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Dear Coach and Team,

The Platte County High School Speech and Debate Team would like to invite you to the Platte County **Pirate Invitational Novice tournament**. The tournament will be held virtually between **January 25-30, 2021**.

Will will host the following Novice IE Events **asynchronously** on January 25-28, 2021: **US Extemp, International Extemp, Original Oratory, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry Reading, Prose Reading, Duo Interpretation, Informative speaking, and Student Congress** (December docket). **Storytelling and Radio Speaking** will also be offered using MSHSAA rules.

In an effort to provide maximum opportunities for competition, we also ask that each school provide ONE judge per every ten entries.

We will be hosting **Policy Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, and Public Forum Debate** **synchronously** through NSDA Campus/Tabroom on January 29-30, 2021.

The deadline for receiving entries on Speechwire.com will be Wednesday January 20, 2021, at 3:00PM. Asynchronous speech links (unlisted Youtube videos or Google links) will be due by 3:00PM on Friday, January 22, 2021. All entries will be waitlisted upon entry – we will grant what we can accommodate during the day on January 21/22. Entry fees will be \$6.00/entry. No trophies will be given, but certificates will be sent for students placing.

Direct any questions to Trisch Vessar (816) 858-2822 Ext. 1281 (classroom phone), (660) 676-9699 (personal cell), or vessarp@platteco.k12.mo.us.

We are looking forward to our turn at hosting in the virtual competition world and are very thankful to all the help in the past and future from those who have gone before us!

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ASYNCHRONOUS IE SCHEDULE

Monday, January 25 - Round 1

Tuesday, January 26 - Round 2

Wednesday, January 27 - Semifinals

Thursday, January 28 - Finals

(Approximate schedule - will run as quickly as we can with available judges.)

LIVE (SYNCHRONOUS) DEBATE SCHEDULE

Friday, January 29, 2021

2:45PM: Registration

4:00PM: Round 1 of Debate (Competitors should be logged on at least 15 minutes prior.)

6:30PM: Round 2 of Debate

Saturday, November 21st, 2020

8:30AM: Round 3 of Debate

11:00AM: Round 4 of Debate

2:00PM: Quarterfinals of Debate

4:00PM: Semifinals of Debate

6:00PM: Finals of Debate

(If we can push elimination rounds earlier, we will.)



Competition Information and Rules

- Each school shall be guaranteed up to two entries in each competitive event offered. Extra entries will be granted on a basis of space availability and order of submitted entries.
- A student may not enter both divisions of Extemporaneous speaking, nor may students enter more than one division of debate.
- A student may enter up to one debate event and two individual events. Students may do Congress and another Individual Event.
- Please do not allow students to triple enter in any other combination than the example given above.
- No Maverick teams will be allowed in any division of debate.
- Certificates will be given to the top six entries in individual events and top eight in debate
- Overall Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top three schools.
- **Entry fees are \$6.00 per entry.**
- **All entries are due by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2021. All IE videos are due by Friday, January 22, 2021 at 3:00 PM.**
- Tab will be open for view throughout the tournament. Results will become permanent 10 minutes after final tabulation.
- A student may not use the same selection for more than one event.
- **Each school must have an adult sponsor, able to judge, online at all times. All schools should bring 1 additional judge for every 10 entries.**
- Sweepstakes will be given for the top three schools in individual (speech) and debate events combined. Determining sweepstakes: Points in debate from the best two teams in each division will be 5 points for each win and 15 points for placing in the top eight. Points in individual events from the best two entries will be 15 points for finals, 10 points for 3rd place, 15 points for 2nd place, and 20 points for 1st place.

Virtual Tournament Procedures:

1. Speechwire tech videos: Please review the Speechwire tech help videos here:
<https://www.speechwire.com/p-video-resources.php>
2. Review NSDA Campus Manual: Please review the NSDA Campus manual here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hej13hqfKmSHEVDYU-rc6UiVlaK0xbp6uGgwBHtSXIQ/edit?usp=sharing>
3. **Register and Link All Tournament Participants in Speechwire: All participants must have a Speechwire account. Please follow these instructions to create a Speechwire account:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcGivaEKSuk>
4. Asynch Video Uploads: Please upload your student performances by Friday, January 22, 2021, at 3PM.
5. We will be going by the MSHSAA Adopted Revisions for Virtual Competition document released by MSHSAA (i.e., pilot internet rules, extended prep time for debate, etc.).
6. Submitted competition videos should be “one take” with no editing or post-production and should follow all other MSHSAA Async Recording guidelines.
7. Please have all participants use Google Chrome as per NSDA Campus guidance.



