



# MSHSL Section 2AA Speech Tournament 2023 Program

WELCOME TO **MANKATO WEST**

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## Tournament Schedule

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| 7:30-8:00 | Check into the tournament                   |
| 8:25      | Draw Meeting in Draw Room                   |
| 8:30      | Round 1 Draws                               |
| 8:40      | Workers Meeting in Coaches'/Workers' Lounge |
| 8:45      | Judges Meeting in Judges' Lounge            |
| 9:00      | Round 1 Begins                              |
| 10:00     | Round 2 Draws                               |
| 10:30     | Round 2 Begins                              |
| 11:30     | Round 3 Draws                               |
| 12:00     | Round 3 Begins                              |
| 1:15      | Final Round Draws Begin                     |
| 1:45      | Final Round Begins                          |
| 3:30      | Awards in the MW Auditorium                 |

## Competitors

Congratulations on attending the 2022 Section 2AA Speech Meet at Mankato West!

- The Commons/Cafeteria area is “home base” for students. Please leave your belongings here and not in the gym.
- The building is broken up by 100’s on the first floor, 200’s on 2nd floor and 300’s on 3rd floor.
- Schematics for the tournament will be posted on [speechwire.com](https://speechwire.com).
- Please do not enter a room while a contestant is speaking. You may enter rooms between speakers.
- Official timing will take place at the Section 2AA Tournament. Draw categories will be timed every round. All other categories will be timed during the final round of each category.
- Draw Contestants:
  - Meeting for all at 8:25 in the Draw Room.
  - Specific draw times can be found on [this document](#).
  - Please review Draw Category information using [this document](#).
- Discussion Tasks will be released via the live document linked [here](#).
  - Tasks will NOT be emailed prior to each round.
  - Tasks will come from Section Set D; Section 3 – Water Subpoints B, D; Section 4 – People Subpoints B, D, F
- Please be sure to leave the performance room in the same manner as you found it. Do NOT write on SMART boards or whiteboards.
- The top 3 finalists in each category will advance to the MSHSL State Speech Tournament on Friday, April 28.
- Awards Ceremony will be held @ 4:00 PM or shortly thereafter in the Mankato West Auditorium.
- Students observing Ramadan who need a space to pray can use the following rooms (321 for males and 324 for females) at their prayer times.

## Judges

Thank you for judging today. Section 2AA coaches appreciate that you will be sharing your time and expertise with us today. We are very grateful. Today is a big day for our students, as the top three finishers will advance to the MSHSL State Speech Tournament. For those who are advancing, your comments and critiques will help them prepare for their final performances at the State Tournament. For those that will not advance, your comments and critiques will be just as valuable. We look forward to a great night of competition, and thank you again for judging!

- The Judges' Lounge is located in room 118/120 (FACS classroom)
- The building is broken up by 100's on the first floor, 200's on 2nd floor and 300's on 3rd floor.
- Please review [this document](#) regarding basic responsibilities during judging.
- Our tournament will consist of 3 rounds and a final.
- There will be 1 judge in each round, 3 for finals.
- Judging assignments will be posted on [live.speechwire.com](http://live.speechwire.com); Schematics will be posted on speechwire.com.
- **Please rank all the way out; no speaker points.**
- Discussion Tasks will be released via the live document linked [here](#).
  - Tasks will NOT be emailed prior to each round. If you want paper copies they will be available.
- Judges are NOT expected to serve as timers during the tournament. If judges would like to time speakers, they may, but are asked to refrain from providing time signals. Time should NOT affect rank.
- Please check the [Workers Schedule](#) to know if there will be a Timer/Room Manager present. Timers will time all rounds for draw categories. All other categories will be timed once during the final round, with the exception of Discussion. Judges will also serve as Timers in Discussion rounds.
- If you need to report a perceived rules violation, please report any violations to the Tab Room. Ask for Travis Rother, Amanda Abel, or Justin Bertram.
- Payment will be mailed to you after the tournament.

## Workers

- The Judges'/Workers' Lounge is located in room 118/120.
- The building is broken up by 100's on the first floor, 200's on 2nd floor and 300's on 3rd floor.
- Please check [the schedule](#) to know which section and category you are responsible for. Arrive at your assigned post AT LEAST five minutes before the round begins. Do NOT switch assignments.
- **Timers** will time all rounds for draw categories (extemp speaking, extemp reading, storytelling). All other categories will be timed during the final round. Make sure you have a stopwatch, as well as a timer packet.
- **Timers**, please find additional instructions on [this document](#) (also found in your timer packet).
- **Readers** will read for the final round of Extemp Reading. Please make sure you have both a prose and poetry book, as well as a reader packet.
- Please report any infractions to the Tournament Director, Ask for Travis Rother, Amanda Abel or Justin Bertram immediately after the round has finished. Do NOT report any infractions to judges or competitors. As a reminder: you are looking for infractions that you deem intentional, not accidental.

## Coaches

- The Judges'/Workers Lounge is located in room 118. Please be available if Tournament Staff try to contact you.
- Head coaches should be in the main office (2nd floor) for tab staff.
- The building is broken up by 100's on the first floor, 200's on 2nd floor and 300's on 3rd floor.
- If you would like a traditional program of the Section 2AA Tournament, listing titles and authors, please access one on the Section 2AA Speech website.
- Awards ceremony will be held @ 4:00 PM or shortly thereafter. Please join everyone in the Mankato West Auditorium. Section Finalists and State attendees will be announced.
  - Medals and plaques will be awarded to competitors and schools
  - The full packet will be available on [speechwire.com](#)
  - If you so desire, use the google slides linked [here](#) to print award certificates

**Find more information on the Section 2AA Speech website.**

**[Click here](#) to view.**