



2025 WVSDA SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT

West Virginia University
March 13-15, 2025

Dear WVSDA members and Associates:

Registration for the 2025 WVSDA State Tournament opens on January 7. We hope to see all of you at West Virginia University to crown our state champions and to qualify our state's representatives for the NCFL Grand National Tournament to be held in Chicago on May 24-25.

Where: West Virginia University

When: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 13-15, 2025

Time: Current schedule is posted on Tabroom.com

Entries Due: Tuesday, March 11, on Tabroom.com by 5:00 PM

Drops/Changes Due: Wednesday, March 12, on Tabroom.com by 5:00 PM

The 2025 WVSDA State Tournament will be different than previous tournaments as we will add Congress competition beginning Thursday afternoon prior to the start of our Speech and Debate contests which begin as normal on Friday afternoon.

Sweepstakes will again be based upon each school's top two finishes per event.

CONGRESS (March 13-14)

Congress will feature two sessions of competition beginning on the afternoon of March 13 and concluding on the morning for March 14.

SPEECH EVENTS (March 14-15)

- Speech will feature four rounds of competition followed by a final round.
- Speech events with 19 entries or more shall have Semi-Final Rounds in lieu of Round 4.
- Final placement for speech events with fewer than 10 entries be based upon the four preliminary rounds.

DEBATE EVENTS (March 14-15)

- Debate will feature rounds of 4 competition followed by semi-final and final rounds.
- Power matching will begin after Round 2
- All Debate entries with 3 wins will advance to Quarter-Finals.

A Events

Impromptu, Prose, Informative Speaking, Humorous/Dramatic Interp (HI/DI), Broadcasting, Programmed Oral Interp, Public Forum Debate,

B Events

Extemp, Poetry, Declamation, Original Oratory, Dramatic Duo, Oral Interp, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, SPAR Debate

Students wishing to compete in Oral Interp (OI) at NCFL Nationals should enter the OI event in Section B. OI contestants ARE NOT permitted to individually enter Prose and/or Poetry as well.

Students may enter two events in Section A and two events in Section B with the following exception: Debaters may not double enter in the same section as their debate event(s).

Impromptu Topics

Round 1 = Ordinary Things

Round 2 = Abstract

Round 3 = People/Characters

Round 4 or Semi-Finals = Quotations

Final Round = Everyone will speak on the same topic, which will be one of the above

Broadcasting Rounds - *Sequence follows WVSDA Handbook*

Round 1 = Prepared TV news (No preparation time)

Round 2 = Radio news (15 minutes preparation time)

Round 3 = TV news (15 minutes of preparation time)

Round 4 or Semi-Finals = Edited Radio news (30 minutes of preparation time)

Final Round = Edited Radio news (30 minutes of preparation time)

Debate Topics PF and LD topics will be those from NSDA for Mar/Apr 2025

See you in Morgantown!

Sincerely,

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