

# COMO Classic: Hickman and Rock Bridge Invitational

February 3rd-4th

Dear Coaches,

The Hickman and Rock Bridge High School Speech and Debate teams are pleased to invite you and your team to attend our third annual tournament –The COMO Classic Invitational which will be held in person at Rock Bridge High School (4303 S Providence Rd #7198, Columbia, MO 65203) on February 3rd and 4th, 2022.

\*If additional space is needed, we may extend our tournament to the nearby Gentry Middle School or the Career Center which are both on the Rock Bridge Campus, and will provide transportation if necessary.

Please register through Speechwire by Friday, January 20th at 5PM. Each school is guaranteed 4 entries in each speech event per division and 3 entries in each debate per division. Additional entries will be added to a waitlist, and we will do our best to accommodate them as quickly as possible, if possible. Drops can be made without a fee by February 1st at 5PM. **Any Tournament Updates will be updated in yellow highlights.**

We encourage you to indicate ASAP if your school is attending so we can begin arranging building space. We will prioritize schools who register early when choosing waitlist additions.

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The Following Events will be offered:

**Varsity events include:**

Policy Debate (Champ and Open)  
Public Forum Debate (Champ and Open)  
Lincoln Douglas Debate (Champ and Open)  
Original Oratory  
Dramatic Interpretation  
Humorous Interpretation  
Duo Interpretation  
Program Oral Interpretation

Poetry  
Prose  
Radio Speaking  
Storytelling  
International and U.S. Extemporaneous  
Informative Speaking  
Open Student Congress

**Novice events include:**

Policy Debate  
Public Forum Debate  
Lincoln Douglas Debate  
Original Oratory  
Dramatic Interpretation  
Humorous Interpretation  
Duo Interpretation

Poetry  
Prose  
Radio Speaking  
Storytelling  
International and U.S. Extemporaneous  
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\*We reserve the right to combine divisions or events in the case of low enrollment.

Fees: All entries will be \$8.00. Drops made after February 1st at 5:00 PM 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 Danielle Johnson.

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### **Tournament directors:**

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### **Schedule:**

#### Friday Night Schedule:

4:15 - Extemp Draw

4:45 - Round One Speech Events

5:45 - Extemp Draw

6:15 - Round Two Speech

7:30 - Round One Policy, PF, LD

8:30 - Round Two PF, LD

#### Saturday Schedule:

7:30 - Extemp Draw

8AM - Sems of Speech

9:15 - Round II Debate Policy, Round III PF, LD

11AM - Round III Policy, Round IV PF, LD

1PM - Extemp Draw

1:30 PM - Finals of Speech Events

2:30 - Sems of PF and LD/Round IV of Policy

4:00 - Finals of PF and LD/Sems of Policy  
6:00 - Awards  
7:15 - Finals of Policy (Teams will be given option to co-champ)

**\*Please contact Danielle Johnson if you expect to arrive before dismissal at 4:05 pm on Friday, teams may have to wait in their buses or elsewhere as the school empties after the final bell. We may be able to accommodate teams in the building, but must be given prior notice.**

#### 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/Wme6rFgsAKribJKQ6>

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## Overall Winners

All debate breaks will be awarded during the awards ceremony. Speech finalists will also be similarly awarded during the tournament.

## 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 four entries from each school as follows:

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 .....	two points
Debate Semifinals .....	ten points
Debate Finals .....	fifteen points

# General Rules and 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. All MSHSAA rules will be used where applicable. For NSDA-only events, standard NSDA rules will apply.
4. Internet use is permitted. All MSHSAA guidelines will be followed.
5. **In the event of a major snowstorm or other conditions which prevent travel, we will move to a virtual format. Schools will have the option to opt out if desired (Opt out-fees will be refunded).**

## Event Specific Rules

These are the expectations for speech and debate events with special requirements. All other events will follow the rules listed above.

### Debate:

1. Standard MSHSAA rules will apply to all debates.
  - Policy: 8 minutes of prep per side
  - LD: 4 minutes of prep per side
  - PF: 3 minutes of prep per side
2. Competitors should report to rooms 15 minutes in advance of their rounds.
3. Once again, debates will be power-matched after round 2.
4. No maverick teams will be allowed.

### Congress:

1. Standard NSDA Congressional Debate rules and Parliamentary Procedures will apply to all rounds. Eastern Missouri District Docket will be used for the selection of legislation  
<https://www.speechwire.com/files/13159-CFC%20Legislation.pdf>
  - i. Neither authorship nor sponsorship will be preferred over regular affirmative speeches.
  - ii. Selection shall be based on the standard Eastern Missouri system. Votes shall be for setting individual bills on the docket and not for a full docket at once.
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 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.

Fundraising and Concessions at our Tournament:

Concessions will be available Friday and Saturday.

**This year the CPS Debate Theme is For the Love of It.** We are committed to remembering love of self, activity, and community as we engage in this beneficial but draining activity. In light of this theme, we are going to be selling Candy Grams as our fundraiser this year. You can write a note and send a piece of candy to a fellow teammate, a coach, or a respected competitor. All the money made from these sales will be sent to The Center Project. Our team is fiercely committed to the belief that Love is Love, and we appreciate the work The Center Project does in our schools to affirm that belief. Information about The Center Project can be found [here](#):

Serving and celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community in Columbia and mid-Missouri since 2004.

OUR MISSION is to provide a safe, affirming space to learn, grow, build community, and access support and resources.

We provide community resources, like a curated library, a gender affirming healthcare provider list, a closet with free clothing for LGBTQIA+ folks in need, and supportive programming and activities for LGBTQIA+ youth, parents, and transgender and non-binary adults. We also provide resources to improve the well-being of LGBTQIA+ people in Missouri through inclusivity education, community outreach, and collaborative partnerships with other groups doing equity and justice work.

**We look forward to hosting you in February!**