



Dear Coaches,

Gloria Deo Academy and Missouri State University cordially invite you to the fifth annual GDA/MSU Speech and Debate invitational on November 17 and 18, 2017. The competition will be held on The MSU campus.

The tournament will include the following events:

Novice and open Policy Debate, Novice, Regular, and Champ Lincoln Douglas Debate, Novice, Regular, and Champ Public Forum Debate, Novice and Varsity International and U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking, Novice and Varsity Student Congress, Novice and Varsity Original Oratory, Novice and Varsity Dramatic Interpretation, Novice and Varsity Humorous Interpretation, Novice and Varsity Duo Interpretation (NOT Duet acting), Novice and Varsity Program of Oral Interpretation, Novice and Varsity Informative Speaking, Novice and Varsity Storytelling, Novice and Varsity Radio. Open Big Questions Debate. Awards will be presented to the top six in each individual event. Big Questions debate will be run during IE events.

Judges: Due to the time of year for our tournament we are requiring you bring one judge per two debate entries. Please see the attached judge form. A link on the form can be accessed to sign up online. <https://gdamsu.homeschooldebate.net>

You may also email entries to cweston@gloriadeoacademy.org

TABROOM:

We are running this year's tournament on NSDA's tabroom.com. This will allow immediate display of any changes in pairings. To create a free account, just visit the page and enroll. After you've entered your students, you can invite them to create an account and give them permission to link to their name under your school. This additional step is optional, but it will allow students to receive pairings in real time via text or email, as well as receive any CHANGES in pairings in real time. The link for online enrollment is:

https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn_id=5886.

Entries should be submitted on tabroom by Friday, November 10th. If you have trouble entering please email us. After Monday, November 13th at 9:00pm, you will be charged for any drops. Invoices will be sent out that evening (the 13th) and that amount will be due at tournament check-in on Friday the 17th.

Any debate questions you might have can be directed to Eric Morris at MSU. (417) 496-7141. Any coach requests for guest wireless access should be sent to ericmorris@missouristate.edu by Friday, November 10th. He will need name, email, phone, school name (for each person).

We look forward to seeing you in November,

Blessings,

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, November 17, 2017

- 1:00 Registration
- 2:00 Extemp Draw
- 2:30 Rd 1 of Individual Events
- 4:00 Extemp Draw
- 4:30 Rd 2 of Individual Events
- 6:30 Rd 1 of Debate
- 8:00 Rd 2 of Debate

Saturday, November 18, 2017

- 8:00 Extemp Draw
- 8:30 Semifinals of Individual Events
- 10:00 Rd 3 of Debate
- 11:30 Rd 4 of Debate
- 1:00 Extemp Draw
- 1:30 Finals of Individual Events
- 3:00 Quarterfinals of Debate
- 5:00 **Awards Assembly**
- 5:30 Semifinals of Debate
- 7:00 Finals of Debate

GENERAL RULES

1. Each school must be accompanied by an adult sponsor.
2. A school may enter four contestants in each event. More entries are available if space permits.
3. A student may enter two individual events and debate, with the following exceptions:
 - a. A student may not enter both divisions of extemp.
 - b. A student may not enter a second individual event if entered in Student Congress.
 - c. A student may enter only one category of debate: Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, or Public Forum.
 - d. Big Questions debate may not be entered with extemp
4. A novice shall be defined as a student in their first year of interscholastic competition.
5. Awards will be presented for first, second, and third place in all events and sweepstakes, as well as presiding officer in student congress supersession. Additionally, finalists awards will be presented for individual events, quarterfinalist awards will be presented for debate, and first place, second place and third place sweepstakes will be presented.
6. There are campus regulations against the use of tobacco products, drugs and alcohol. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in the contestant being eliminated from competition.
7. Each school must provide one judge (may be an advanced student) per two debate-entries (all divisions). Failure to meet judging assignments will result in the forfeiture of one of the school's teams for that round. Coaches may be asked to judge if needed.
8. No food or drink is to be taken into classrooms. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the contestant being eliminated from competition.
9. Fees are due for cancellations made after the entry deadline, December 5th.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT RULES

1. Extemporaneous Speaking: Drawing will be conducted at five minute intervals with thirty minutes preparation time. Topics will be based on current events. Consultation during prep. time is prohibited. Excessive use of notes will be penalized. The use of laptop computers, electronic storage, retrieval devices, etc. is permitted in Extemporaneous Speaking for evidence retrieval in the draw room so long as wire or wireless connections are disabled and remain disabled while draw is in progress. **See attached rules.** Time limit: 7 minutes, maximum.
2. Oratory: The speech must be the original work of the contestant. Not more than 150 words may be a direct quotation. The presentation must be memorized. Time limit: 10 minutes, maximum.

