

## Debate Rules-Topics-Times

- Students cannot double enter in PF, LD, Policy-CX, Congress debate.
- **LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE:** We offer Junior and Open divisions of LD. Rounds will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format and have 4 minutes of prep time per competitor. **We will be using the January/February topic as published on the NSDA website.** <https://www.speechanddebate.org/topics/>
- **PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE:** We offer Junior and Open divisions of Public Forum. Rounds will follow standard PF time format (4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2-2) with 3 minutes of prep per team and teams will coin flip for pro/con or 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> speaker. **We will use the January topic as published on the NSDA website.** <https://www.speechanddebate.org/topics/>
- **POLICY CX DEBATE:** We offer Junior and Open divisions of Policy-CX debate. Rounds will follow standard Policy-CX time format (8-3-5) with 8 minutes of prep per team. **We will use the year long topic as published on the NSDA website.** <https://www.speechanddebate.org/topics/>
- **IN OPEN DIVISION PF AND POLICY based on the TOC: Maverick teams are not permitted to enter prior to the tournament. If a team becomes maverick due to an illness of a partner during the tournament, the ill debater may miss no more than 2 debates to be able to return and continue debating. Mavericks may win the debate. Mavericks will not be permitted to clear to elimination rounds. MAVERICKS ARE ALLOWED IN JV DIVISION which is not bound by the TOC.**
- **Use the Chat Feature in Zoom to share files.**
- **Tech Problems?** Teams are allowed up to ten minutes of tech troubleshooting time. If the debate is paused for technology related reasons, that team's Tech Time begins to count down. If a team uses all of their Tech Time before the round ends, their speaking time must begin. The tech time is not to be used as prep.
- **Debate Division Definitions**
  - Junior Division** is for those students in their first or second year of competition who have not received a trophy in Open debate competition at two (2) invitational tournaments with 15 or more schools participating and have not placed first through fourth (1-4) at the WIAA State Debate Championship Tournament.
  - Open Division** is for those students who do not meet the Junior Division definition or who want the competition level of open division.

***We will advance all teams with win loss records better than 50% up to 16 teams in a division of LD and Public Forum (up to 4 teams in Policy-CX) but we won't have a partial elim if the partial elim will have only 1 debate.***

## Congressional Debate Rules-Packet

We offer Open division for Congressional Debate.

We will have no more than 20 students per chamber.

**Students will use the Spring WSFA congressional packet.** This packet can be found on our tabroom.com site and the Forensics page of WIAA. Please be sure your Congressional debaters have their own copies of the legislation.

***Based on the preliminary rounds, we will then break up to 20 students to Super Session.***

We will follow the docket setting method suggested by the WSFA committee. Separate Legislation for Super Congress is included in the WSFA packet and will ONLY be used for Super Congress. Any contestant may sponsor such an item in the event an author is not present in the chamber.