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- 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 (4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-3-2-2) with 3 minutes of prep per team and teams will coin flip for pro/con or 1st/2nd 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.**
- **SEE THE AI POLICY ON THE NEXT PAGE.**
- **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.

SEEDING PRELIMS TO ELIMS: 1. Win-loss from prelim round(s); 2. Points from prelim round(s) , except the 1 best & worst; 3. Points from prelim round(s) , except the 2 best & worst; 4. Points from prelim round(s); 5. Opponents' avg seed from prelim round(s); 6. Coinflip from prelim round(s).

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.
ADVANCING TO SUPER SESSION: 1. Ranks from all round(s); 2. Chair ranks from all round(s)

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.

Use of AI Policies

WSFA AI POLICY APPLIES TO ALL EVENTS AT OUR TOURNAMENT
AI examples: ChatGPT, Gemini, Co-Pilot, Claude, etc.

- **Verify sources.** AI-generated information cannot serve as the primary source for facts or figures. Students must verify and cite the original human-generated sources.
- **Disclose AI-assisted writing.** Competitors must disclose the use of generative AI for case or speech writing during the round when they begin using that content.
- **Cite AI material.** Direct quotations or paraphrases from generative AI must identify the specific AI source.
- **No AI during rounds or timed preparation.** Generative AI is prohibited during competition rounds and timed pre-round preparation, including Extemporaneous Speaking preparation. The prohibition applies to competitors, judges, and spectators.
- **Violations carry consequences.** The policy states that violations by competitors may result, at a minimum, in forfeiture of the round.