



Clayton Fall Classic

November 17 & 18, 2023

Dear Coaches,

The Clayton Speech and Debate Team is pleased to invite your team to the Clayton Fall Classic at Clayton High School on the weekend of November 17 & 18. We are offering an array of events and debates for varsity competitors. Please read this invitation carefully to ensure your students are well-prepared for this experience. **Pay close attention to the schedule. While not traditional, we are aiming to maximize competitive experience and build community.** All teams are welcome to enter up to **THREE** per 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.

One new addition to the CFC in 2023 is that this is now a NIETOC bid tournament! We hope you will consider joining us in Clayton in November as you work towards earning bids for your students.

While we hope and plan to provide a sufficient number of judges from the Clayton community, we may need to supplement with judges from your schools. We ask that local schools note the judging obligations for each school. Fill out our [ONLINE JUDGING FORM](#) for ANY of your school judges, including coaches. We will try our best to avoid placing coaches/assistant coaches in rounds, but it may become necessary at times in order to keep the tournament moving.

Please register through Speechwire by **Monday, November 6 at 4 pm**. *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, November 15 at 4 pm**.

We hope to see you in November!

Your hosts,

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Events 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 and FOUR in Congress.
Waitlist will be implemented on a first come, first serve basis. Charge is \$8/entry.*

Events	Debate
Congress US Extemporaneous Speaking International Extemporaneous Speaking HI DI Duo POI Informative Oratory Storytelling Radio	Champion Policy Champion LD Champion PF Varsity Policy Varsity LD Varsity PF

Schedule

All should plan to arrive to their assigned room 15 minutes before the start time so we can check rooms.

Friday, Nov. 17	Saturday, Nov. 18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3:15 Registration ● 4:00 Debate Round 1 ● 5:45 Debate Round 2 ● 7:30 Debate Round 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7:00 Registration ● 7:30 <i>Extemp Draw 1</i> ● 8:00 Events, Congress Round 1 ● 9:30 <i>Extemp Draw 2</i> ● 10:00 Events, Congress Round 2 ● 11:30 Debate Round 4 ● 12:30 <i>Extemp Draw Semis</i> ● 1:00 Events Semi-finals, Congress Round 3 ● 2:30 Debate Semi-Finals ● 3:45 <i>Extemp Draw Finals</i> ● 4:15 Events Finals, Congress Super Session ● 5:45 Debate Finals ● 7:00 Combined Awards Ceremony (with Ladue)

Deadlines

Initial Entries	Finalized Entries
Due in Speechwire by Monday, Nov. 6 @ 4 pm <i>No Schools may enter after this time. You can include named waitlist entries taken on a first come basis.</i>	Drops / changes are due in Speechwire by Wednesday, Nov. 15 @ 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, Nov. 13 @ 4 pm <i>Any obligation not met will result in the dropping of entries.</i>

Judging Requirements and Expectations

Schools will be obligated to provide rounds for judging based on entry totals. Schools will be expected to withdraw entries to meet expectations if necessary. Judge obligations are:

- 1 judge for every 12 event entries
- 1 judge for every 8 debate entries

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.
- Any alumni are eligible to judge.
- All balloting will be done on paper.

All judges, including coaches 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](#). Please note this site will be updated as we draw closer to our tournament dates.

How to Register

1. Coaches will need to log in 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 space.
- All students and judges are expected to arrive in their rooms 15 minutes prior to the start of the round.
- A student may enter up to two events OR student congress.
- Debaters may not enter more than one debate event: Policy, Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum.
- Extempers may not enter more than one division: Foreign or Domestic
- Except for a change necessitated by a double entry, contestants are expected to speak in the order assigned
- In Extemp, speaking order will take precedence for those double-entered. Extemp speeches will be given FIRST.
- 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. Double-entered students are expected to inform their judges that they may be late prior to the start of the round.
- 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. 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.

Community Health Considerations

- Any attendee can choose to mask however it will not be required. This includes during performances. No judge can rank someone down for the use of a mask.
- Please practice universal precautions such as hand washing.
- Any refusal to adhere to guest requests or universal precautions will result in removal from the premises.

Event Specific Rules

DEBATE RULES:

- 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.
- Advancing will be determined by:
 - Win/Loss record
 - Head to head
 - Record of opponent lost to
 - Total opposition record
 - Oppositions' opposition record
 - Total speaker points if needed
- Per [MSHSAA guidelines](#) (p. 20), prep time is as follows.
 - Policy: 8 minutes per side
 - Lincoln Douglas: 4 minutes per side
 - Public Forum: 3 minutes per side

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 fiscal redistribution in the United States by adopting a federal jobs guarantee, expanding Social Security, and/or providing a basic income.](#) 8 minutes of preparation time will be allowed per team. The top four teams will advance to the semifinals. No mavericks.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate—(6-3-7-3-4-6-3 time limits): Individuals will debate the November/December NSDA/MSHSAA topic: [Resolved: The United States ought to prohibit the extraction of fossil fuels from federal public lands and waters.](#) 4 minutes of preparation time will be allowed per speaker. The top four debaters will advance to the semifinals. Per MSHSAA rules, we will NOT be using the Novice LD topic. All students should prepare the Nov/Dec topic.

