

COMO Classic: Rockbridge and Hickman Invitational

February 2nd-5th, 2021

Dear Coaches,

The Hickman and Rock Bridge High School Speech and Debate teams are pleased to invite you and your team to attend our second annual tournament- The COMO Classic Invitational which will be held February 2nd-5th, 2021. This tournament will be held entirely virtually, with debate events being held synchronously and speech events held asynchronously for prelims and synchronously for semifinals and finals. Synchronous events will take place over zoom. For events, students will turn in recordings by **February 1st at 5PM**.

Please register through Speechwire by Friday, January 28th at 5PM. Each school is guaranteed 6 entries in each speech event per division and 4 entries in each debate per division. Drops can be made without a fee by February 1st at 5PM.

The Following Events will be offered:

Varsity events include:

Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Original Oratory, Dramatic Interp, Humorous Interp, Duo Interp, POI, Poetry, Prose, Radio, Storytelling, International and U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking, Informative, and Open Student Congress.

Novice events include:

Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Prose, Poetry, Original Oratory, Radio, Storytelling, Informative, International and U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking, and Open Student Congress.

*We reserve the right to combine divisions or events in the case of low enrollment.

All entries will be \$8.00. Drops made after February 1st at five will result in a charge for the entry.

Each school must provide at least one qualified judge for each round of competition and an additional judge per every 20 competitors. If necessary, we may ask coaches to judge. We will provide a sign up so judges can choose which rounds work best for them. Please make sure you have each round covered.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact

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Schedule:

Tuesday - Thursday - Asynch rounds judged

THURSDAY:

4PM - Congress Session One (90 minutes)

6PM - Congress Session Two (90 minutes)

FRIDAY:

4PM - Speech Semifinals

5:30 PM RD I Debate

Flight A 5:30

Flight B 6:30

7:30 PM RD II Debate

Flight A 7:30

Flight B 8:30

SATURDAY:

8:00 AM RD III Debate (Powermatched based on Friday)

Flight A 8:00

Flight B 9:00

10:00 AM RD IV Debate (Powermatched based on Friday)

Flight A 10:00

Flight B 11:00

12:00 PM Live Speech Finals and Congress Super Session from 12:15-1:45 to account for anyone double entered in finals.

2:00 PM Live Debate Semifinals

Flight A 2:00

Flight B 3:00

4:00 PM Live Debate Finals

5:30 PM Awards (or ASAP)

Judging Rules

1. All schools must provide at least one qualified judge for every round of events. For every 20 entries, they must provide an additional judge.
2. Judges must remain in their "room" until all performances have been viewed unless otherwise noted.
3. Judges can be coaches, members of the community, former students, and for NOVICE rounds of debate only, current Varsity members with more than 150 NSDA points.
4. Judges (even coaches) can be entered in the Google Form here: <https://forms.gle/THV7VEnqT8b1w61p6>
5. Please enter in rank and decision in your ballot ASAP and add additional comments later.

Overall Winners

The top three points earners in each debate event will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals. In the case of ties, multiple winners will be named. A finals room will be created for each individual event, and trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place speaker in each room. Ties in events will be based on judges preference. Ties in debates will be determined by opponent record, opponent's opponent record.

Sweepstakes Points

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Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top three schools in debate, speech, and overall tournament. We will consider novice and varsity entries when awarding sweepstakes awards. Sweepstakes will be determined using the following criteria:

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

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

General Rules and Virtual Suggestions

1. A student may be triple entered. However, they may only be entered in one debate and one draw.
2. Debates (Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum) will be power-matched for round three and four.
3. Speech videos can be recorded on any application. Please ensure that videos can be accessed by anyone who has the link (set to PUBLIC). Speech videos cannot be edited.
4. All MSHSAA rules will be used where applicable. For NSDA-only events, standard NSDA rules will apply.
5. Internet use is permitted, all MSHSAA guidelines will be followed.

6. Students in partner events can compete in the same room if their school guidelines allow.
7. For asynchronous/speech events, videos must be submitted by February 1st at 5PM. For synchronous/debate events, competitors and judges should arrive 15 minutes prior to their round. After the round is supposed to start, competitors will have 10 minutes to arrive. If connection is lost, competitors will have a 10 minute window to make contact. If a competitor fails to arrive or make contact in either of those ten minute windows, they will receive a loss in that round.

Event Specific Rules

These are the expectations for events with special requirements for this virtual setup as well as for debate. All other speeches will follow the rules listed above.

Extemporaneous Speaking:

At approximately 12pm on Saturday, January 28th, coaches will be emailed 3 randomly assigned questions per competitor. Competitors will choose a question from those three. Video links must be uploaded by the coach to Speechwire by 5pm on February 1st. We are requesting that coaches use discretion and professionalism in providing the questions to a student at a time that works well for your team but within a one hour window from question to submitted video.

Radio Speaking:

Scripts must contain news, weather, and sports from sources no more than 24 hours old for each respective round of the tournament (No more than 24 hours before links are due). **Cameras should be covered or turned off while recording.** The judge will critique the presence and sound quality of the contestant.

Debate:

1. Standard MSHSAA rules will apply to all debates, including the expanded prep time.
 - Policy: 8 minutes of prep per side
 - LD: 5 minutes of prep per side
 - PF: 4 minutes of prep per side
2. As previously stated in CX and PF, competitors should not be in the same space and device.
3. The pilot rules and times for PF will be used. Varsity debaters will be expected to keep their time.
4. Competitors should set up email chains and arrive 15 minutes in advance of their rounds.
5. Once again, debates will be power-matched after round 2.
6. No maverick teams will be allowed.

Congress:

1. Standard NSDA Congressional Debate rules and Parliamentary Procedures will apply to all rounds of Congress.
 - a. Eastern Missouri District Docket will be used for the selection of legislation
 - i. Authorship speeches **MUST** be preferred over speeches in sponsorship
2. PO's for both rounds of competition will be selected at the beginning of the first session and elections will be facilitated by a member of tabulation staff for the tournament.
3. The top 3 competitors, after preliminary rounds, will qualify for the final supersession of congress where all standard procedures will be followed.
 - a. At the beginning of the supersession round the Permanent Presiding officer will be selected and will be awarded with a gavel.
 - b. Every supersession qualifier will be guaranteed the opportunity to give a speech within the 90 minute allotted time.