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Dear Coach and Squad:

The Ladue Horton Watkins Chapter of the National Forensic League would like to invite you to attend our fifty-sixth annual Ladue Novice Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament on the 18th and 19th of November. We will be hosting in conjunction with the varsity tournament at Clayton High School.

We shall offer competition in the following events: Congressional Debate, Extemporaneous Speaking (combined USX and IX), Improvisational Duet Acting, Informative Speaking, Interpretation (combined Humorous and Dramatic), Poetry Reading, Prose Reading, Original Oratory, Radio Speaking, Storytelling, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Policy Debate, and Public Forum Debate. We reserve the right to collapse divisions if needed.

We invite you to request up to four entries per event. You are welcome to request extra entries; they will be granted on a first requested, first served basis. *Coaches will be informed of extra entries granted no later than Thursday, 10 November 2022.*

There will be a concession stand on both Friday and Saturday hosted by the LHWHS chapter of Amnesty International. We encourage your students to purchase from the concession stand and support this wonderful cause! We will provide a hospitality room for coaches, bus drivers, and adult judges. District policy prohibits student judges from enjoying the food in the hospitality room.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. My cell phone number is 314.807.1571. You may send tournament related e-mails to me at mbeck@ladueschools.net. E-mail is the best method of communication.

Entries shall be accepted until Wednesday, 09 November 2022. We would appreciate your confirmed entry no later than Wednesday, 16 November 2022 - drops after this time forfeit the entry fee. Table drops will result in an automatic deduction of five sweepstakes points per entry.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to LHWHS for a weekend of in-person speech and debate!!

Thank you,

Shreeya Ravindranath
Tournament Director

Molly Beck
Head Coach

Ben Haug
Assistant Coach

Casie Sambo
Assistant Coach

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Community Health Considerations

- All attendees - coaches, competitors, and judges - should bring a mask. If there is a request by someone in a competition space for masking, we ask that everyone in the room adhere to this request.
- Any attendee can choose to mask however it will not be required. This includes during performances. No judge can rank someone down for use of a mask.
- We will allow spectators so long as the room stops being filled once all chairs are taken, all judges and competitors have chairs, and all requests for masking have been met.
- Please practice universal precautions such as hand washing and distancing when possible.
- Any refusal to adhere to guest requests or universal precautions will result in removal from the premises.

Judging Requirements and Expectations

Schools will be obligated to provide judges for rounds based on entry totals.

- 1 judge for every 8 debate entries
- 1 judge for every 10 event entries

Eligible judges include:

- Coaches should mark as much availability as possible. Your MSHSAA-required supervisory coach will be considered a STANDBY judge for all rounds. It will help us to know who that coach is and when. Please fill out this [COACH FORM](#) let us know who will be on-site and as a standby judge for each round.
- Community volunteers, parents/guardians, teachers, neighbors, etc....any adult :)
- Varsity competitors with at least 150 NSDA points
- **All judges, including coaches, should sign up [HERE](#).**

Judge expectations:

- We will be using paper ballots.
- Please sign up knowing that you should arrive in your room 15 minutes prior to the start time of the round. Any rounds you sign up to judge will most likely be assigned to you. Please do not sign up for a time you cannot be present for. Please mark the times you do sign up for on your calendar.
- All judge comments should focus on the competitor's performance in the round - not on their clothing/attire, if they are masked, etc.

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General Tournament Information

