
FORENSICS/DEBATE GUIDELINES & SCHEDULES

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First Contest Allowed: October 1, 2017

Eligibility List Due: October 21, 2017

Region Meet: February 24, 2018

State Entry Deadline: March 5, 2018

State Meet: March 9-10, 2018

1) Region Format:

- a. Number of Contestants:
- b. Policy Debate Four Teams
- c. Lincoln-Douglas Four Contestants
- d. Public Forum Four Teams
- e. U.S. Extemp. Three Contestants
- f. Original Oratory Three Contestants
- g. Impromptu Three Contestants
- h. Congress Three Contestants
- i. Foreign Extemp Three Contestants

All events will count toward the region trophies. There will be no Interps at region unless they become state events. There will be two separate region trophies awarded at the Region Debate Tournament, one First place Debate Trophy and one Second Place Debate Trophy.

- j. **Speech/Forensic Events:** Oratory, Impromptu, National Extemp., Foreign Extemp.,
- k. **Debate Events:** Policy, Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum, Congress.

2) Judges Requirements:

- a. Schools must bring one qualified judge per two debate (cx) entries, one qualified judge per four pf/id entries, one qualified judge per five IE entries, and one Congress judge for any Congress entries. Schools that do not fulfill their judging requirement will have entries dropped from competition.
- b. The qualified judges for Congress rounds will be confirmed by coaches at the Region Pairing meeting.

3) Region Meet Parings:

- a. All schools competing at region have to attend the Pairings Meeting for Region. All schools must send a coach or a coach designee to pairings. They will not be allowed to participate in the region meet if not represented

4) Debate Parings:

- a. The intent is to have each school meet every school in the Region, if that can't happen, the pairings will be made within reason.
- b. Individual teams must not meet the same team more than once.

- 5) Medals: Each medal will say the event name and "Superior" and will be given to the top five finishers in each event. The following number of medals will be needed: Public Forum – 10 medals; LD – 5 medals; Policy – 10 medals; National Extemp. – 5 medals; Foreign Extemp. – 5 medals; Oratory – 5 medals; Impromptu – 5 medals; Congress – 5 medals. 10 blank Superior medals in case of ties.

6) General Guidelines:

- a. In forensics and debate competition, each individual is limited to ten meets per year, excluding region, state and national competitions.
- b. Region will pay for judges at the Region Meet; \$35 for each judge who judges for Friday, and \$50 for each judge who judges for Saturday (as per new UHSAA guidelines).
- c. March/April LD topic and March PF topic will be used for the Region Meet.
- d. In the event a student misses a round, his/her points will still count toward sweepstakes.
- e. Please refer to "General Policies" in the Region V Handbook for all other Region V Rules, and the UHSAA Handbook for all UHSAA Rules. [click here](#)
- f. Sweepstakes points will be calculated as follows:
 1. The top ¼ of contestants will be given superior (5 points). Ten (10) points for PF & CX.
 2. The next ¼ of contestants will be given excellent (3 points). Six (6) points for PF & CX.
 3. The next ¼ of contestants will be given good (1 point). Two (2) points for PF & CX.

- 7) Ties will not be broken; each quartile will be chosen by marking the number which least skews all brackets.
- 8) The top 3 schools in total sweepstakes points will qualify their entire team for the state tournament.
- 9) All students qualifying in the top ten of their event (with a winning record in debate events) will qualify individually outright (or top half of the entries, whichever is more).
- 10) Day-of drops will be counted in the quartiling.
- 11) Deliberate no-shows to rounds will disqualify students from the State Tournament.
- 12) To earn quartile points, teams must debate even if the school team must debate itself.