

2nd Annual DAO Speech and Debate Invitational

Welcome to the 2nd Annual DAO Invitational. It means so much to us that you and your team decided to compete in our tournament. Our tournament has been deemed a NIETOC tournament. This tournament will be a debate synchronized tournament AND an asynchronous individual events tournament. A few things to know about the tournament.

1. A student can compete in a debate event since it will be live but can’t compete in any other debate event (PF/LD/BQ/Policy/WSD).
2. A student can compete in multiple individual events due to it being asynchronous.
3. The video submission for the student MUST be uploaded by Wednesday, April 9th, 2025, by 10am CST.
4. Extemporaneous Speaking and Impromptu Speaking will be asynchronous and the topics for each are the following:
	1. Extemporaneous Speaking:
		1. Subject Topic: International Topics
	2. Impromptu Speaking:
		1. Topic: Famous Quotes from Black Leaders

When it comes to judging, if your judge is subbed out due to lateness, you will be fined accordingly. Please have your judge be on time when judging rounds, especially for debate rounds. Want to end the tournament at a decent time on Saturday evening.

We also have two congress chambers. One will be for the Novices (Representatives) and the other for Varsity students (Senate). If you never competed or only in the first year of competition, you should compete in the House of Representatives).

Tournament Schedule

Debate

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| Time/Date | Rounds |
| 3:00pm / April 11, 2024 | Round 1 Debate (LD/Policy/PF/BQ/WSD) |
| 4:45pm / April 11, 2024 | Round 2 Debate (LD/Policy/PF/BWSD) |
| 6:30pm / April 11, 2024 | Round 3 Debate (LD/Policy/PF/BQ/WSD) |
| 8:00am / April 12, 2024 | Round 4 Debate (LD/Policy/PF/BQ/WSD) |
| 9:45am / April 12, 2024 | Round 5 Debate (LD/Policy/PF/BQ/WSD) |
| 11:30am / April 12, 2024 | Round 6 Debate (LD/Policy/PF/BQ/WSD) |
| 2:00pm / April 12, 2024 | Quarterfinals Debate (LD/Policy/PF/BQ/WSD) |
| 4:00pm / April 12, 2024 | Semifinals Debate (LD/Policy/PF/BQ/WSD) |
| 6:00pm / April 12, 2024 | Finals Debate (LD/Policy/PF/BQ/WSD) |

Speech (Async – Rounds are posted by that time and date)

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| Time/Date | Rounds |
| 3:00pm / April 10, 2024 | Round 1 (IEs, Duet & Duo Interp) |
| 4:30pm / April 10, 2024 | Round 2 (IEs, Duet & Duo Interp) |
| 6:00pm / April 10, 2024 | Round 3 (IEs, Duet & Duo Interp) |
| 1:00pm / April 11, 2024 | Semis (IEs, Duet & Duo Interp) |
| 4:00pm / April 11, 2024 | Finals (IEs, Duet & Duo Interp) |

Congress Debate

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| Time/Date | Rounds |
| 5:30pm / April 11, 2024 | Session 1 |
| 9:00am / April 12, 2024 | Session 2 |
| 1:30pm / April 12, 2024 | Finals (If numbers suggest) |

**Extemporaneous Speaking Topics**

Will be posted by March 15th, 2025

**Impromptu Speaking**

Will be posted by March 15th, 2025

We follow the NSDA Impromptu guidelines:

1. Preparation and Delivery: The speaker has seven minutes in which to prepare a response and present a speech without consultation of prepared notes.
2. No notes shall be used during presentation.
3. Time: The maximum time limit is 7 minutes with a 30-second “grace period,” which includes both preparation and speaking. Should a student go beyond the grace period, the student may not be ranked 1st. There is no other prescribed penalty for going over the grace period. No minimum time is mandated. **We ask students to record their prep time and speech.**