1. A student may enter two individual events and debate. Double-entered students shall accept the responsibility of informing their judges of a necessary change in speaking order.
2. Debaters may enter only one division of debate.
3. A novice shall be defined as any student who has had NO high school level, interscholastic, speech and debate competition experience prior to the 2022-2023 academic year.
4. Any student more than ten minutes late to a round will forfeit participation in that round (provided the delay is not the fault of the tournament). Double-entered students are expected to complete both performances in the time allotted for each round. Contestants should inform the second event judge that they are double-entered by writing their code and the phrase “double-entered, please wait” neatly on the board (off to the side; not in the center) in the classroom in which they will compete second.
5. Laptops will be permitted in the following events, per MSHSAA guidelines: Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate, Extemporaneous Speaking, and Radio Speaking and internet access will be permitted in all of these events with the exception of Radio Speaking. Laptops and internet access will also be permitted in Congressional Debate per NSDA guidelines. Tablets and e-Readers may be used for Poetry Reading and Prose Reading per MSHSAA guidelines. Please review the MSHSAA rules and policies around laptop and internet use during rounds. **While every attempt will be made to make internet access available for all competitors, reliable access cannot be guaranteed. Students should prepare accordingly. There will be NO access to printers for competitors during the tournament.**
6. Students may enter only one draw event. No double entries in extemporaneous speaking and improvisational duet acting. Students must ALWAYS compete in their draw event first if they are double-entered; failure to do so will result in forfeiting their score for that round.
7. Changes in school entries will be accepted without penalty until Wednesday, 16 November 2022. After that point in time the entry fee will be forfeited.
8. Cancellations at registration will result in a five-point deduction in sweepstakes points per entry.
9. Ladue Horton Watkins High School is a smoke-free, alcohol-free, vape-free and drug-free campus. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in the contestant being eliminated from competition. Additionally, our campus is equipped with vaping sensors in all student restrooms and immediate reports are sent directly to our building administration – this will be communicated to the building and district administration of any students who violate the no vaping policy.
10. Each school is required to provide one judge for every eight (8) debate entries and one judge for every ten (10) events entries. Judges may be varsity students who have at least 150 NSDA points. Please choose student judges who will provide positive, critical remarks for our novice guests.
11. A coach or qualified sponsor must be present on campus at all times.
12. Because this is an all-novice tournament, we are asking that visiting coaches spend a little more time preparing their contestants and student judges concerning tournament protocol. Kindly remind your students to respect the school, the classrooms, the teacher’s belongings, et cetera. Students are only to be in their assigned classroom for a round, the commons, or the cafeteria – students should not be in any location not in use by the tournament.
13. Students are NOT to enter a room until a judge is present. This will help to alleviate any concerns of students being in the classrooms alone. Rooms will be checked in between rounds by hallway monitors.
14. Tabbing will be completed by students and supervised by adults. We will ask people to help tab if needed. Coaches will be able to see results in real time using Speechwire. Please have patience as our students work hard to provide accurate results in a timely manner. Our goal is for students to learn the tab process and engage in problem solving and critical thinking – we kindly and respectfully ask that coaches refrain from helping tab unless asked to do so by the tournament staff.
15. As a courtesy to all participants, judges, coaches, and parents we ask that all conversations and actions be school-appropriate.

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Individual Events Rules and Guidelines

Extemporaneous Speaking

Maximum Time: Seven (7) minutes

After drawing three questions concerning current foreign or domestic affairs, the contestant will choose one and prepare a speech. During the allotted thirty (30) minutes of preparation time, the contestant may not consult with others. One 3x5 notecard may be used during the delivery of the speech (if the contestant desires); however, this may result in a lower ranking. We will use political cartoons in finals. (MSHSAA Rules)

Improvisational Duet Acting

Maximum Time: Seven (7) minutes

After the contestants draw three topics, they will choose one from which to prepare an improvisational scene. During the allotted thirty (30) minutes of preparation time, the contestants may not consult with others. Each scene must be suitably introduced. Improvisational work is to be new and original work. ****Table and chairs will NOT be provided, nor can they be used.****

Informative Speaking

Maximum Time: Ten (10) minutes

The speech must be informative in purpose, reflect the original thoughts of the contestant, and include no more than one hundred and fifty (150) words of direct quotation. The speech is to be recited from memory. Visual aids are permitted but not required. (MSHSAA Rules)

Interpretation

Maximum Time: Ten (10) minutes

The student will present, from memory, a cutting of quality literature from a published novel, short story, or play. Each selection must be suitably introduced. Selections must possess literary merit and be of good taste. Material may be dramatic or humorous. (MSHSAA Rules)

Original Oratory

Maximum Time: Ten (10) minutes

The speech must be persuasive in purpose, reflect the original thought of the contestant, and include no more than one hundred and fifty (150) words of direct quotation. The speech is to be recited from memory. (MSHSAA Rules)

