



2024-2025 MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Spectator Guide Debate State Tournament

Tournament Information

Date: January 17-18, 2025

Location: University of Minnesota- Blegen Hall, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, & Carlson School of Management

Tickets

- No tickets are required for Debate State Tournament.

Spectator Resources

- The following are available at www.mshsl.org/debate
 - Complimentary Online Programs (programs are not available onsite)
- Apparel available online only: <http://mshsl.signatureconcepts.shop/>

Parking

- Parking for Blegen Hall:
 - <https://campusmaps.umn.edu/blegen-hall>
 - Parking for Humphrey School of Public Affairs:
 - <https://campusmaps.umn.edu/humphrey-school-public-affairs>
 - Parking for Carlson School of Management:
 - <https://carlsonschool.umn.edu/about-us/our-location-facilities/directions-parking-and-maps>
- ❓ **Information about public entrances will be updated HERE the week of the tournament.

Streaming Information

- NSPN.tv will live stream the awards ceremonies for each division of the Debate State Tournament on Saturday, January 18, 2025. This broadcast is expected to begin at approximately 5:45 p.m. The presentation will include pre-recorded highlights from the tournament. To view the stream free of charge, go to <https://nspn.tv/MSHSL>

Spectator Policies and Information

- The League's spectator photography policies align with policies at venues. For most tournaments, spectators may bring cameras, including cell phones, that are basic point and shoot, consumer-grade cameras without detachable lenses. Accessories such as monopods, selfie sticks, tripods, GoPro mounts and other attachments are not generally allowed.
***League Standard:** Spectators may bring cameras, including cell phones, that are basic point and shoot, consumer-grade cameras without detachable lenses. Accessories such as monopods, selfie sticks, tripods, GoPro mounts and other attachments are not allowed. Spectator photography locations are limited to the spectator seating area. Spectators must be respectful of and not impede other spectators while photographing the event.*
- No balloons, laser pointers, noisemakers, air-horns, horns, drums, or whistles will be allowed in the facility.
- No weapons of any kind including licensed concealed carry weapons, knives, etc.
- No signs or banners may be hung in the facility. Hand-held signs allowed (can be held by one person).
- [Tournament Map](#)
- [MSHSL Behavior Expectations](#)



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These policies “elevate standards of sportsmanship and encourage the growth of responsible citizenship among the students, members schools and their personnel,” consistent with the Minnesota State High School League’s Founding Purposes and the belief that sportsmanship needs to have a constant presence in all school-based activity programs. The League and its member schools work intentionally to create safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for fine arts activities and sports in our schools and competitions.

School officials are responsible for the proper conduct of teams, team members, students, and home spectators regardless of where the contest is being held. (Bylaw 409).

Behavior Expectations

To create safe, welcoming and inclusive environments in fine arts and sports in our school and competitions, I will:

- Lead by positive example and demonstrate respect and support for others.
- Follow all MSHSL, school and venue expectations.
- Refrain from using profanity or ethnic, racial, religious, ability or gender-based comments, posts or messages directed at participants, directors, coaches, officials, spectators, or team representatives.
- Act as a responsible and respectful digital citizen who positively uses social media platforms.
- Speak or act in support of others when they are harmed by words or actions.
- Honor each contest and all involved, including participants, directors, coaches, officials, spectators, and team representatives.
- Hold high standards for myself, engage positively and demonstrate sportsmanship.

Requirements of Attendees

Prohibited Items

- Flags, whiteboards, large signs on sticks, signs with vulgar, obscene or inappropriate language or images, or that obstruct the views of others or similar items
- Balloons, confetti, glitter, baby powder, pom poms or other similar celebratory items
- Artificial noise makers (i.e., megaphones, cowbells, sirens, whistles, thunder sticks and other similar items)
- Drones and laser lights
- Firearms or other weapons
- Vapes, alcohol, tobacco, cannabis or illicit drugs
- The following are prohibited at MSHSL postseason events. These may be prohibited as determined by the venue during the regular season:
 - Backpacks and other bags
 - Outside food and drink
 - Professional cameras and tripods
 - Pets

Dress Code/Attire

- Spectators may not wear masks or costumes that limit the ability to identify individuals. Masking for medical purposes is allowed
- Spectators must wear clothing that covers the torso
- Clothing worn must not be vulgar, obscene or inappropriate

Behaviors

- No one may interfere with the contest in any way
- Only members of the official squad may be on the contest surface
- The use of appropriate language is always expected. Profanity, negative chants, booing, trash talk, name calling, personal attacks or other acts of disrespect are unacceptable
- Respect the Flag and the National Anthem

*Venues may have additional requirements and prohibited items.

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