



Raytown High School LAST BLAST INVITATIONAL

November 7, 2022

Dear Coaches:

The Raytown Speech and Debate team would like to cordially invite you and your squad to attend the **Last Blast Varsity Tournament** at Raytown High School.

The tournament will be held on **December 9 & 10, 2022**. Raytown will be hosting the Varsity division; Raytown South will host the Novice division. Please contact Maureen Thomas (maureen.thomas@raytownschools.org) at Raytown South High School for information regarding the Novice tournament.

Varsity events include:

Policy Debate (Reg & Champ), Public Forum Debate (Reg & Champ), Lincoln Douglas Debate (Reg & Champ), Original Oratory, Dramatic Interp, Humorous Interp, Duo Interp, POI, Storytelling, International and U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking, Informative and Student Congress.

We will be a NIETOC bid for US Extemp, International Extemp, Oratory, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, and Informative Speaking. The National Individual Events Tournament of Champions will be held May 12-14, 2023 in Chanhassen, MN.

Entry deadline will be Wednesday, November 30, 2021 through tabroom. (\$8/entry)

Please register your entries through our tabroom website. **Please make note of debate events when entering students: R for reg, and C for champ.**

Our tabroom website is <http://rhslastblast.tabroom.com/>

We are very excited to have you join us!

Sincerely,

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RHS VARSITY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, December 9th

2:30pm	Registration
3:00pm	Extemp Draw
3:30pm	Rd 1 of Speech & Session 1 Congressional Debate
4:30pm	Extemp Draw
5:00pm	Rd 2 of Speech & Session 2 Congressional Debate
6:30pm	Round 1 of Debate
8:00pm	Round 2 of Debate

Saturday, December 10th

7:00am	Registration
7:30am	Extemp Draw
8:00am	Semifinals of IEs
9:30am	Round 3 of Debate
11:00am	Rd 4 of Debate
12:30pm	Extemp Draw
1:00pm	Finals of IEs
2:30pm	Quarterfinals of Debate
4:00pm	Awards
ASAP	Semifinals of Debate
ASAP	Finals of Debate

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFO

1. Please do not arrive before 2:30pm on Friday. Buses can wait in the church parking lot across the street between 2:15 & 2:30. Parking on 61st St (South side) will be available to park on Friday.
2. One coach needs to be available for contact throughout the competition and available to judge, if needed.
3. A student may only be entered in two I.E. Events and/or one debate event.
4. Schools will be financially responsible for their entries after confirmation.
5. Campus regulations prohibit smoking inside and outside on school grounds.
6. MSHSAA rules of conduct will be enforced.
7. WIFI will be made available to all competitors in debate and extemp.
8. Although we are using tabroom for entries, judges, and scheduling, we will not use the site for recording scores; we will tab by hand to view once all ballots have been recorded.

DEBATE EVENT RULES

Policy Debate

1. The resolution will be the NSDA/MSHSAA approved topic. **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.**
2. Time limits will be 8-3-5. Each team will be allowed a total of 8 minutes of prep time.
3. Ties will be broken by looking at win-loss, opposition loss, opposition record, and cumulative speaker points.
4. No maverick teams will be allowed.
5. Being more than 10 minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, may result in a forfeit.

Lincoln Douglas Debate

1. The resolution will be the current NSDA/MSHSAA approved topic. **Resolved: The People's Republic of China ought to prioritize environmental protection over economic growth.**
2. Time limits will be 6-3-7-3-4-6-3. Each debater will be allowed a total of 4 minutes of prep time.
3. Ties will be broken by looking at win-loss, opposition loss, opposition record, and cumulative speaker points.
4. Being more than 10 minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, may result in a forfeit.

Public Forum Debate

1. The resolution will be the current NSDA/MSHSAA approved topic. **Resolved: The United States' strategy of Great Power Competition produces more benefits than harms.**
2. Time limits for Public Forum debate will be: 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2-2. Each team will be allowed a total of 3 minutes of prep time.
3. No maverick teams will be allowed.
4. Sides will be determined by a coin flip at the start of each round.
5. Ties will be broken by looking at win-loss, opposition loss, opposition record, and cumulative speaker points.
6. Being more than 10 minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, may result in a forfeit.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT RULES

Dramatic/Humorous Interp: Selections must be taken from published literature (play, novel, short story). NSDA guidelines will apply. Selections should possess literary merit and be appropriate for a high school performance. The performance, including introduction, must be memorized. Time limit: 10 minutes.

Duo Interp: Selections must be taken from published works including novels, short stories, plays, or poetry. NSDA guidelines will apply. The performance, including introduction, must be memorized. Time limit: 10 minutes.

Storytelling: Selections must come from published material. The memorized introduction may be given in a standing or seated position. The contestant shall narrate the story in a combination of his/her own words and original essential phrases, and from a seated position on a chair or stool. Time Limit: 8 minutes

Program Oral Interp: Sections must be taken from 2-3 genres and from published literature (i.e., prose, poetry, drama, plays, novels, short stories, etc.). NSDA guidelines apply. Selections should possess literary merit and must be appropriate for a high school performance. The performances should include an introduction and must be memorized. All components must be verbally identified by title and author. Binders or folders must be used. Time Limit: 10 minutes

Original Oratory: This persuasive speech must be the original work of the contestant. Not more than 150 words may be in the form of a direct quotation. The speech must be memorized. Maximum of 10 minutes.

Informative: Students deliver a self-written, ten-minute speech on a topic of their choosing. Not more than 150 words may be in the form of a direct quotation. Informative speakers may use visual aids that comply with the NSDA informative speaking rules.. All topics must be informative in nature; the goal is to educate, not to advocate. The speech is delivered from memory. Time Limit: 10 minutes.

Extemp Speaking: Students will have 30 minutes to prepare a speech on a current event topic. After drawing, students may not consult with others. Only students entered in extemp will be allowed in draw. Time Limit: 7 Minutes.

Student Congress: A presiding officer will be elected. Legislation is attached in the email invitation. The docket will be set as it appears in the attached document. Tie-breaks will follow NSDA ranking rules. Congress Tiebreakers will be as follows: Cumulative rank, Recips, and Cumulative Speech Scores.

ADVANCING & AWARDS

Tiebreakers:

Individual Events:

Sems:

- Cumulative of rds 1 & 2
- Reciprocals
- Quality points

Finals:

- Total ranks of the section
- Judges' preference
- Reciprocals
- Quality points.

Congress Tiebreakers:

- Cumulative Ranks
- Recips
- Cumulative Speech Scores

Sweepstakes:

We will announce the top debate and IE schools, and award the overall top 3 schools.

Best two entries count for sweepstakes.

Individual Events: Semifinals 5 pts
 Finals 10 pts
 Third Place 5pts
 Second Place 10 pts
 First Place 15 pts

Debate: Win: 5 pts
 Quarterfinals 10 pts

Congress: Super Session 10 pts
 Trophy points are the same as IE's

NIETOC BIDS:

During the 2022-23 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 = OCTAFINAL ROUND BIDS

*Duo bids are determined by number of contestants, *not* entries. Extemp bids can be offered to separate divisions or to a single combined division. In either situation, the total number of contestants will determine the bid level.*