Prose Reading

Maximum Time: Eight (8) minutes

The selection must be suited to the reader and audience and be of literary merit. The selection is not to be memorized and must be delivered from script and be suitably introduced. (MSHSAA Rules)

Poetry Reading

Maximum Time: Eight (8) minutes

The selection must be verse, suited to the reader and audience, and be of literary merit. The selection is not to be memorized and must be delivered from script and be suitably introduced. (MSHSAA Rules)

Radio Speaking

Maximum Time: Five (5) minutes

The contestant is to present a five (5) minute broadcast of international, national, and local news. The broadcast must include a sports update, a weather update, and a thirty-second (30 second) original commercial, which will advertise a well-known product/service. Time infractions will be weighted heavily.

Storytelling

Maximum Time: Eight (8) minutes

Contestant will prepare a story geared for an audience of five (5) to ten (10) year old children. Contestants will present their stories from a seated position. No notes may be used. (MSHSAA rules)

Advancing in Individual Events

The top twelve-fifteen (12-15) contestants with the lowest cumulative scores will advance to semi-finals. The top six (6) competitors with the lowest total scores will advance to finals.

Tie Breaking Procedures in Individual Events

Tie breaking procedures for individual events (for both breaking to finals and for awards) will be as follows (in this order):

1. Judges Preference (if possible)
2. Reciprocals
3. Ratings

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Congressional Debate Rules and Guidelines

1. Students entering Congressional Debate may not be entered in any other individual events.
2. Schools shall use the legislation packet provided for all debate. The legislation packet will primarily be comprised of the [Fall 2022 Eastern Missouri Legislative Packet](#). Schools outside of Eastern Missouri may submit up to three pieces of legislation by Thursday, 03 November 2022 to mbeck@ladueschools.net by 5:00pm to be added to the packet. Each house shall determine the docket order in first ten (10) minutes of Session One.
3. A tournament-appointed varsity member will serve as Presiding Officer in each house and will oversee the house. One of these Presiding Officers will be assigned to oversee finals. Speeches of authorship and sponsorship will be accepted with speeches of authorship taking precedence. Traditional questioning – not direct questioning - will be used.
4. Sessions One and Two will take place during Round One and Round Two of individual events and Session Three will take place during the semi-final round of events. Super Session will convene during individual event finals.
5. Procedure for advancement to Super Session will be based on rankings from the judge. We will use an NSDA-style scoring system in which the judge will score each speech and then rank the top eight competitors in the room, with all non-ranked competitors receiving a ranking of 9. The top twelve-fifteen (12-15) contestants, based on lowest accumulated ranks, will advance to Super Session.

Tie breaking procedures will be as follows (in this order):

1. Judges' Preference in Super Session
2. Average speech score in Super Session
3. Average speech score in preliminary rounds
4. Drop high and low scores for all rounds
5. Number of speeches

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Debate Rules and Guidelines

This tournament will use the following NSDA topics:

Lincoln-Douglas Debate - Resolved: The People's Republic of China ought to prioritize environmental protection over economic growth.

Policy Debate - Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its security cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in one or more of the following areas: artificial intelligence, biotechnology, cybersecurity.

Public Forum Debate - Resolved: The United States' strategy of Great Power Competition produces more benefits than harms.

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

1. Lincoln-Douglas Debate time limits will be 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 with four (4) minutes of preparation time per debater.
2. Unless stated otherwise in this packet, Lincoln-Douglas debate will follow MSHSAA rules and guidelines.

POLICY DEBATE

1. Policy Debate time limits will be 8-3-8-3-8-3-8-3-5-5-5-5 with eight (8) minutes of preparation time per team.
2. Teams will be composed of two people - no "mavericks." Teams must remain constant in personnel throughout the tournament or forfeit eligibility for elimination rounds.
3. Teams will debate both sides of the resolution
4. Teams must present a case from one (1) of the four (4) National Federation of State High School Association's suggested novice topic areas:

- A. Artificial Intelligence: Restrict development and/or use of Lethal Autonomous Weapons (LAWs)
- B. Biotechnology: Ban the use of germline genetic engineering in humans
- C. Biotechnology: Substantially increase funding for vaccine research
- D. Cyber: Ban offensive cyber operations

Kritiks are NOT permitted.

