

Troy Debate Round Robin

October 11, 2025

Dear Coaches,

The Troy Buchanan chapter of the National Speech & Debate Association is pleased to invite your team to the Troy Debate Round Robin happening at Troy Buchanan High School on Saturday, October 11! Please read this full invitation carefully to ensure your students are well prepared for this experience. All teams are welcome to enter up to **THREE** in each 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.

Also, please note the judging obligations for each school. Please fill out our [ONLINE JUDGING FORM](#) for ANY of your school judges, including student and coach judges. *Please remember that students must be in their second year of competition with at least 150 NSDA points to judge.*

Please register through Speechwire by **Wednesday, October 1, at 4 p.m.** *No additional entries will be accepted after this time.* Drops can be made without penalty by **Wednesday, October 8, at 4 p.m.**

We hope to see you there!

Your hosts,

The Troy Buchanan Speech and Debate Team

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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. Charge is \$8/entry.*

Open Public Forum
Open Lincoln Douglas
Open Policy

JV Public Forum
JV Lincoln Douglas
JV Policy

Novice Public Forum
Novice Lincoln Douglas
Novice Policy

Divisions

- Novice - First-year competitors.
- JV - First or second-year competitors (novice or post-novice). No third or fourth-year competitors are allowed.
- Varsity - All other competitors.

Schedule

ALL should arrive 15 minutes before start time so we can check rooms

Saturday, October 11

Check-in: 7:15 - 7:45
8 a.m.: Debate Round One
10 a.m.: Debate Round Two
12 p.m.: Debate Round Three
2 p.m.: Debate Round Four
4 p.m.: Debate Round Five
6 p.m.: Awards Ceremony

Deadlines

Initial Entries	Finalized Entries
Due in Speechwire by Wednesday, Oct. 1 @ 4 p.m. <i>No schools may enter after this time. Entries may not be added after this time.</i>	Changes due by Wednesday, Oct. 8 @ 4 p.m. <i>Any drops after this time cannot be filled and will be charged an entry fee.</i>

Judge Submissions
Judges must be entered on our JUDGE FORM by Monday, October 6 at 4 p.m.

Judging Requirements and Expectations

Schools will be obligated to provide rounds for judging based on entry totals. Each school is required to bring **1 judge for every 4 entries or fraction thereof in PF and LD and 1 judge for every 2 entries in policy.**

Eligible judges include:

- Coaches should mark as much availability as possible. Your MSHSAA-required supervisory coach will be considered on STANDBY for ALL rounds. This person must register as a judge.
- Current varsity students who have earned 150 or more NSDA points can judge novices.

All judges should sign up on our [JUDGE FORM](#).

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 appearance, clothing/attire, etc.

How to Register

1. Coaches will need to login 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.
3. You will NOT input judges into Speechwire. Please sign up on our [JUDGE FORM](#). 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 school space.
- All students and judges are expected to arrive in their rooms 15 minutes prior to the start of the round.
- Debaters may not enter more than one debate event: Policy, Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum.
- 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).
- The use of the internet during rounds WILL be permitted. Please review the [MSHSAA rules](#) 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.
- Per [MSHSAA guidelines](#), prep time in debate is as follows:
 - Policy: 8 minutes per side
 - Lincoln Douglas: 4 minutes per side
 - Public Forum: 3 minutes per side
- We will recognize the top SIX debaters in each division and use the following to determine these:
 - Win-loss record
 - Head-to-head Record
 - Wins of opponents lost to
 - Opponents' wins
 - Opponents' opponents' wins
 - Speaker ranks/points

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.
- Per [MSHSAA guidelines](#), 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 significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic. 8 minutes of preparation time will be allowed per team. No mavericks. Novices cannot use Kritiks. Novices must use a case from the following [novice case areas](#): Early Warning Awareness, Research Cooperation, Renewable Energy Infrastructure, Oil and Gas Drilling.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate—(6-3-7-3-4-6-3 time limits): Individuals will debate the

September/October NSDA/MSHSAA topic: **Resolved: In the United States criminal justice system, plea bargaining is just.** 4 minutes of preparation time will be allowed per speaker. Per MSHSAA rules, we will NOT be using the Novice LD topic. All students should prepare the Sept/Oct topic.

Public Forum Debate —(4-3-4-3-3-2 time limits) Two-person teams will debate the

September/October NSDA/MSHSAA topic: **Resolved: The United Kingdom should rejoin the European Union.** 3 minutes of preparation time will be allowed per team. Teams will flip each round. 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.