

**Raymore-Peculiar Forensics and Debate
Raymore-Peculiar High School
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Dear Coach:

Raymore-Peculiar High School cordially invites you to our R-Pesian Classic Forensics and Debate festival, **held Nov. 11th and 12th, 2022**. We will be hosting a varsity tournament.

Our tournament will be held using Tabroom. Please submit your entries on Tabroom by November 2nd. We will make every effort to accommodate your full entry. Here is the Tabroom link:

<http://raypecvarsity.tabroom.com>

We will host Humorous Interp, Dramatic Interp, Duo Interp, Storytelling, POI, Original Oratory, US Extemp, Int'l. Extemp, Info, Student Congress, Improv Duet Acting, and Policy, Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas debate.

**** NOTE-IN PF debate, we will use the new NSDA pilot times which adds one minute to each summary speech and one minute to each team's preparation time.**

*****Congress legislation will be the October legislation packet published by the NSDA.**

Students will be allowed to **DOUBLE** enter IEs, except if entered in Congress. Debaters may also double enter in IE competition (except for Congress or IDA). **Please look at the limitations listed for entering multiple events before submitting your entries.**

****Entries will be limited if we cannot provide enough judges.**

Awards for IEs will be given to 1st through 6th place. In debate, we will award trophies to the top eight teams/competitors. We will also award sweepstakes trophies. An individual sweepstakes trophy will be awarded to the student who earns the most sweepstakes points for his or her team. Please see the rules for more details.

This year, we will be running Improv Duet Acting during the debate events. Therefore, students are able to enter two IEs and a Debate event OR IDA. Students will not be allowed to enter multiple events in debate.

Sincerely yours,

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Please call/text my cell phone (816-536-2353) if you have drops on Friday after 12:30 pm or on Saturday morning.

Also call/text if you are going to arrive late, please.

Please do not arrive before 3:00 Friday afternoon. School doesn't dismiss until 2:45

RayPec Varsity Tournament
Time Schedule

Friday, November 11

3:00 PM	Registration
3:30 PM	Extemp Draw for Round I
4:00 PM	Round I of Speech Events and Student Congress
5:00 PM	Extemp Draw for Round II
5:30 PM	Round II of Speech Events and Student Congress
7:00 PM	Round I of Debate
8:30 PM	Round II of Debate

Saturday, November 12

8:00 AM	Extemp Draw for Semifinals
8:30 AM	Semifinals of Speech Events and Student Congress Super Session I
10:00 AM	Round III of Debate
11:30 PM	Round IV of Debate
1:00 PM	Extemp Draw for Finals
1:30 PM	Finals of Speech Events and Student Congress Super Session II
3:00 PM	Quarterfinals of Debate
5:00 PM	Awards Assembly
ASAP	Semifinals of Debate
ASAP	Finals of Debate

Entry Limitations:

- 1. Those students entered in Congress, cannot enter any other IE events**
- 2. A student may not enter in both Extemp events.**
- 3. A student may not enter IDA and a debate event**

General Rules and Notes:

1. In order to keep the tournament on time, it is especially important for competitors to vacate the rooms quickly after the round is over as they are used again immediately.
2. Debate rounds 1-4 will likely be preset. (If we feel that we can, we may power match rounds 3 and 4 based on Rounds 1 and 2)
3. We may use speed ballots for Semifinals and Finals of IEs.
4. Student Congress houses will elect P.O.s.
5. Each school must have an adult sponsor available for supervision and qualified to judge for each day of competition.
6. Time limits in all events are maximums. Timekeepers may be used in prep events and Congress. Timekeepers may use cellphones to time rounds. No texting, calling, etc. is allowed. **Please recommend to your debaters to time themselves and their opponents in the rounds.**
7. A student may not do the same or any other cutting from the same selection in more than one event. To do so will result in disqualification from both events.
8. Students who are entered in multiple IE events are expected to inform the judges in all rooms that they are scheduled to compete. Judges will be instructed to wait a reasonable time for any contestant who has notified them via information on the board.
9. A hospitality room for coaches, judges and bus drivers will be provided both days of the tournament.
10. The "commons" will serve as the student lounge. Students should not bring noise making devices nor play their music/videos aloud. They should also not bring skateboards, hacky sacks, etc. into the school. A concession stand will be available for the competitors both days. **Schools will be assigned an area in the commons.**
11. Tab is open to all coaches and sponsors. Results become permanent 10 minutes after final tabulation is complete.
12. Entry fees are \$8.00 per entry (unless we have been charged a higher fee for entering your tournament and then we may charge that same amount for our entry fees). Schools are financially responsible after confirmation of entries has been sent. **Schools that charge for drops/adds may be subject to their same terms.