Students violating any of these restrictions will receive a loss and will forfeit eligibility for elimination rounds. Please do not enter students who will not adhere to these guidelines.

5. Unless stated otherwise in this packet, policy debate will follow MSHSAA rules and guidelines.

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PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE

1. Public Forum Debate time limits will be 4-4-3-4-4-3-2-2-3-2-2 with three (3) minutes of preparation time per team.
2. Teams will flip for sides and speaker position each round. The winner of the coin toss can choose either side (pro or con) or speaking position (first or second).
3. Teams must remain constant in personnel throughout the tournament or forfeit eligibility for elimination rounds.
4. Teams will consist of two people - no “mavericks.”
5. Competitors must remain seated during the grand crossfire.

**Notice to Debate Competitors:

Many of your judges will be members of the Ladue School District community. Many of the judges will be judging for the first time. We advise you to keep this in mind and adjust your performances accordingly. This is especially true for policy debaters.

Advancing in Debate

There will be four (4) rounds of preliminary debate competition. At the end of the preliminary rounds, the top eight (8) entries will advance to the quarter-final round.

When determining advancing teams, the tie-breaking procedures are as follows (listed in order):

1. Win/loss record
2. Head-to-head
3. Record of opponent to whom the debater lost
4. Total opposition record
5. Opposition's opposition record
6. Speaker ranks (Policy and Public Forum)/Speaker points (Lincoln-Douglas)

In case of a forfeit or bye, the winning team will receive a win and the average of their speaker ranks/ratings.

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Sweepstakes Information

The best two entries of each event will be tabulated for sweepstakes awards. The top three point-winning schools will receive awards.

Individual Events Sweepstakes Points

Entry	1 point
Semi-final Round	3 points
Final Round	5 points
Third Place	8 points
Second Place	10 points
First Place	12 points

Congressional Debate Sweepstakes Points

Entry	1 point
Super Session	10 points
Individual Awards	12 points

Debate Sweepstakes Points

Entry	1 point
Debate Win	5 points
Quarter-finals Round	12 points

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Tournament Schedule

Friday, 18 November 2022

- 3:15-3:30pm – Registration
- 4:00pm – Debate, Round I
- 6:00pm – Debate, Round II
- 8:00pm – Debate, Round III

Saturday, 19 November 2022

- 7:15-7:30am – Registration for Events-only Schools
- 7:30am – Draw for Extemporaneous Speaking and Improvisational Duet Acting
- 8:00am – Speech Events, Round I
- 9:30am – Draw for Extemporaneous Speaking and Improvisational Duet Acting
- 10:00am – Speech Events, Round II
- 11:30am – Debate, Semifinal Round
- 1:00pm – Draw for Extemporaneous Speaking and Improvisational Duet Acting
- 1:30pm – Speech Events, Semifinal Round and Round III of Congressional Debate
- 3:00pm – Debate, Final Round
- 4:30pm – Draw for Extemporaneous Speaking and Improvisational Duet Acting
- 5:00pm – Speech Events, Final Round and Super Session for Congressional Debate
- 7:00pm – Awards Ceremony (Clayton High School)

** The Awards Assembly will be combined with that of the varsity tournament being hosted by Clayton High School and will take place at Clayton High School.

How to Register

1. Coaches will need to login to [Speechwire.com](https://www.speechwire.com) to accept the tournament invitation.
2. You will register your team as usual. You will also need to [register each student's account](#).
 - a) Log into Speechwire and click team roster
 - b) For students already listed on your roster, click the student you want to send an activation email to. Use the email field to add their email address, and when that is saved, the student will immediately receive an email with an activation link to activate their account.
 - c) For students not listed on your roster, use the fields at the top of the page to add students. If an email address is included, then the student will immediately receive an email with an activation link to activate their account.
 - d) Make sure that students can access their account BEFORE the tournament.
3. You will NOT input judges into Speechwire. Please sign judges up using our judge form located [HERE](#). The tournament host will create judge accounts.