

Victoria East High Speech and Debate Tournament

January 25, 2025

**The Victoria East Speech and Debate is pleased to announce our annual TFA State Qualifying Tournament to be held January 25, 2025.**

This year’s tournament will be hosted in person at Victoria East High School.

We will be offering all TFA events except World Schools Debate. We are pleased to offer novice divisions of Extemp, Poetry, and Prose. If a novice division does not make, it will be collapsed into its varsity counterpart. A novice is defined as a student in their first year of High school competition.

TFA rules and time limits will be used for all events.

1. **Meals** – We will be having some form of concession for students. A hospitality room will be provided for coaches and judges only.
2. **Sponsors** - There should be a school-approved chaperone with students at all times.

1. **Cross-entries** – Students in IEs may cross enter at their own risk. Students participating in CX may Only cross enter in Category A.
2. **Judges** -All schools will be responsible for providing judges for the events their team enters.  Missing judges will result in additional judging fees for your school/entry.
3. **Debate Elims** – We will not brake brackets in out rounds of debate.

Entries must be made by Monday, January 20, 2025 4:00 pm.  Drops and adds will be taken until Wednesday, January 22, 2025 4 pm.  Entry fees will be assessed at that time.  Penalty for drops after that date and time will result in the loss of the entry fees.  CX teams and LD debaters dropped at registration will be charged an additional $50.00 drop fee.  CX teams and LD debaters that no show their prelim rounds will be charged an additional $50.00 dollars.

Cross Entering is at your own risk.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Victoria East High School (361-788-2820) and ask for extension: 38219 (Mr. Winn).   The best way to contact our program is via email at:

bryan.winn@visd.net

We are looking forward to having you here.

***Bryan Winn***

All necessary information is enclosed. Please read all rules and instructions carefully to avoid any misunderstanding, and realize contestants cross enter at their own risk. There must be one judge on campus. Debate entries will not be accepted if you do not provide a debate judge or pay judging fees.

We will only be accepting entries and changes online, unless it is an immediate emergency. In this case please contact Bryan Winn.

**Debate Topics**

Policy:

**Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks.**

LD - The November/December NSDA LD Topic

**Resolved: The United States ought to become party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and/or the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.**

PF - The Nov/Dec NSDA Topic

**Resolved: The United States should substantially reduce its military support of Taiwan.**

**Congress**

Student PO’s will be used in prelims & finals, but that individual cannot be cross entered in another event.

Congress Bills

Prelims: 3,5,7,9,1

Super: 20, 18, 16, 14, 12