

Feline Frenzy
Dec 5th – Dec. 6th 2024
Mt. Spokane High School
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The Mt. Spokane and Mead Debate teams cordially invite you to the 2024 Feline Frenzy Invitational on December 5th and 6th at Mt. Spokane High School. Please read the invitation carefully.

Registration: <http://mtspofrenzy.tabroom.com>

Maximum Entry Limits: First come, first serve! When rooms are full, our tournament is full.

- **Debate:** 15 **debaters** per squad. (One CX entry = one debater; one LD entry = one debater; one Public Forum entry = one debater; one student congress entry = one debater)
- **Individual Events:** 24 IE entries including both divisions. One student entered in two (2) events = two (2) entries; each dual entry = one (1) entry.
- **Additional squads:** Additional squads will be permitted as long as room permits. Because the Highlander Invitational is a GSL qualifier, we reserve the right to delay registering extra squads until after the registration deadline, in order to ensure that all teams have an opportunity for qualifications competition.
- **Sweepstakes will be broken up with top overall, 2nd overall, and top small squad (that did not place 1st or 2nd overall) 18 entries or less.**

Registration:

1. We must reserve the right to refuse entries once the physical capacity of the facilities has been met. First come/first served entries guarantee a reserved spot for early registration. Once the reserved spots have been taken, no other entries will be accepted.

Registration deadline: December 3rd 2024. Second squads will be accepted starting Dec 4th, so please send your entry early! Please register online at Tabroom.com. Fees will be assessed as of 5:00 p.m. on December 4th. After 5PM on Wednesday, all drops or judge changes must be emailed to me at jessica.klingback@mead354.org

Please notify us of drops prior to registration.

Washington State's Supervision Requirement

The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) requires, and we must enforce, the presence at all times of a certificated staff member from the same school or school district, supervising your participants. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in school forfeiture and dismissal from the tournament.

Food

We will again offer food concessions at reasonable prices throughout the tournament. There are no restaurants within walking distance, so please plan accordingly. Most delivery services do deliver here.

Important!

Please review the Important Policies sheet with your entire team. We cannot hold these tournaments without procedures that ensure our schools and staffs that diligent care will be taken to protect their property and our school.

AWARDS AND SWEEPSTAKES

Debate: Awards will be made to the quarterfinalists and above in each division of debate. The top 3 speakers in Policy, Lincoln Douglas, and Public Forum will receive awards.

Individual Events: Trophies will be awarded to the top three speakers in each event and division. Finalists will also receive recognition but no award.

Sweepstakes: LD, CX, and Public Forum—1st-15; 2nd-10; 3rd-7; Qtrs.-5
IE's—1st-10; 2nd-7; 3rd-5; Finalist-3
Congressional Debate—1st-10; 2nd-7; 3rd-5; Finalist-1; Outstanding PO-5

DEBATE

Divisions:

- Novice/Junior Varsity: Open to all students who have not broken in an open division before. Please note the difference than traditional novice requirements
- Open Division: Open to any debater regardless of experience or class standing.

Debate Matching:

- The first two rounds of debate will be randomly matched. Rounds 3 and all subsequent rounds will be power-matched. We will do our best to break competitors with winning records to elimination rounds.

Events:

- Cross-Examination/Policy
 - We will use the 2024-25 NFHS topic.
- Lincoln Douglas
 - We will use the 2024 Nov/Dec topic. Debaters have four minutes for prep.
- Public Forum
 - We will use the 2024 Nov/Dec topic. **Teams will have 3 minutes of prep.**
- Congressional
 - Washington State uses a pre-prepared docket created by the WSFA.

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Students will be allowed to use computers in-round for flowing, note-taking, the reading of speeches, and looking up pre-prepared evidence. The tournament will not be liable for any computer crashes or technological issues, and students should bring paper copies of evidence and speeches to be prepared for this occurrence.

Divisions:

- Novice Division: Open to all students who have no experience prior to this school year.
- Open Division: Open to any debater regardless of experience or class standing.

Legislation:

- The official legislation adopted by the State will be the legislation used for the tournament. A copy of the legislation is available on the Tabroom site. Please have your students in Congress bring their own copies of the legislation. NO COPIES WILL BE PROVIDED.

Docket Setting:

- We will follow the docket setting method suggested by the WSFA committee. Each school represented in the chamber will draw numbers to determine the order for a legislation draft. They will then take turns picking bills to be debated. This will determine the docket for the session.