Public Forum Debate —(4-3-4-3-3-3-2 time limits) Two-person teams will debate the November/December NSDA/MSHSAA topic: [Resolved: The United States federal government should forgive all federal student loan debt.](#) 3 minutes of preparation time will be allowed per team. Teams will flip each round even if they have met before. 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. The top four teams will advance to the semifinals.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS RULES:

- We will default to [MSHSAA Rules](#) for all MSHSAA Events. Non-MSHSAA events will use [NSDA rules](#).
- Advancing 6 to finals will be determined by:
 - 3 lowest total cumulative speaker ranks per section
 - Judges' preference
 - Reciprocals from the round
 - Total speaker ratings from the round
- Final placings will be determined by:
 - Lowest total cumulative speaker ranks
 - Judges' preference
 - Reciprocals from the round
 - Total speaker ranking from the round

Original Oratory—An original persuasive speech is written by the contestant, containing no more than 150 words of quoted material. Memorized delivery is required in the varsity division. Novices may use scripts but are encouraged not to. Time limit—10 minutes maximum, no minimum.

Informative Speaking— An original informative speech is written by the contestant. Memorized delivery is required in the varsity division. Novices may use scripts but are encouraged not to. The goal is to educate, not to advocate. Visual aids are allowed. Please read the [RULES](#) (p. 41) Time limit—10 minutes maximum, no minimum.

Extemporaneous Speaking—

- Contestants must report to draw 15 minutes before draw is scheduled to begin (if possible). Students will be shown three topics and will tell the draw chair what they select. They will have thirty minutes to prepare a speech. They must remain in the draw room for prep. They will be dismissed.
- Contestants are allowed the use of one note card during delivery but risk the reduction of points for doing so. Speech time limit—7 minutes maximum, no minimum.

Dramatic and Humorous Interpretation—Memorized selections from published material of literary merit are presented. Movement below the waist should be limited. Selections are to be properly introduced. Time limit—10 minutes maximum, no minimum.

Duo Interpretation—A memorized selection of any published source of literary merit is performed by two students. Performers may stand in any arrangement suitable. Offstage focus should be used. Time limit—10 minutes maximum, no minimum.

Program of Oral Interpretation (POI) – Students create a theme or argument through the use of narrative, story, language, and/or characterization. They draw on selections from at least two of the following: prose, poetry, and/or drama. A manuscript must be used and the pieces must be properly introduced. [NSDA rules will be used](#) (p. 46). Time limit – 10 minutes

Storytelling – Students narrate a published story originally intended of children using a combination of their own words and original essential phrases. The story will be presented using bodily movement and characterization. The contestant must keep her/his derriere in contact with the seat of the chair or stool, throughout the entire performance, using the stationary chair or stool provided by the tournament host/site. Selections are to be properly introduced. Time limit–8 minutes maximum, no minimum.

Radio Speaking – Students prepare and present a script with international, national and local news, weather and sports. Copy should be no more than 24 hours old as of the tournament’s first round. There should be NO commercials and students are not to portray multiple characters. Electronic devices are permitted for reading copy and/or as timing devices so long as they are on silent. Judges should not face presenters. Time limit – 5 minutes. (Presenters should aim for this precise time.)

Congress—We will be running an **NSDA-style Congressional Debate**. There will be three preliminary sessions in which judges will rank their top 8 competitors after scoring the complete session. There will be one super session with 12 – 15 students. Depending on the number of entries, we will advance between the top 2 – 5 students in each chamber if they receive the lowest cumulative rank across the three sessions.

- Advancing to supersession will be determined by:
 - Lowest total cumulative ranks within chambers
 - Total preliminary reciprocals
 - Total preliminary speech scores
- Final placings will be determined by:
 - Lowest total cumulative ranks within the chamber
 - Judges’ preference
 - Final round reciprocals
 - Speech score totals in finals
 - Speech score totals from preliminary rounds
- **For legislation**, we will use the Eastern Missouri docket. If you are outside of the area and wish to submit legislation, you can provide two pieces no later than Friday, Oct. 27 by 4 pm. Chambers will default to AUTHORSHIP speeches but will allow SPONSORSHIP speeches if there is no authoring school in the room.

Awards and Sweepstakes

We will recognize the top-six competitors in each event as well as semi-finalists and finalists in debate. We will recognize the top 5 teams. Each school’s BEST TWO ENTRIES in each event/division will be tabulated for sweepstakes awards. We will award a ribbon and certificate to the top 6 finishers in each speech event and to the top 4 in each debate event. The top 3 in each speech event and the top 4 in each debate will also receive a die cast pin.

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

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