



Dear Coaches and Squads,

November 11, 2020

The Liberty High School's speech and debate team, from the Wentzville School District, is pleased to invite your team to the Liberty Eagle Speech and Debate Tournament to be held Monday, December 7 - Saturday, December 12. We will be using Speechwire to run the tournament and hosting rounds through a combination of NSDA Campus and Zoom.

We will be offering Varsity Domestic Extemp, Varsity Foreign Extemp, Varsity Humorous Interpretation, Varsity Dramatic Interpretation, Varsity Original Oratory, Open Radio Speaking, Open POI, Novice Extemp, Novice Original Oratory, Novice Interp, In debate, we will be offering Novice, Junior Varsity and Varsity in Public Forum, Lincoln Douglas and Policy. We reserve the right to collapse divisions if necessary. We will be enforcing a cap of THREE entries per event. The cost is \$8 per entry.

Entries will be accepted until Thursday, December 3, 2020 @ 4 pm.

Please read the invitation carefully as it includes all information needed to successfully register for the tournament.

I'd like to personally thank all the coaches that hosted before this tournament for setting up the outline of how these virtual tournaments can be run. This is a highly unprecedented time, and I'd be remiss without thanking them.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mandy Franke at mandyfranke@wsdr4.org.

Thank you, and we are excited to host your school!

Sincerely,

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**General Information:**

1. A student may only enter 2 speech events and 1 debate event.
2. Debaters may not enter more than one debate event: Policy, LD, Public Forum
3. Students may enter only one division of Extemp.
4. Each school must provide one adult judge for every 8 rounds of event entries and every 5 debate entries. We are recruiting from our community, but we don't have the judge pools that larger programs have, so we will be counting on you to help us with judges. Please feel free to bring more judges than needed.
5. Entries must be made via SpeechWire with "activated" student accounts. Liberty reserves the right to drop any entries that are without names and/or activation after entries are due on Thursday, December 3 @ 4 pm. *No additional entries will be accepted after this time.*
6. Adjustments can be made to existing entries after this date if room allows. Drops can be made without penalty by Monday, December 7 @ 12 Noon. Any drops made after December 7 @ 12 NOON will forfeit the entry fee.
7. We will comply with all MSHSAA rules and regulations regarding the use of electronic devices and the Internet. It is a coach's affirmative duty to ensure their students are aware of the rules and abide by them.
8. Speech event links, with the exception of Extemp, will be due no later than 4:30 pm Wednesday, December 9. Extemp videos will be due no later than 4:30 pm Monday, December 7.

Judge Requirements and Expectations:

- Each school must provide one adult judge for every 8 rounds of event entries and every 5 debate entries.
- We are recruiting from our community, but we don't have the judge pools that larger programs have, so we will be counting on you to help us with judges.
- Please feel free to bring more judges than needed.
- All judges need to sign up on our [ONLINE JUDGING FORM](#); this includes coaches, student judges, or community judges. Please remember that students must be in their second year of competition with at least 150 NSDA points to judge.
- Judge registration needs to be completed by Monday, December 7 @ 3:00 pm.
- Judges will be emailed information prior to the tournament about how to access their rounds via <http://live.speechwire.com>



Events and Divisions Offered

We will be offering a mix of asynchronous (pre-recorded) and synchronous (live) competition. Please see the later pages in this invitation packet for how each of the events will work at this tournament. We may collapse and/or remove events/divisions if the entry numbers as of December 3 do not warrant holding a competition in that event.

Hybrid Events Asynchronous Prelims Synchronous Elims	Synchronous Events Synchronous Prelims Synchronous Elims	Asynchronous Events Asynchronous Prelims Asynchronous Elims
Novice Oratory Varsity Oratory Novice Informative Varsity Informative Open POI Varsity HI Varsity DI Novice Interp	Novice LD Novice PUF Novice Policy Junior Varsity LD Junior Varsity PUF Junior Varsity Policy Varsity LD Varsity PUF Varsity Policy	Radio Speaking Novice Extemp Varsity Domestic Extemp Varsity Foreign Extemp

Deadlines

Initial entries via SpeechWire	Thursday, December 3 @ 4:00 pm
Finalized Entries	Monday, December 7 @ 12:00 pm
Judge Registration	Monday, December 7 @ 3:00 pm
All SPEECH video links (except extemp)	Wednesday, December 9 @ 4:30 pm
Prelim Extemp Video Links	Monday, December 7 @ 4:30 pm
Elim Extemp Video Links (coaches will be notified via email they need to submit a link)	Thursday, December 10 @ 4:30 pm

Virtual Tournament Rules

- Per MSHSAA regulations, a coach must be available throughout the tournament. We will provide a method of two-way contact since we're not "on site" this year.
- All LIVE ROUND competitors are expected to be "in room" 15 minutes prior to the start of the round in order to solve technical problems in advance.



- Cameras for both competitors and judges should be ON unless turning them off is absolutely necessary to improve connectivity. Any SPECTATORS should keep cameras OFF.
- Students more than 10 minutes late to a live round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit the round.
- The use of the internet during rounds WILL be permitted. We will follow all MSHSAA guidelines regarding internet use.
- For equity, we are requiring that ALL debaters in PF and CX log in from separate computers in separate spaces.
- If a judge or contestant encounters a connection error, they should inform tournament staff using the help desk at www.claytonfallclassic.com. A "10 minute window" will be standardized for connections to be established. Once connections are reestablished, rounds will begin exactly where they paused. If after 10 minutes a connection cannot be reestablished...
 - A competitor will forfeit/take last place in the round
 - A judge will be replaced and the round will restart.
- We intend to allow spectators for the FINAL ROUNDS of POLICY, PF, LD, HI, DI, POI, Novice and Varsity OO, Novice and Varsity Informative, and Novice Interp. Your students should know this prior to entering this tournament.