8. Room Check-In Procedures: Please have debaters check in 30 minutes prior to the round when possible. Mandatory check in 15 minutes before the round. Tournament staff will be monitoring each room.
9. Due to equity concerns, Duo Interpretation recordings must be split screen.
10. Extemp Procedures:
 - a. **Students record two speeches - 1 for prelims and 1 for elims.**
 - b. Please have students submit an unlisted Youtube video or Google link for each speech. Label each video with the Round (Prelim/Elim), event, and the competitors name.
 - c. **Extemp questions will be sent out to all invited coaches by Sunday, January 17, 2021.** We trust coaches to fairly administer draw to their students.
 - d. Submitted competition videos should be “one take” with no editing or post-production and should follow all other MSHSAA Async Recording guidelines.
 - e. Please have contestants submit all videos by the Async Video deadline, which is Friday, January 22, 2021, at 3PM.
11. Congress Procedures:
 - a. **Students record two speeches - 1 for prelims and 1 for elims.**
 - b. Please have students submit an unlisted Youtube video or Google link for each speech. Label each video with the Round (Prelim/Elim), event, and the competitors name.
 - c. **Congress legislation will be the NSDA December 2020 Legislation Docket.** As a coach, we are requesting that you assign students one piece of the legislation and side per round according to the following constraints:
 - i. Prelim Rounds: Choose from odd numbered legislation (1,3,5,7,9)
 - ii. Elim Rounds: Choose from even numbered legislation (2,4,6,8,10)
12. Submitted competition videos should be “one take” with no editing or post-production and should follow all other MSHSAA Async Recording guidelines.
13. Please have contestants submit all videos by the Async Video deadline, which is Friday, January 22, 2021, at 3PM.

Asynchronous Tournament Events

(Pre-recorded with an Unlisted Youtube video or Google link submission)

HUMOROUS OR DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION – Selections must be taken from published literature (play, novel, short story). NSDA guidelines will apply. Selections should possess literary merit and be appropriate for a high school performance. The performance, including introduction, must be memorized. Time: 10 min. maximum

DUO INTERPRETATION – Selections must be taken from published works including novels, short stories, plays, or poetry. NSDA guidelines will apply. The performance, including introduction, must be memorized. Time: 10 min. Maximum Students must submit a split screen recording.

INTERNATIONAL AND U.S. EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING - See above Virtual Tournament Procedures, Item #10.

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING-Students deliver a self-written, ten-minute speech on a topic of their choosing. Not more than 150 words may be in the form of a direct quotation. Informative speakers may use visual aids that comply with the NSDA informative speaking rules. All topics must be informative in nature; the goal is to educate, not to advocate. The speech is delivered from memory. Time: 10 minutes maximum.



ORIGINAL ORATORY – This persuasive speech must be the original work of the contestant. Not more than 150 words may be in the form of a direct quotation. The speech must be memorized. Time: 10 min. maximum. A student may not repeat an oratory he/she used in any previous year of competition.

RADIO SPEAKING - The student entering radio speaking shall prepare and present a script which contains news, weather and sports. Copy used to prepare the script shall be **no more than one week old as of the tournament's first round (January 25)**. No commercials may be used. Linked submitted may be audio only. Time: 5 minutes.

STORYTELLING – Selections must come from published material. The memorized introduction may be given in a standing or seated position. The contestant shall narrate the story in a combination of his/her own words and original essential phrases, and from a seated position on a chair or stool. MSHSAA rules will apply. Time: 8 min. maximum

STUDENT CONGRESS - - See above Virtual Tournament Procedures, Item #11.

Synchronous Debate Events

Lincoln Douglas Debate

1. The resolution will be the current NSDA/MSHSAA approved topic. **Resolved: States ought to ban lethal autonomous weapons.**
2. Time limits for Lincoln Douglas debate will be: 6-3-7-3-4-6-3.
3. Each debater will be allowed a total of 5 minutes of prep time (MSHSAA Proposed Rules for Virtual Competition in 2020-2021).
4. Ties will be broken by looking at win-loss, opposition loss, opposition record, and cumulative speaker points.
5. A debater more than ten minutes late to a round will forfeit, unless it is the fault of the tournament.
6. Debaters are allowed to use laptops in rounds but must follow MSHSAA guidelines.

Public Forum Debate

1. The resolution will be the current NSDA/MSHSAA approved topic. **Resolved: The National Security Agency should end its surveillance of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents.**
2. Time limits for Public Forum debate will be: 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2-2 (NSDA Pilot Rules 2019). Each team will be allowed a total of 4 minutes of prep time ((MSHSAA Proposed Rules for Virtual Competition in 2020-2021).
3. Sides will be determined by a coin flip at the start of each round.
4. Ties will be broken by looking at win-loss, opposition loss, opposition record, and cumulative speaker points.
5. No maverick teams will be allowed to debate. Team personnel must remain constant throughout the tournament.



6. A team more than ten minutes late to a round will forfeit unless it is the fault of the tournament.

Policy Debate

1. The resolution will be the NSDA/MSHSAA approved topic. **Resolved: The United States federal government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following: forensic science, policing, sentencing.**
2. Time limits will be 8-3-5. Each team will be allowed a total of 5 minutes of prep time.
3. Ties will be broken by looking at win-loss, speaker points, opposition record of the team they lost to, and total opposition record.
4. No one person teams will be allowed to debate. Team personnel must remain constant throughout the tournament.
5. A team more than ten minutes late to a round will forfeit, unless it is the fault of the tournament.
6. Debaters are allowed to use laptops in rounds and must follow MSHSAA rules.