

# Lincoln Southwest Silver Talon

## November 9, 2024 -- 7001 S 14<sup>th</sup> Street



The 22th annual Lincoln Southwest Silver Talon Debate Tournament will take place on November 9, 2024. We will offer “in person” competition in Policy, Lincoln Douglas, Congressional Debate and Public Forum. We are pleased to announce that we are once again a TOC bid tournament with a “Gold Bid” (finals) in Public Forum.

**This tournament will follow all NSAA bylaws. This is a high school only tournament. Students must be eligible according to NSAA and may only compete for the school in which they are currently enrolled. The NSAA bylaws can be viewed at [nsaahome.org](http://nsaahome.org).**

**Online balloting** – we will be using online balloting for all events. Please make sure that all of your students and judges are “linked” to accounts in Tabroom.com.

**Online Entry** -- Entries will only be accepted online via Tabroom.com. Deadline for entries is November 6.. Changes or drops after that date can be changed on the website or emailed to me at [theimes@lps.org](mailto:theimes@lps.org).

## **Every Person. Every Voice.**

The Nebraska Speech, Communication, and Theater Association believes that communication's value is through the sharing of multiple perspectives and learning through the experiences of others. Therefore, our mission as the NSCTA is to foster and promote the celebration of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We define diversity as differences in race, color, place of origin, socioeconomic status, religion, immigrant and newcomer status, ethnic origin, ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and age. We seek to enhance diversity through the removal of systemic barriers and biases. We commit to model and encourage the practice of valuing and respecting the contributions of all participants in speech, debate, and theater.

### **Awards**

- Policy – Six speaker awards in each division, along with team awards for semifinal and final participants.
- Congress – A gavel to the presiding officer as well as medals to the top six speakers and a trophy to the champion in each house.
- Lincoln-Douglas – Six speaker awards in each division along with awards for quarterfinalists and above.
- Public Forum – Six speaker awards in each division along with awards for quarterfinalists and above.
- Sweepstakes – Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.

### **Fees –**

LD -- \$25

PF --\$30

Policy --\$30

Congressional Debate \$20

**Judge Coverage** (judges are obligated to one round beyond their team's elimination)

- Policy -- One judge per two teams.
- Lincoln-Douglas – One judge per two debaters.
- Public Forum – One judge per two teams.
- Congressional Debate – One judge per six debaters

***Policy Debate –***

We will determine the round structure based on the number of entries.

***Lincoln-Douglas Debate –***

We will be using the November/December topic FOR BOTH DIVISIONS. Will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format with **4 minutes prep time**. Varsity and novice divisions will have five prelims (powered after two) breaking to quarters.

***Public Forum Debate –***

We will use the November/December Topic. Varsity and Novice divisions will have five prelims (powered after two) breaking to quarters in novice and breaking all winning records in Varsity.

***Congress –***

- We will utilize NSDA style of congress at this tournament.
- We will be using the Nebraska Docket. Students may not rearrange the docket.

Hospitality and Concessions -- At this time we are planning our traditional hospitality and concession services. We will, once again, do food vouchers for students. These vouchers will be paid for when entry fees are paid. We also accept cash at our concession stand.

***Contact Info --***

You may reach me via cell phone at 402/310-4152. Email – [theimes@lps.org](mailto:theimes@lps.org). Please contact me with questions or concerns.