13. Students are expected to behave in accordance with school rules and with respect to RPHS property. No food or beverages in the library or carpeted areas. Students should not enter classrooms unless judge or tournament personnel are present. **Remind students not to write on Smartboards.** Any competitor who violates building policy regarding alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs will be immediately disqualified from the tournament.
14. **ELECTRONIC DEVICES** (*p. 10 2018-2019 MSHSAA Rules Manual*)
1. Cell phones and other electronic communication devices may not be turned on while in the preparation rooms, the competition rooms, or in the awards ceremony. EXCEPTION: Cell phones can be turned on in competition rooms to be used as timing devices, but they cannot be used for any other function during rounds of competition.
 2. Non-Internet connected computers, electronic storage, retrieval devices, etc. shall be allowed in rounds of Policy, Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum Debate. Connectivity to any person, machine, device, server outside the competition room, wired and/or wireless networks is strictly prohibited during all rounds. Other prohibited devices include cell phones and personal digital assistants. (Ex: Palm/Treo/Blackberry/etc.). 3. Tablets and E-Reader's, without sound or video capabilities, are now permitted in Prose Reading and Poetry Reading events.
 4. Non-internet connected laptops, E-Readers and Tablets are now permitted in US and International Extemporaneous Speaking.

MSHSAA Guidelines for Laptop Use in Debate Events (Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum)

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- A. Computers equipped with removable wireless cards must have the cards removed before the beginning of any round of competition. It is the responsibility of the contestant to disengage the equipment.
- B. Computers with built-in wireless capability may be used only if the wireless capability is disabled. It is the responsibility of the contestant to disable the equipment.
- C. Wired connections (Ethernet or phone) during rounds of competition are not permitted. D. Computers or other electronic devices may not be used to receive information from any source (coaches or assistants included) inside or outside of the room in which the competition occurs. Internet access, use of e-mail, instant messaging, or other means of receiving information from sources inside or outside of the competition room are prohibited. (This does not prohibit non-electronic communication between debate partners during prep time.) F. Availability of Evidence: Contestants electing to use computers have the responsibility to promptly provide a copy of any evidence read in a speech for inspection by the judge or opponent. Printers may be used. Evidence may be printed in the round or produced electronically, but must be provided in a format readable by the opposing team and the judge.
- G. Contestants electing to use computers are responsible for providing their own computers, batteries, extension cords, and all other necessary accessories. Tournament hosts will not be responsible for providing computers, printers, software, paper, or extension cords for contestants.
- H. Because public speaking decorum remains an important element of debate, all debaters are expected to stand at the front of the room facing the judge while speaking.
- I. Contestants choosing to use laptop computers and related equipment accept the risk of equipment failure. Judges and/or contest directors will give no special consideration or accommodation, including no additional speech time or prep time, should equipment failure occur.
- J. By choosing to use laptop computers in the round, debaters are consenting to give tournament officials the right to search their files. Debaters who do not wish to consent should not use computers in the round.

All events will follow the NSDA and MSHSAA rules and guidelines.

Improv Duet Acting: Two students will draw, 10 minutes prior to performance. The selection must be improvised, but properly introduced. One table and two chairs will be provided. Students will draw a character, object, and location and will develop their improvisation around those three elements. **Students may bring one suitcase full of hand props and costume accessories.** Time Limit: Five Minutes. JUDGES MAY STOP STUDENTS WHO GO OVER THE TIME LIMIT AND WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO DO SO!

Informative Speaking: Audio/visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. During the presentation, no electronic equipment is permitted. Electronic equipment is defined as any object requiring an electrical cord, battery, or solar power to operate it (projectors, cell phones, radios, iPads, computers, etc.). The use of live animals or any additional people as visual aids is not allowed during the speech. Items of dress put on and/or removed for illustration during the course of the presentation are considered costumes and may not be part of the contestant's presentation. Visual aids may not violate policies as dictated by local and state law (weapons, drugs, etc.) **The host school is not responsible for providing any facilities, equipment, including tables, chairs, or easels, or assistance in a contestant's use of visual aids.** Expedient set up and take down of aids is expected.

