



## **UHSAA STATE 2A SPEECH & DEBATE TOURNAMENT**

Congratulations on qualifying for the UHSAA State 2A Speech & Debate Tournament! The competition will be held at **American Preparatory Academy - Draper Friday, Mar. 13 through Saturday, March 14, 2026.**

### **Events**

*Debate events* will include Congress, LD Debate, PF Debate, and Spontaneous Argumentation.

*Speech events* will include Combined Extemp., Combined Interp., Oratory, Informative, and Impromptu.

### **Schedule**

#### ***Friday - Speech***

1:00 p.m. Check-in (Coaches Room 325)

1:00 pm Extemp Prep

1:15 p.m. Judges Meeting (Judges' Room 301)

1:30 Round 1 Speech

2:30 Extemp Prep

2:45 Round 2 Speech

4:00 Extemp prep

4:30 Round 3 Speech

5:45 Extemp prep finals

6:00 pm Finals

#### ***Saturday - Debate/Policy/ Congress***

7:45 a.m. Judges' Meeting

8:00 am Congress Session 1

8:00 am Round 1 Debate

9:00 am Round 2 Debate

10:30 a.m. Round 3 Debate

11:30 am Lunch

12:30 pm Round 4 Debate

12:30 pm Congress Session 2

1:45 Elim 1 Debate

3 pm Elim 2 Debate

4 pm Elim 3 Debate As needed

6 p.m. Awards

### **Double Entry and Event Caps**

Students may enter no more than one speech event and one debate event. No more than four student entries per school may compete in SpAr, Congress, Combined Extemp., Combined Interp., Original Oratory, Impromptu, and LD Debate. No more than four teams per school may compete in PF Debate. No school may have more than 25 total student entries in the tournament.

## Event Rules

**Public Forum Debate** will follow regular UDCA and NSDA rules, with teams of two debaters discussing the pros and cons of the *March NSDA topic*. The round will consist of four separate 4 minute speeches, followed by four additional 2 minute speeches, with a three minute cross-examination after the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> speeches. Competitors are judged by their use of evidence, analysis, and overall persuasion.

**Lincoln Douglas Debate** will follow regular UDCA and NSDA rules, with one debater on each team discussing the pros and cons of the *March NSDA topic*. The round will consist of five separate speeches (6 min., 7 min., 4 min., 6 min., 3 min.) interspersed by a three minute cross-examination after the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> speeches. Competitors are judged by their analysis of the arguments within a moral framework and their overall persuasion.

**SpAr**, will follow normal UDCA and NSDA rules. Students are paired off by the judge and flip a coin to choose the topic and decide who will speak for or against the subject. Students are then allowed 1 minute of preparation, followed by a 2 minute affirmative speech, a 2 minute negative speech, three minutes of cross-examination, and 1 one minute summary for each of the students.

**Student Congress** will follow UDCA rules of the day, with students using the recommended bills from the UDCA website. In Congress students play the part of elected legislators debating proposed bills. At the State tournament sessions will last for three hours.

**Combined Extemp.** is a 7 minute speech about a current event. Before arriving at the assigned room, students are given 30 minutes of prep time, and perform one at a time before the judge.

**Oratory** is a 7-10 minute memorized persuasive speech written by the student.

**Informative** is a 7-10 minute memorized non-persuasive speech written by the student. Visual aids and displays are permitted.

**Impromptu** allows a student 7 minutes to prepare and deliver a speech, with the judge assigning topics at the start of the 7 minute period.

**Combined Interpretation** will follow NSDA rules, with participants delivering Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, or Program of Oral Interpretation of no more than 10 minutes in duration. All interpretations must include a brief introduction giving the title, author and an analysis of the relevance or meaning of the selection. Scripts may be used for Program of Oral Interpretation. A thirty second grace period shall be allowed.