Scoring:

- Each speech will be awarded up to 6 points by the judge in the round. The parliamentarian will score the PO. After each session, judges will rank the top eight speakers, including the PO. The cumulative total of these ranks in preliminary rounds will determine the students who will advance to Super Congress.
- The parliamentarian's one-time ranking of the chamber at the end of preliminary rounds will be used to break any ties that result both in determining who breaks to Super Congress.
- If the number of entries results in more than one chamber of Congress for a division of competition, Session III will be a Super Congress. After Session II, the top 6 to 10 members of each chamber (based on total judge rankings from sessions I and II) will advance to the two-segment Final Session. The legislation identified by the State as Super Congress Legislation will be the only legislation discussed during this round. Awards will be based on the cumulative rankings of judges during the final round. Parliamentarian rankings will be used to break ties. There will be a top PO award as determined by the Parliamentarian.
 - If there is only one chamber of Congress for a division of competition, Session III will be a regular session, and final scores for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, will be determined by the accumulation of judges' rankings for all three rounds. Outstanding PO will be determined by the parliamentarian.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Two divisions will be offered: **Novice**-first year competition, and **Open**-all others. If a student has experience in debate or IE's, that student must compete in Open Individual Events.

Overtime: No penalty should apply if the student falls within the 30-second grace period. Speaking beyond the 30 second grace period simply means that the student cannot receive first in the round. The only exception is editorial commentary; there is no grace period for that event.

Finals: Finalists will be the top 6 speakers in the event and division unless 50% of the total entrants in that event and division is less than 6, in which case the final panel will represent the top 50% of the entrants. The tournament directors reserve the right to determine winners of one panel events based on preliminary round results. Additionally, if a novice division does not have enough entries for one panel, it may be combined with the open division at the tournament's discretion.

- **Extemporaneous:** Thirty minutes of prep with 7 minutes of speaking time. A preparation room and official will be provided. No prepared material will be permitted in the prep room. Novices may use a note card. Judges are required to give time signals.
- **Original Oratory:** No more than 150 words of quoted material. A manuscript should be available upon the judge's request. Memorized delivery. Ten minutes speaking time. No time signals.
- **Expository:** Memorized delivery. Visual aids are a speaker option, usually preferred by most judges. Eight minutes speaking time. No time signals.
- **Humorous Interpretation:** The program presented must be of humorous nature. Program must be a selection of published prose, poetry, or drama. The program must be memorized. Titles and authors must be identified during the program. Ten minutes speaking time. No time signals.
- **Dramatic Interpretation:** The program must be dramatic in nature. All other rules from HI apply. No time signals.
- **Dual Interpretation:** The program presented may be serious or humorous in nature. Program must be a selection of published prose, poetry, or drama. The program must be memorized with off-stage focus. Ten minutes. No time signals.
- **Program Oral Interpretation:** POI is a program of thematically-linked selections chosen from two or three genres: prose, poetry, drama (plays). At least two pieces of literature that represent at least two separate genres must be used. Unlike the other interpretation events, Program Oral Interpretation may use multiple sources for the program. The title and author of all selections must be verbally identified within the program. The use of a manuscript during the performance is required. Reading from a book or magazine is not permitted. The intact manuscript may be used by the contestant as a prop, so long as it remains in the contestant's control at all times. No costumes or props other than the manuscript are permitted. Introduction and transitional material may be memorized. Full movement, including walking, is allowed. Length: The time limit is 10 minutes with a 30-second "grace period." Should a student go beyond the grace period, the student may not be ranked 1st. Judges are to use accurate (stopwatch function) timing devices. No minimum time is mandated. Publication Rules: All literature performed must meet the publication rules of the NSDA. Adaptations may be used only for the purpose of transition. Changes to the script may only be used for the purpose of transition or to eliminate profane language. Transitions may be used to clarify the logical sequence of ideas. They are not to be used for the purpose of embellishing the humorous or dramatic effect of the literature. (Note: for COMPLETE interp rules, including publication lists, see speechanddebate.org)
- **Impromptu:** The contestant has six minutes in which to choose one of three topics, to prepare and organize thoughts, and to speak. The speaker must state the topic as part of the introduction. Judges are required to provide time signals.
- **Editorial Commentary:** The contestant will give a scripted speech that is intended to be an analysis of a news event rather than a running synopsis of the news. The script should be timed to be between 1:45-2:00 minutes with no grace period. Any speech under or over time must be ranked one score lower than it would normally have received and cannot receive first. Students may use a stop-watch to help with time but must maintain eye contact as would be appropriate in a televised commentary
- **We will also be holding Spoken Word Poetry which is also open only.**

IMPORTANT POLICIES

We ask that everyone at the tournament—adults, judges, and students—respect the following rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification or dismissal from the tournament.