LD, PF, & Policy Debate Rules & Procedures (Synchronous Rounds)

- All contestants are held to the standard MSHSAA rules for these events.
- All rounds are live/synchronous. We will attempt to allow spectators for FINALS.
- Competitors in PF and CX must log in from separate devices and be in separate locations/rooms.
- Competitors may set up email chains in advance of the tournament for the exchange of evidence.
- The official MSHSAA time limit will be followed, including the expanding prep time.
 - Policy: 8 minutes of prep per side
 - LD: 5 minutes of prep per side
 - PF: 4 minutes of prep per side
- As all competitors are on the Varsity or Champ level, they will be expected to keep their own time.
- Policy & Public Forum Tie Breakers:
 - Win/Loss Record
 - Speaker Ranks
 - Record of opponent lost to
 - Total opposition record
 - Oppositions' opposition record
- Lincoln Douglas Tie Breakers:
 - Win/Loss record



- Record of opponent lost to
 - Total opposition record
 - Oppositions' opposition record
 - Total speaker points if needed
- Preliminary, Quarterfinals, and Semifinals will be held via NSDA Campus. Finals will be held via Zoom

Debate Topics

- LD will use the November/December 2020 topic of **Resolved: The United States out to provide a federal jobs guarantee.**
- PF will use the November/December 2020 topic of **Resolved: The United States should adopt a declaratory nuclear policy of no first use.**
- CX will use the 2020-2021 topic of **Resolved: The United States federal government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following areas: forensic science, policing, sentencing**

Extemporaneous Rules and Procedures (completely asynchronous)

- Standard NSDA rules will be used.
- For Prelims:
 - On Monday, December 7 by 2:15 pm coaches with extempers entered in the tournament will receive a spreadsheet with the question assigned to their extempers.
 - Extempers will record ONE speech that will be judged twice asynchronously. Coaches must upload the link into Speechwire by 4:30 pm.
 - Any recording platform may be used. Loom is recommended. The privacy settings must be set to PUBLIC. Any inoperable links will automatically receive last in the room.
- For Elims
 - On Thursday, December 10, coaches with extempers advancing to semifinals will receive a spreadsheet with the question assigned to their extemper.
 - Extempers will record ONE speech that will be judged for semi-finals, and then if they advance to finals, will also be used for their final round. Coaches must upload the link into Speechwire by 4:30 pm Thursday, December 10.

Radio Speaking (completely asynchronous)

- Standard MSHSAA rules will be used.
- For Prelims:



- Contestants must record ONE speech that will be judged twice asynchronously.
Coaches must upload the link into SpeechWire by 4:30 pm Wednesday, December 9.
 - Any recording platform may be used. Loom is recommended. The privacy settings must be set to PUBLIC. Any inoperable links will automatically receive last in the room.
 - No editing or post-production may be utilized; the recording must be shot in one take.
- For Elims
 - Competitors will advance based on their prelim scores. Their video recording that was used for prelims will be used for semifinals and finals.
 - Results will be announced at the Awards ceremony.

Novice and Varsity Oratory, Varsity HI, Varsity DI, Open POI, and Novice Interp

- Standard MSHSAA rules will be used.
- For Prelims:
 - Contestants must record ONE speech that will be judged twice asynchronous. Coaches must upload the link into SpeechWire by 4:30 pm Wednesday, December 9.
 - Any recording platform may be used. Loom is recommended. The privacy settings must be set to PUBLIC. Any inoperable links will automatically receive last in the room.
 - No editing or post-production may be utilized; the recording must be shot in one take.
- For Elims
 - Competitors will compete live via NSDA Campus and/or Zoom. They need to report their rooms at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the round.
 - When NOT speaking, cameras should be off.
 - The final rounds may be open to spectators.

Advancing in Speech —The top 6 speech contestants will be determined by:

1. Total preliminary ranks
2. Reciprocals of ranks
3. Total speaker ratings.
4. Head-to-head results, if possible

We do not recommend using Youtube for any videos! The privacy settings of the domain administrator of both the judge and the competitor can cause problems!

**AWARDS & SWEEPSTAKES RULES:**

Medals will be awarded to the TOP THREE competitors in each speech and debate event, with certificates being awarded to at least the top 6 in each event. In terms of team awards, we will recognize the top 5 teams with the top TWO receiving awards. Each school's BEST TWO ENTRIES in each event/division will be tabulated for sweepstakes awards. An additional award will be given to the school earning the most points over both days of competition.

Points in Events & Debate will be awarded to the top two entries from each school as follows:

Any Entry.....	one point
Event Finals	ten points
Event Third Place.....	five points
Event Second Place.....	ten points
Event First Place.....	fifteen points
Debate Win	five points



Tentative Tournament Schedule

Thursday, December 3

Initial entries due @ 4:00 pm

Monday, December 7

Finalized entries due at 12 NOON

Judge Registration due @ 3 pm

Prelim Extemp video links due @ 4:30 pm

Wednesday, December 9

All Speech video links due @ 4:30 pm

Thursday, December 10

Elim Extemp video links due @ 4:30 pm

Friday, December 11, 2020

[Registration: 2:30 – 3:45](#) (Click here for Zoom call. Password 629209)

Round 1 Debate: 4:00

Round 2 Debate: 6:00

Round 3 Debate: 8:00

Saturday, December 12, 2020

Debate Quarterfinals: 8:00

Event Semifinals: 10:00

Debate Semifinals: 12:00

Event Finals: 2:00

Debate Finals: 4:00

Awards: 6:00 (Check back here for the link)