are responsible for providing their own computers, batteries, extension cords and other accessories.

Fees

We are super excited to add early registration this year

That's right the sooner you register your students the cheaper registration will be. This will help us to be more focused on providing you the best experience possible by having a closer estimate for who and what we are serving.

- *Early Bird Registration* Opens- December 1, 2022 (All registrations that occur between December 1, 2022 and January 9, 2023 will receive a discounted rate for each entry at \$20.00 per entry)
- Regular registration after January 9, 2023 thru February 6, 2023 will register at the normal entry fee of \$35.00 per entry.
- **Extended registration** between February 6, 2023 - February 15, 2023 will register at the rate of \$45 per entry.

There will be no drop fees unless drops occur after the start of the tournament.

- ☐ Any drops after the beginning of the tournament (unless circumstances are unavoidable) will be \$25.00 per drop.

Judges Fees:

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- ❖ Missing judges- \$50 per uncovered judge
 - ❖ Partial Judges- \$25 per uncovered judge shift
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If your school has financial constraints that may prevent it from attending the tournament, email the tournament director at harberspeechanddebate@gmail.com .

Any program in their first year of competition **will have entry fees waived**, you *must* email the tournament director (daniel.caudle@sdale.org) as soon as you decide you want to attend.

- ☐ Missing judges fees will still apply.

Tentative Schedule

Registration: Friday, February 17th, 2023 from 2 PM to 4 PM CST

- ☐ Mandatory registration.
- ☐ You register and pay fees in the Rotunda Lobby. You may also register over the phone the number will be released closer to the tournament.
- ☐ **Any unreported drops on the day of the tournament will result in an additional fine of \$50 per drop.**

Awards will be held on Saturday evening as soon as tabulation is complete.

Friday, February 17, 2023	Saturday, February 18, 2023
2:00 pm: <i>Registration Opens</i>	8:00 am: Congressional Round 4/IPDA Draw Round 3
3:30 pm: IPDA Draw Round 1/Congressional Round 1	8:30 am: IPDA Round 3/ Extemp Draw Round 3
4:00 pm: IPDA Round 1	9:00 am: Individual Events Round 3
5:00 pm: <i>IPDA Draw Round 2</i>	10:30 am: <i>IPDA Draw Octo-finals</i>
5:30 pm: IPDA Round 2/Congressional Round 2	11:00 am: IPDA Octo-finals
6:30 pm: <i>Extemp Draw Round 1</i>	11:30 am: Individual Events Semi-finals (If a semi-finals is not needed in an event than either a round 4 or a finals will occur at the discretion of the tournament director)/Congressional Debate Finals
7:00 pm: Individual Events Round 1/Congressional Round 3	1:00 pm: <i>IPDA Quarters Draw</i>
8:00 pm: <i>Extemp Draw Round 2</i>	1:30 pm: IPDA Quarters
8:30 pm: Individual Events Round 2	2:00 pm: Individual Events Finals

	3:15 pm: <i>IPDA Semis Draw</i>
	3:45 pm: IPDA Semi-finals
	5:15 pm: IPDA Finals
	5:30 pm: Words and Music Finals

Online Registration & Limits

Register as early as possible.

- Costs rise the later you register.
- Online registration can be done through tabroom.com

Event Limits & Restrictions

- Speech competitors may enter in up to two events.
- Any student entered in **Congressional Debate** will not be allowed to enter other events.
- Event entry limits may be set after early registration has ended.

Independent Entries

No independent entries will be allowed.

Judging

Judging Obligations

Each school must provide qualified judges per the following stipulations:

- For Debate Events **for every 4 entries you must provide 1 judge.**
- For Speech events **for every 6 entries you must provide 1 judge.**

The entire tournament will run with e-ballots, and all judges in all divisions must have tabroom.com accounts.

Keep in mind that a “qualified judge” must understand the activity, speak English, and be experienced either sitting in rounds with a ballot/flow pad and/or have been carefully trained by the team he/she is accompanying. A qualified judge is one who knows how to fill out a ballot and assign ranks, wins/losses, and speaker points. **They must complete the NSDA judges training as per the instructions on the main page.**

Judges in all debate events are obligated through the first full elimination round and then one round past the one that their competitors have been eliminated in. (Any early out rounds will be at a charge to the competing school)

Speech judges are obligated for the entire tournament.

You will be able to add judges to your roster until Wednesday, February 15th, 2021.

Spectating and Disclosure Policy

- All rounds are open to both competitors and spectators. Post-round oral critiques are allowed in all of the debate events, however this is the judges preference and comfort level, and is not required. To keep the tournament running on time, please keep your oral critiques as short as possible (less than 5 minutes).
- We ask that you ***do not disclose winners*** in debate rounds.

2023 Marshall-Spalter Cup Tournament Staff

Tournament Director: Daniel Caudle & Joel Brown

Tabroom Staff: Joel Brown

Student Directors: Lucas Lightner & Abby Marks

Ombudsman: Daniel Caudle