The Commons is available for student gathering. Students should not congregate elsewhere throughout the building. DO NOT wander or explore between rounds.

Each team is responsible for its own area. Please encourage your teams to be tidy and to clean up their garbage. Other people at the school who are not associated with speech and debate will develop a better perception of who we are. Secure valuables that belong to you; leave others' valuables alone.

Water only is allowed out of the commons area. No other beverages or food are permitted in classrooms or other areas of the school.

NO ONE (student or adult) is permitted to sit at teachers' desks or to borrow materials (pens, etc.) from a teacher's supplies. Please do not bother decorative items or classroom displays.

Please only rearrange the furniture as necessary to hold the round.

STUDENTS ARE NEVER PERMITTED TO ENTER A ROOM WITHOUT A JUDGE.

JUDGES

Please bring competent judges, and review the important policies with them. Encourage judges to make professional decisions regarding their behavior and language. They play a bigger role with our kids than they may sometimes realize.

1. Schools are required to provide one judge for every two CX or 4 Public Forum teams or four LD debaters and one judge for every 5 Student Congress entries.
2. One judge is required for every five IE's.
3. Failure to cover your entry or failure of your judges to pick up ballots will mean that we have to drop some of your entries.
4. High school students may not judge.
5. Judges are welcome to indicate all events and levels for which they would like to judge, but you must bring judges to cover the division and event entries on your registration. (For example, if you bring Varsity Policy teams, be sure you have judges competent in judging Varsity Policy.)
6. Teams must provide judging coverage for at least one round after the team is eliminated from debate.
Teams not fulfilling the duration of their judging obligation will be fined a \$30 judging fee.

All judges are encouraged to attend the brief judges' meeting at the beginning of the tournament. We will use this time to clarify our tournament procedures. Furthermore:

1. Judges need to remember that state rules prohibit the reading of evidence at the end of the round, unless the evidence was directly challenged during the debate. LD debaters must have copies of their evidence in its original context.
2. We also want to make clear to judges that the time schedule on Saturday does not allow for oral critiques.

We understand your interest in going home; we've all shared the feeling. Nonetheless, please do not make us beg for semi- and final round judges. How regrettable it is when the students who have worked to the top find themselves discounted and abandoned with no one to watch, care, or judge. Certainly, such feelings do nothing to promote high achievement!

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Tournament Schedule

Friday, December 6th

3:00 Registration*
3:30 Debate Round I/ Student Congress Session One (2 hours)
5:30 Debate Round II
6:30 Student Congress Session Two (2 hours)
7:45 Debate Round III

Saturday, December 7th

7:00 IE Only Schools Register
7:15 Extemp Prep
7:30 IE Round I
8:45 Debate Round IV
8:45 Student Congress Session 3A (1.5 hours)
10:30 Extemp Prep
10:45 IE Round II
12:00 Debate Round V/ Congress Session 3B (1.5 hours)
1:45 Extemp Prep
2:00 IE Round III
3:15 *Debate Quarter Finals for novice (single judged) and open (triple judged, Single
Flighted) & Congress Supers Part A (1 hour) [Our goal is to single flight this]
4:20 Extemp prep (finals)
4:30 IE Finals
6:00 Debate Semifinals (LD and PF single flighted if judging allows)
and Congress Supers Part B (1 hour)
7:00 Awards
7:00 Debate finals for LD and PF (if they were single flighted for semis)
7:00 Debate Finals for CX

Feline Frenzy 2024 Fee Sheet

Total Fees:

_____ Team Fee (not per squad)	@	\$35.00	= _____
_____ Policy Teams	@	\$20.00 per team	= _____
_____ LD Competitor	@	\$15.00 per debater	= _____
_____ Public Forum Teams	@	\$20.00 per team	= _____
_____ Congress	@	\$8.00 per debater	= _____
_____ IE Entries	@	\$8.00 per entry	= _____
TOTAL FEES			= _____

Make Checks Payable To: Mt. Spokane High School

REGISTRATION DUE NO LATER THAN Wednesday, December 4th @ 5:00 PM
Deadline for drops/changes: Thursday, 12/5/2024 @ 5:00 PM – this includes judges!