3. Interpretation(Humorous, Dramatic, & Duo—NSDA rules apply): Selections may be taken from any published novel, play or short story. Selections must possess literary merit. An adequate introduction should be provided. Off-stage focus for Duo. No properties may be used Selections must be memorized. Time limit: 10 minutes, maximum.
4. Student Congress: Sessions will take place at the same time as individual events, with supersession taking place during individual event semifinals and finals. Legislation will be attached to this invitation. There will be a trial period for presiding officers during the first session the chamber meets should more than one student want to preside—the winner of the trial period by popular vote will determine the presiding officer for the second session the chamber meets. Top student speakers will be ranked 1-8 by the judge in each round, with the rest of the chamber receiving a rank of 9. The top 20 will advance to supersession based on the lowest combined ranks from round 1 and round 2.
5. Storytelling: Selections should be a copyrighted story of his/her choice, originally for children. Performance will be given from a seated position. Time limit: 8 minutes.
6. Radio: The student entering radio speaking shall: Prepare and present a script which contains news, weather, and sports. Use copy no more than 24 hours old as of the tournament's first round to prepare the script. Use no commercials.
7. According to M.S.H.S.A.A. rules, a student who performs in the wrong room will be ranked last in that section.
8. Please see attachment from NSDA for event descriptions for POI and Inf.
9. All students who are doubled entered must notify their judges of their double entry.

SWEEPSTAKES RULES

1. A school's top 2 entries in each event earn sweepstakes points.
2. 5 points for each preliminary debate round win.
3. 15 points for qualifying for quarterfinals in debate.
4. 5 points for qualifying for semifinals in individual events.
5. 10 points for qualifying for finals in individual events.
6. 5 points for third place in individual events.
7. 10 points for second place in individual events.
8. 15 points for first place in individual events.

POLICY DEBATE RULES

See attached Novice policy rules. Novice Affirmative teams are limited to the attached case areas list. Novice teams are not to use kritiks. Novice Negative teams are not to use counter plans.

1. The proposition shall be the NSDA national topic:
Resolved: The United states federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States.
2. Policy format of 8-3-5 will be used. Prep time: 5 minutes per team.
3. Since debate is oral communication, evidence shall be presented in an understandable fashion. NSDA guidelines are advised.
4. The use of laptop computers, electronic storage, retrieval devices, etc. is permitted in Policy Debate for flowing or evidence retrieval so long as wire or wireless connections are disabled and remain disabled while the debate is in progress.
5. Contestants more than ten minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit.

NOVICE CASE LIST (POLICY DEBATE)

Funding side:

Increase funding for Native American Education, Increase funding for school choice vouchers, Increase funding for STEM (science technology engineering and math) programs

Regulation side:

Ban zero tolerance discipline policies, Funding equalization of funding for low-income schools (perhaps by overruling the Supreme Court case in San Antonio Independent School District v. Rodriquez-1973 5-4 decision that denied 14th Amendment grounds for declaring education a fundamental right.

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE RULES

1. The proposition shall be the NSDA November/December topic:

Resolved: Wealthy nations have an obligation to provide development assistance to other nations.

2. Lincoln-Douglas rounds will run at the same time as Policy Debate, so two Lincoln-Douglas Debates will take place during one Policy Debate.
3. Lincoln-Douglas format of 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 will be used. Prep time: 3 minutes per debater.
4. The use of laptop computers, electronic storage, retrieval devices, etc. is permitted in Lincoln-Douglas Debate for flowing or evidence retrieval so long as wire or wireless connections are disabled and remain disabled while the debate is in progress. See attached rules.
6. Contestants more than ten minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit.
7. Failure to meet judging assignments may result in the forfeiture of the offending school's entries.
8. At the end of preliminary rounds, the top contestants will advance to quarterfinals. The win-loss record of the debater to whom the prospective quarterfinalist has lost, and total opposition records will be used to break ties.

PUBLIC FORUM RULES

1. The proposition shall be the NSDA November topic:

Resolved: The United States should require universal background checks for all gun sales and transfer of ownership.

2. Public Forum rounds will run at the same time as Cross-Examination team debate, so two Public Forum debates will take place during one Cross-Examination team debate.
3. Public Forum format of 4-3-2 will be used. Prep time: 2 minutes per team.
4. The use of laptop computers, electronic storage, retrieval devices, etc. is permitted in Public Forum Debate for flowing or evidence retrieval so long as wire or wireless connections are disabled and remain disabled while the debate is in progress. See attached rules.
5. Contestants more than ten minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit.
6. Failure to meet judging assignments may result in the forfeiture of the offending school's teams.
7. In case of a forfeit, the winning team will receive speaker ranks of 1-2.
8. Team personnel must remain consistent throughout the tournament.
9. At the end of preliminary rounds, the top teams will advance to quarterfinals. Speaker ranks, the win-loss record of the team to whom the prospective quarterfinalist has lost, and total opposition records will be used to break ties.