Student Congress:

1. Sessions 1 and 2 will convene during rounds 1 and 2 of the Friday IEs . Supersession will be during IE finals.
2. Presiding officers will be elected.
3. A coach or other sponsor will be asked to serve as parliamentarian. An additional scorer will be assigned from the judging pool.
3. Each scorer will rank speeches 1-6, with 6 as the highest quality.
4. Each scorer and the parliamentarian will be asked to rank the top 8 students in the round. Individual speech scores will serve as NFL point indicators and may be used as a tiebreaker. Advancement to Super Session will be based on the lowest cumulative scores from each house.
5. Parliamentarians will be directed to strongly discourage suspension of rules.
6. All NFL rules and standards apply--see the latest edition of the congress manual at nflonline.org
7. Legislation for all sessions will come from the NSDA October legislation packet available at <https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/Oct2019-Congress.pdf>.
8. Tie breakers will be as follows: Judge Ranks, Parliamentarian Ranks, and Speech Scores.

Debate Rules:

1. For CX and PF, each team will be two people debating both sides of a resolution. No "maverick" debaters or 3 person teams.
2. Time limits for CX will be 8-3-5 with a 5 minute of prep time for each team, and for LD, 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 with 4 minutes prep time per competitor. PF times will be 4, 4, 3, 4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2, 2, with 3 minutes prep time per team.
3. Forfeits to team (points/ranks average).
4. Teams 10 or more minutes late to a debate round through no fault of the tournament will forfeit the round.
5. Debates will be four preliminary rounds then quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals. Rounds 1 and 2 may be preset with the possibility of rounds 3 and 4 being delayed power matched.
6. The Policy topic is the **2021-2022** NSDA resolution: **Resolved: The United States federal**

government should substantially increase its security cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in one or more of the following areas: artificial intelligence, biotechnology, cybersecurity.

7. The LD topic is the Nov-Dec NSDA resolution: **Resolved: The People's Republic of China ought to prioritize environmental protection over economic growth.**

8. The PF topic is the Nov-Dec NSDA resolution: **Resolved: The United States' strategy of Great Power Competition produces more benefits than harms.**

9. In PF, cross-fires will be delivered standing and facing the judge. Grand crossfire will be delivered seated, and initiated by Speaker A1 with a question for a member of the opposing team, and proceed as necessary.

10. Use of laptops are allowed in all types of debate. See attached rules.

11. Students should not unplug any device or equipment in any room. There is no guarantee there will be any outlets available.

12. Raymore-Peculiar is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property.

Award and Sweepstakes Information:

1. IE trophies will be awarded to the top six students in each event. Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded to the 1st Place school each in IEs, Debates and Overall. Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded to the top three individual students.
2. When counting an individual's sweepstakes points, each member of a duet or a debate team will be awarded the total points the team has earned. For team sweeps these points will count only once.
3. For individual sweepstakes, all rounds of debate will figure into the total.
4. Coaches must calculate the individual sweepstakes points themselves. After finals have begun, they should go to the tab room and report the names of their students they feel may be "in contention" for these awards. The tab room personnel will verify the contender's points. Because of the impossibility of figuring for all competitors, if a coach doesn't report the "contender" to the tab room for consideration, the student will not be eligible for the individual sweeps award. In case of a tie, total ranks will be considered.
5. The results from a student's three events will count toward individual sweeps.
6. Schools may count their top two entries in each event for team sweeps. (An individual student's points in sweeps are counted even if they are not one of the top two from your school.)
7. IE ties will be broken in the following order: Ranks, Judge's Preference, Reciprocals, and Points.
8. Policy debate placements are based Win-Loss Record, Speaker Points/Ranks, Opp Loss, Total Opponent Record and Opp-Opp Record.
9. LD and PF debate placements are based Win-Loss Record, Opponent Loss, Total Opps, Speaker Points/Ranks, and Opp-Opp Record.
10. All Sweepstakes points will be awarded in the following manner:
 1. Each entry (2 maximum per event) 5 points
 2. Advance to Semis 5 points
 3. Advance to Finals 10 points
 4. Third Place 5 points
 5. Second Place 10 points

6. First Place 15 points
7. Debate entry(4 maximum per event) 5 points
8. Debate win 1 win 4 points
 - 2 wins 9 points
 - 3 wins 15 points
 - 4 wins 22 points
- Quarterfinals break 25 points
9. Congress entry (2 maximum) 5 points
10. Advance to Super Session 5 points
11. Ending in top 6 10 points
12. Third in Congress 5 points
13. Second in Congress 10 points
14. First in Congress 15 points