**Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League**

**Fall Invitational Tournament**

November 4, 2024

Dear MISL Colleagues:

The Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League, in conjunction with Ferris State University, is excited to extend a very warm invitation to the 2024 Fall MISL Tournament on the campus of Ferris State University in the beautiful town of Big Rapids, Michigan. The tournament will take place **in-person** on Saturday, December 7th and will be housed out of the Starr Building. Our theme this year will be mythical creatures!

During the tournament lunch break we invite all coaches to attend the MISL Fall Business Meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet with other coaches, learn more about MISL, and connect with a community of support excited to help your team grow and succeed.

The tournament will offer all sanctioned MISL individual events. In addition, we have *two* wild card events for this tournament! We will be running Impromptu Sales Speaking (contingent upon entries) and Interviewing (contingent upon entries). Entry deadline is **Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024 by 5:00 pm.**All entries should be made through the tournament registration page at**Speechwire.com.**

MISL will return to considering Quadrathon as a slot in the calculation of fees. Please designate student entries in Quadrathon by selecting the appropriate event on Speechwire. Remember, to qualify for Quadrathon, a student must be entered in at least four events, with one from each genre of competition (oral interpretation, public address, and limited preparation).

This tournament will be scored and scheduled in accordance with the MISL Bylaws for two-prelim round competitions. Tournament details and the most current MISL Bylaws are available at <https://michiganspeech.wordpress.com>. If you have any questions or concerns about the tournament or planning for travel, please reach out at your convenience to Aimee Miller at [aimeemiller@ferris.edu](mailto:aimeemiller@ferris.edu) or 224-587-7194. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

**Aimee Miller**

*Tournament Host and Director*

**Ryan Rigda**

*Director of MISL Individual Events*

**Carole Bennett**

*Executive Director of MISL*

**Tournament Schedule**

**2024 MISL Fall Invitational**

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| Saturday, December 7th, 2023 | |
| **9:00am** | Registration (Starr Building) |
| **10:00am** | Extemp Prep |
| **10:15am** | Round 1 Flight A (Extemporaneous, Prose, Informative, Poetry, Rhetorical Criticism, Impromptu Sales Speaking) |
| **11:15am** | Extemp Prep |
| **11:30am** | Round 2 Flight A |
| **12:30pm** | Lunch – **MISL Business Meeting** |
| **1:30pm** | Round 1 Flight B (Impromptu, Persuasion, After-Dinner Speaking, POI, Duo, and Dramatic Interp, Interviewing) |
| **2:45pm** | Round 2 Flight B |
| **3:45pm** | Extemp Prep Finals |
| **4:00pm** | Finals Flight A |
| **5:15pm** | Finals Flight B |
| **Awards** | ASAP |

**Entries**

An individual student may compete in no more than three (3) events per grouping. Entry deadline is **Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024 by 5:00 pm**. Please register your students at the Fall MISL page on Speechwire.com.

**Judges**

Schools which enter at least 25 contestants shall be required to cover seventy-five percent (75%) of their entry with “clean” judges. One judge will cover six IE entries. If your school needs to hire a clean judge at $20 per round in order to meet MISL bylaws, please e-mail Aimee Miller (aimeemiller@ferris.edu) as soon as possible.  We will put you in contact with some folks you can hire and pay directly if necessary.

**Fees**

$10.00 for each I.E. slot

$20.00 for each uncovered I.E. slot

$20.00 per drop prior to registration/$20.00 per dropped judge

$25.00 per drop at registration (slots and judges)

$30.00 for M.I.S.L. school fees (annual dues)

**Awards**

Prelims:           Finals:

1st place:          3 pts                12 pts

2nd place:         2 pts                10 pts

3rd place:         1 pt                  8 pts

4th place:         0                      7 pts

5th place:         0                      5 pts

6th place:         0                      3 pts

7th place:         0                      2 pts

Awards will be presented to:

a.     The top six (6) speakers in each IE event.

b.     The top novice in each event

c.     The top community college competitor in each event.

d.     The top three (3) schools in sweepstakes.

e.     The community college finishing highest in sweepstakes.

f.      The top three contestants in quadrathon will receive awards.  To qualify a student must be entered in at least four events, one of each genre (oral interpretation, limited preparation, and public address). *Impromptu Sales Speaking and Interviewing do not count for Quadrathon or for Team Sweepstakes.* If the student is entered in more than four events, only the top score in each genre and the student’s next top scoring event will be used in determining results. Tabulation of points will be identical to the tabulation of team sweepstakes, with preliminary points halved and added to final round total.  A **quadrathon entry will count as a slot in calculation of fees**.

**Trophies**

Our Speech and Debate Team is pairing with the College of Design and Manufacturing’s Plastic Engineering Department to design, produce, and distribute unique trophies. This project is taking place in Ferris’s “Maker Space,” which is a collaborative space intended to give students the opportunity for hands-on experimentation and prototyping. For this Fall MISL, we are producing laser-cut trophies. Students are on team are taking an active role in designing and producing these trophies (and, I assure you, having fun playing with the lasers).

**Impromptu Sales Speaking**

Students will receive a random object in a bag. They then have a total of seven minutes to prepare and perform a sales speech designed to sell that object. Preparation and delivery is divided at the student’s discretion. The judge should provide verbal and visual time signals. Students are encouraged to be creative and flexible! They are welcome to provide a humorous, serious, or satiric sales pitch. Judges should focus on organization, uses of the object, creativity, and general delivery skills. Ask yourself: did the student successfully sell this object?

**Interviewing**

Rounds will consist of an interview lasting no longer than 10 minutes, conducted by a judge utilizing the same question-set for each competitor. Each round will have a separate set of interview questions. Judges should focus on specificity of answers and how well a student sells themselves. Ask yourself: who would have gotten the job?

**Hotels**

*Holiday Inn Express Big Rapids*

Amenities: Free breakfast, free parking, indoor pool, etc.

Distance from Starr Building: 0.9 miles (2 minute drive)

Phone number: 231-796-4400

*Hampton Inn Big Rapids*

Amenities: Free breakfast, free parking, indoor pool, etc.

Distance from Starr Building: 2.0 miles (5 minute drive)

Phone number: 231-527-7333

*Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Big Rapids*

Amenities: Free breakfast, free parking, indoor pool, etc.

Distance from Starr Building: 2.0 miles (5 minute drive)

Phone number: 231-598-8898

*Super 8 by Wyndham Big Rapids*

Amenities: Free breakfast, free parking, etc.

Distance from Starr Building: 0.8 miles (2 minute drive)

Phone number: 231-796-1588

*Quality Inn & Suites*

Amenities: Free breakfast, free parking, etc.

Distance from Starr Building: 0.9 miles (2 minute drive)

Phone number: 231-598-4075

…and more! When booking, please tell the reservation agent that you are traveling for a Ferris State event. (I have been informed that most hotels in the area will give a lower rate – I’m happy to provide proof, if they need it!).

**Parking**

All teams are welcome to park in Lots 1A, 3F, or 3E. I recommend 1A as it is the closest with the easiest access (though all are nearby). Please note that these are not labelled as guest lots, but that Public Safety has given us permission to use these lots on Saturday. They will not be issuing tickets.

**Internet Access**

Ferris State has made connecting to their WiFi network easier for guests this year. We have a network named “Bulldogs\_Guest.” This is a free network that is intended for campus guest users but does require a password. The password is: Bulldogs\_Guest