



Greetings 3A Coaches,

Your school is cordially invited to attend the 2024/2025 CHSAA 3A State Tournament!!!

The CHSAA 3A State Tournament will be held at Niwot High School in Boulder CO. The dates of the two-day, in-person meet are Friday, January 31st, and Saturday, February 1st.

Please register your school on Speechwire as soon as possible. You can add/change competitor names through Monday, January 27th.

EVENTS OFFERED

As it states in the CHSAA Handbook, schools may enter a maximum of four students or four teams per event (including Congress).

A WAVE- Congress, Combined Extemp, CST, Value Debate, OO, Drama, Humor, Poetry

B WAVE- PF, LD, Impromptu, Duo, POI, Informative Speaking

DOUBLE ENTRY OPTIONS

Double entry restrictions indicate that students may enter a maximum of two events – one Wave A event and one Wave B event. Students in Extemporaneous Speaking, One-on-One Value Debate, Public Forum Debate and Lincoln Douglas Debate may double enter, but may not double enter in another debate event or Extemporaneous Speaking (i.e. a student could enter Drama and PF, but could not enter Extemp and PF). Students in Congressional Debate may double-enter in any wave B event, including PF and LD.

SWEEPSTAKES

The CHSAA 3A State Tournament will include sweepstakes awards for Speech, Debate, and Overall. CHSAA will award State trophies to the first and second-place schools. Additionally, CHSAA will award eight 'Schools of Excellence' certificates in Speech and in Debate. CHSAA will award students points for 1st-6th place. Additionally, all students who break to semis/out rounds will earn sweepstakes points for their teams.

REGISTRATION

CHSAA 3A States will be using Speechwire for registration. The link is activated and ready for you to register your competitors. Please note that all competitors, coaches, and judges will need an active Speechwire account. If you are not familiar with Speechwire, this link will walk you through setting up student accounts and judge accounts:

<https://www.speechwire.com/p-video-resources.php>.

FEES

The cost to compete at the CHSAA 3A State meet is \$20 per competitor per event. Fees for the tournament will be assessed based on your school's final registration numbers as of 11:59 p.m. on January 30th. Checks can be made payable to CHSAA.

DATES and DEADLINES

- Monday, January 20th - **EXTENDED!!** Last day to submit Congressional Debate Legislation

[\(CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT LEGISLATION\)](#)

- Tuesday, January 21st - Congress Docket will be released
- Tuesday, January 21st - Team entries for all events due in Speechwire. This provides the meet directors with basic information about numbers per event.
- Tuesday, January 21st - National and International Topics Released
- Monday, January 27th - Last day to enter/change competitor names on Speechwire. Please double-check the spelling of student names as this information will be used to generate the CHSAA 3A State Tournament program. For changes to your school's registration after this date, please contact Greg Hansen, Diane Wagener, or Marisa Tenorio at CHSAA. After locking Speechwire on Monday, January 27th, name changes will still be accepted and drops will still be accepted (though a drop fee will be assessed) by contacting Greg, Diane, or Marisa.
- Friday, January 31 - Oratory/Informative Cover Sheets are due. Please use the templates provided in the downloads tab.
- Friday, January 31 at the tournament 1st round draw - last day for Extemp competitors to choose to compete at State using National or International topics.

SCHEDULE

A copy of the tentative schedule for the tournament is on Speechwire's 'Tournament Schedule' tab. Please note that we will run rounds early if possible. An updated schedule will be posted following the entry deadline.

IMPORTANT NOTE: As noted in the survey sent to you in early December, this year we are running the first session of Congress starting at 12 Noon. For schools with competitors in Congress, you will need to get them to The Dawson School for registration at 12 noon on Friday and you need to have a coach or chaperone on site with your competitors for this session that is scheduled to end at 3pm. Competitors will then re-locate to Niwot High School for the next session. Should you have any questions or concerns about this for your team, please contact Greg or Diane.

For teams WITHOUT Congressional contestants, registration starts at 3:30 PM at Niwot High School. Round 1 will begin at 4:00. Saturday morning draws for Value Debate and Extemp will start at 8:00 AM. Competitors arriving after that time will not be given any extension to their prep time.

DEBATE TOPICS

CHSAA 3A States will use the January/February NSDA topic for Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Resolved: The United States ought to become a party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and/or the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

CHSAA 3A States will be using the February NSDA topic for Public Forum Debate.

Resolved: The United States should accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

JUDGES

Teams will be expected to bring judges to this meet! All coaches must communicate their school's judge's email addresses to CHSAA no later than January 30th. The Arbiter system will be used for payment and for background-checking judges for the CHSAA State Tournaments. Once approved, Arbiter certification lasts for 55 years.

Each school should bring one judge for every five event entries and every two debate entries. Additional judges are always appreciated and help the tournament to run on time. Coaches and assistant coaches are expected to be available for the duration of the tournament and may be asked to judge if needed. You can sign up all of your judges on your Speechwire registration. If you are struggling to find judges to cover your team's entries or have questions about judge training, please contact Greg or Diane. Judges will be paid \$15 per round.

- Please encourage your judges to complete the judge certification test: [CLICK HERE](#) to access the test (link is also available on the CHSAA website).

We hope to see you at Niwot at the 3A State Tournament! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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