

MORRISTOWN WEST SPEECH AND DEBATE



Dear Forensics Coaches, Judges, and Competitors,

It is my honor to invite you to the 35th annual Chestnut Tree Invitational on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at the beautiful and pristine campus of Walters State Community College. We are also excited to announce that the Chestnut Tree Invitational will also be a Tournament of Champions bid tournament.

This tournament will allow competitors to compete in a variety of individual events, along with Public Forum Debate. We have been pushed into an online world these past couple of years, and our team is so excited to welcome you back to Morristown for the Chestnut Tree Invitational.

In debate events, we will be offering Public Forum Debate. There will be 4 rounds.

In speech events, we will be offering the following events: Dramatic Interpretation, Duet Acting, Duo Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking, Improvisational Duet Acting, Informative Speaking, Novice Reading, Original Oratory, Poetry, Program Oral Interpretation, Prose, and Storytelling. There will be three preliminary rounds, and we will break the top 6 competitors into final rounds if necessary.

This packet should answer any additional questions you have stumbled upon as you get closer to the tournament date. If you need any additional information, please contact terryc@hcboe.net.

We look forward to seeing you at the Chestnut Tree Invitational!

Best,

Suzanne Terry

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Tournament Director

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Fees:

Entry fees for this tournament will be as follows:

- Public Forum Debate: \$16.00
- Dramatic Interpretation: \$8.00
- Duet Acting: \$16.00
- Duo Interpretation: \$16.00
- Extemporaneous Speaking: \$8.00
- Humorous Interpretation: \$8.00
- Impromptu Speaking: \$8.00
- Improvisational Duet Acting: \$16.00
- Informative Speaking: \$8.00
- Novice Reading: \$8.00
- Original Oratory: \$8.00
- Poetry: \$8.00
- Program Oral Interpretation: \$8.00
- Prose: \$8.00
- Storytelling: \$8.00

Entries are due on **November 2nd, 2022**. After this, you will be charged to drop an entry.

ALL PAYMENT IS DUE BEFORE ROUND ONE OF THE TOURNAMENT. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS TO MORRISTOWN WEST HIGH SCHOOL.

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Judging:

We require that teams bring judges to judge rounds.

Speech Entries: 1 judge for every 6 entries

Debate Entries: 1 judge for every 2 debate entries

Judges can't be current high school students.

There will be a \$25.00 charge for every missing judge on the tournament day.

ALL JUDGES MUST HAVE A TABLET, LAPTOP, OR PHONE TO COMPLETE THEIR BALLOTS. WE WILL BE USING TABROOM TO COMPLETE BALLOTS. MAKE SURE YOUR JUDGES ARE LINKED TO YOUR SCHOOL.

Food:

Food will be available all day for the competitors to purchase. We request that teams do not bring food items from other vendors as this is our major fundraising event of the year. This also includes coolers and other closed containers. There will be lots of food available for the judges and the coaches in the Judge's Lounge.

Lodging:

There are several hotels in Morristown for teams that wish to arrive a day early. For your convenience, we have listed the phone numbers of some of our recommendations:

- Hampton Inn Morristown: (423) 587-0952
- Best Western Conference Center: (423) 587-2400
- Quality Inn and Suites Morristown: (423) 254-5945
- Econo Lodge Morristown: (865) 674-2573
- Super 8 Morristown: (423) 714-7646

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Event Rules:

We will be following the National Speech and Debate Association and Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League rules for all events. The rules are as below:

Public Forum Debate: Two-person debate teams argue issues of social importance. Focus is placed on persuasive and logical skills of argumentation. Debaters argue both sides of the resolution.

Original Oratory: An original, ten-minute, memorized, persuasive speech which presents a position on any current topic, issue, or problem. Speech must be memorized.

Extemporaneous Speaking: A seven-minute speech on a current topic prepared by the speaker. The speaker draws a topic at the contest and is given one-half hour to prepare and develop the speech by using information from current periodicals. No notes may be used during the speech.

Impromptu Speaking: A seven-minute limited prep event in which the speaker prepares and delivers a speech based on a drawn topic. The speaker demonstrates an ability to prepare a well-organized speech in a limited time. The speech is not a monologue or stand-up comic routine. The student further demonstrates the ability to speak without a fully prepared speech and notes. The speech may be serious and/or humorous but must reflect the student's ability to organize and use communication and public speaking skills.

Informative Speaking: An ten-minute original speech designed to explain, define, describe or illustrate a particular subject. The speech must be the original work of the student including research, organization, and preparation. Speech must be memorized.

Duet Acting: A ten-minute scene or cutting from a serious or humorous play with two characters interacting. Each team may use two hand props and one stage prop. Must be memorized.

Storytelling: An eight-minute memorized performance of any story source that lends itself to animated storytelling. No props are permitted; limited movement is allowed.

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Humorous Interpretation: A ten-minute memorized performance from published novels, plays, short stories, or poetry. No props are allowed.

Dramatic Interpretation: A ten-minute memorized performance from published novels, plays, short stories, or poetry. No props are allowed.

Duo Interpretation: A five-minute improvisational performance, with one minute of preparation time. Two performers must follow a given prompt. No props are allowed. Only one set of competitors is allowed to be in the performance room during a performance.

Poetry: A ten-minute dramatic or humorous reading from a poetic piece of literature. A manuscript must be used.

Prose: A ten-minute dramatic or humorous reading of a story or cutting from a novel, essay, or short story. A manuscript must be used.

Program of Oral Interpretation: A ten-minute program designed to thematically link selections chosen from two or three genres: prose, poetry, and plays. A manuscript must be used.

Round Schedule:

Below is the scheduled round schedule for the Chestnut Tree Invitational:

Round One (ALL EVENTS): 8:30 AM

Round Two (ALL EVENTS): 10:00 AM

Round Three (ALL EVENTS): 11:30 AM

Round Four (PFD ONLY): 1:00 PM

Final Rounds (ALL EVENTS*): 3:00 PM

AWARDS WILL BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

*Final rounds will only happen if we need to break the top 6 competitors to determine rankings.