



Parkway Central Round Robin Saturday, October 22nd

Dear Coaches,

The Parkway Central of the National Speech & Debate Association is pleased to invite your team to our VERY FIRST Parkway Central tournament on Saturday, October 22nd. We are offering five rounds of debate round-robin style complete with novice, JV, and varsity divisions. Please read this full invitation carefully to ensure your students are well prepared for this experience. All teams are welcome to enter up to **THREE** in each event. Additional entries will be granted depending on our judging and building availability. You may add to the waitlist and these will be released on a first-come, first-served basis. However, you must associate an entry with a name to claim those spots in the waitlist line.

Also, please note the judging obligations for each school. Since this is our first time hosting, we will be more dependent on community judges and truly appreciate your help and support! Please fill out our [ONLINE JUDGING FORM](#) for ANY of your school judges, including student judges. Of course, if varsity members do not advance they are also welcome to visit the judging table to receive an assignment. *Please remember that students must be in their second year of competition with at least 150 NSDA points to judge*

Please register through Speechwire by **Wednesday, October 12th at 4pm**. *No additional entries will be accepted after this time.* Adjustments can be made to existing entries after this date only if room allows. Drops can be made without penalty by **Wednesday, October 19th at 4pm**.

A concession stand will be provided for students and a hospitality room will be available for adults. We are so excited to have you as we begin this Central tradition! We hope to see you in October!

Your hosts,

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Events & Divisions Offered

(we reserve the right to collapse divisions and/or events if numbers are low)

Each school may enter up to but no more than THREE in each division. Charge is \$8/entry

Varsity Public Forum
Varsity Lincoln Douglas
Varsity Policy

JV Public Forum
JV Lincoln Douglas
JV Policy

Novice Public Forum
Novice Lincoln Douglas
Novice Policy

- Novice - First-year competitors without NSDA membership (the equivalent of 25 points)
- JV - First or second-year competitors (novice or post-novice). No third or fourth-year competitors are allowed.
- Varsity - This is meant for third and fourth-year competitors.

Schedule

Check-in: 7:15 - 7:45
8:00 AM: Debate Round One
10:00 AM: Debate Round Two
12:00 PM: Debate Round Three
2:00 PM: Debate Round Four
4:00 PM: Debate Round Five
6:00 PM: Awards Ceremony

Deadlines

Initial Entries	Finalized Entries
Due in Speechwire by Wednesday, Oct. 12th @ 4 pm <i>No Schools may enter after this time. You can include waitlist entries taken on a first come basis.</i>	Changes due by Wednesday, Oct. 19th @ 4 pm <i>Any drops after this time cannot be filled and will be charged an entry fee</i>

Judge Submissions
All obligated judging assignments must be entered on THIS FORM by Monday, Oct. 17th @ 4pm <i>Any obligation not met will result in the dropping of entries.</i>

Judging Reuirements & Expectations

Since this is our first tournament, we will need help with judges and TRULY appreciate your support by meeting the judging requirement. **For every SIX entries, schools will be obligated to provide ONE judge PER ROUND.** Schools will be expected to withdraw entries to meet expectations if necessary.

Eligible Judges include:

- Coaches should mark as much availability as possible. Your MSHSAA-required supervisory coach will be considered on STANDBY for ALL rounds. It will help us if you tell us who that is and when.
- Current Varsity students who have earned 150 or more NSDA points can judge novices
- Any alumni can judge both junior varsity and novice rounds

All judges, including coaches and current students, should sign up [HERE](#).

Judge Expectations:

- Please sign up knowing you should arrive in your room 15 minutes prior to start time. Any rounds you sign up to judge will likely be assigned to you. Do not sign up for a time you cannot make it.
- All judge comments should focus on the competitor's performance in the round - not on their clothing/attire, if they are masked, etc.

For more information please see our [Judge training recommendations](#).

How to Register

1. Coaches will need to login to 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 up [HERE](#). The tournament host will create these accounts.

General Rules

- ALL SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A SUPERVISING COACH PER MSHSAA REQUIREMENTS PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT as well as the number of judges required by the entry.
- All attendees are expected to adhere to school rules (ie. no smoking, etc.) and be respectful of the school space.
- All students and judges are expected to arrive in their virtual rooms 15 minutes prior to the start of the round.
- Debaters may not enter more than one debate event: Policy, Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum.
- 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).
- The use of the internet during rounds WILL be permitted. Please review the [MSHSAA rules](#) (p. 61) regarding this issue. While the internet will be attempted, reliable access is not guaranteed. Students should prepare accordingly. There will be no access to printers on site.
- All rounds will allow for spectators. However, we ask that non-competitors consider wearing a mask and not enter the room if some distancing is not possible. All individuals in the room are expected to adhere to community health norms and reasonable requests. If these cannot be followed, the tournament reserves the right to remove spectator access.
- We will default to [MSHSAA Rules](#) for all MSHSAA Events.
- Email chains should be set up and offered to all competitors and judges before the round begins.
- Per [MSHSAA guidelines](#) (p. 62), prep time is as follows.
 - Policy: 8 minutes per side
 - Lincoln Douglas: 4 minutes per side
 - Public Forum: 3 minutes per side
- We will recognize the top SIX debaters and use the following to determine these:
 - Win-loss record
 - Head-to-head Record
 - Wins of opponents lost to
 - Opponents' wins
 - Opponents' opponents' wins
 - Speaker ranks/points

Policy Debate—(8-3-5 time limits): Two-person teams will debate the NSDA/MSHSAA topic: **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.** NSDA rules will be followed. 8 minutes of preparation time will be allowed per team. No mavericks. Novices cannot use Kritiks. They must use a case from the following **novice case areas**: AI: Restrict Autonomous Lethal Weapons; Biotech: Ban germline genetic engineering in humans; Biotech: Increase vaccine research funding; Cyber: Ban offensive cyber operations.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate—(6-3-7-3-4-6-3 time limits): Individuals will debate the September/October NSDA/MSHSAA topic: **Resolved: The United States ought to implement a single-payer universal healthcare system.** NSDA rules will be followed. 4 minutes of preparation time will be allowed per speaker. Per MSHSAA rules, we will NOT be using the Novice LD topic. All students should prepare the Sept/Oct topic.

Public Forum Debate —(4-3-4-3-3-3-2 time limits) Two-person teams will debate the September/October NSDA/MSHSAA topic: **Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its investment in high-speed rail.** The NSDA rules will be followed EXCEPT for speech times. 3 minutes of preparation time will be allowed per team. Teams will flip each round even if they have met before. The judge must flip the coin. The winner of the coin toss can choose either side (pro or con) OR the speaker position (first or last). The coin toss loser has the other choice.

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 debate rounds. 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 premise.