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# Lee's Summit West Debate and Forensics

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Dear Coach:

The Lee's Summit West Debate and Forensics Squad would like to cordially invite you and your squad to attend the

## Lee's Summit West High School Varsity Debate and Forensics Tournament.

The tournament will be held on November 7-8, 2025. Novice competition will be at Lee's Summit North HS. **Please note: there IS NOT a combined awards assembly this year.**

Lee's Summit West will host the following Varsity events: Open Policy, Champ and Reg Lincoln-Douglas, Champ and Reg Public Forum Debate; Student Congress; International and United States Extemporaneous Speaking; Oratory; Informative Speaking, POI, Humorous, Dramatic and Duo Interpretation.

The deadline for receiving entries will be October 31, 2025 on **Speechwire.com**. Extra entries will be awarded as available and at the discretion of the host school.  
**Entry fees will be 8.00/entry.**

For an invitation to the Novice tournament, please contact Ben Jewell at Lee's Summit North HS at [ben.jewell@lsr7.net](mailto:ben.jewell@lsr7.net).

Please note that due to MSHSAA regulations, laptops or tablets will be allowed in all divisions of debate, extemp, Congressional Debate and poetry/prose. LSW does not guarantee power sources. Students using laptops in classrooms may not unplug any electronic device. Extension cords may not be used in the cafeteria or any other common area due to safety restrictions.

Sincerely,

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## **Schedule**

### **Friday, November 7th**

|      |                         |
|------|-------------------------|
| 2:40 | Registration            |
| 3:00 | Extemp draw I           |
| 3:30 | I.E.'s I / Congress I   |
| 4:30 | Extemp draw II          |
| 5:00 | I.E.'s II / Congress II |
| 6:30 | Debate I                |
| 8:00 | Debate II               |

### **Saturday, November 8th**

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|-------|--------------------------|
| 7:30  | Extemp Draw              |
| 8:00  | IE Semifinals            |
| 9:30  | Debate III               |
| 11:00 | Debate IV                |
| 12:30 | Extemp Draw              |
| 1:00  | IE Finals/Congress Super |
| 2:30  | Debate Quarterfinals     |
| 4:15  | Awards Assembly          |
| 4:45  | Debate Semifinals        |
| 6:15  | Debate Finals            |

## **Tournament Rules**

1. **Do not arrive before 2:40 pm on Friday.** This will allow the parking lots to clear.
2. **Entry fees will be 8.00/entry.**
3. Schools will be financially responsible for their entries after confirmation.
4. Each school must have an adult sponsor available for supervision and judging assignments each day of the tournament for each building at which the school is represented.
5. Schools who request and receive extra entries may be asked to provide extra judges.
6. Once an entry is canceled by a school and assigned to another school, the original school has lost its claim to the entry and it will not be returned.
7. A student may enter one debate and two individual events. Double entries in debate and/or triple entries in individual events will be disqualified in all events.
8. No “maverick” debaters or three person teams will be allowed in any division of team debate.
9. Criteria for advancing and placing in Student Congress will be as follows:  
*Advancing to Super Session:*
  1. Cume of judge and parliamentarian ranks in sessions one and two
  2. Recips for ranks of judge and parliamentarian in session one and two
  3. Average points*Placing in Super Session:*
  1. Cume of Super Session judges and parliamentarian ranks
  2. Recips for Super Session ranks of judges and parliamentarian
  3. Average points
10. Awards will be given to the finalists in I.E.’s and to quarterfinalists in debate. The top three schools in the varsity division will be given a sweepstakes award .
11. Sweepstakes will be tabulated with the best two entries counting towards the award.
12. Tab will be open through the tournament as long as coaches/sponsors do not interfere with the process. Only coaches and sponsors will be allowed in the tab room to check results. All results will become permanent 10 minutes after the final tabulation is complete.
13. The cafeteria will serve as the student lounge. Students should not bring “boom boxes”, guitars, skateboards, hackysacks, etc. into school.
14. A coach’s/judge’s lounge will be provided at each school.
15. Campus regulations prohibit smoking inside and outside on school grounds.
16. MSHSAA rules of conduct will be enforced.

## **Events**

**EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING:** Topics will be taken from current events. Contestants will draw three topics, select one and have thirty minutes to prepare a speech. Maximum of 7 minutes. **Oratory & Informative:** The speech must be the original work of the contestant. Not more than 150 words may be a direct quotation. The presentation must be memorized. Time limit: 10 minutes, maximum. For Informative: Audio/visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. During the presentation, no electronic equipment is permitted. The use of live animals or any additional people as visual aids is not allowed during the speech. Items of dress put on

and removed during the course of the presentation are considered costumes and may not be part of the contestant's presentation.

**STUDENT CONGRESS:** Number of entries will determine the number of houses. The October NSDA legislation packet will be debated. P.O.'s will be elected. Inappropriate decorum will not be tolerated. We will use the October NSDA Legislation Packet (attached).

**PROGRAM OF ORAL INTERPRETATION** - Sections must be taken from 2-3 genres and from published literature (i.e., prose, poetry, drama, plays, novels, short stories, etc.). NSDA guidelines apply. Selections should possess literary merit and must be appropriate for a high school performance. The performances should include an introduction and must be memorized. All components must be verbally identified by title and author. Binders or folders must be used. Time: 10 min. (30 second grace period)

**Interpretation (Humorous, Dramatic, Duo - NSDA rules apply):** Selections may be taken from any published novel, play or short story. Selections must possess literary merit. An adequate introduction should be provided. Off-stage focus for Duo. No properties may be used. Selections must be memorized except for POI. Time limit: 10 minutes, maximum.

**LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE:** The topic will be the NSDA November/December topic concerning rewilding tracts of land. The format will follow the traditional 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 time limits. Prep time will be 4 minutes per debater. A debater more than 10 minutes late to a round through no fault of the tournament will forfeit.

**POLICY DEBATE:** The topic will be the '25-'26 topic concerning the Arctic. The format will follow the 8-3-5 time limits. Prep time will be 8 minutes per team. A team more than 10 minutes late to a round through no fault of the tournament will forfeit.

**PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE:** The topic will be the NSDA November/December topic concerning the provision of lawful access to encrypted technology. The format will follow the 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2-2 time limits. Prep time will be 4 minutes per team. A team more than 10 minutes late to a round through no fault of the tournament will forfeit.

# **ENTRY FORM-LEE'S SUMMIT WEST Varsity DIVISION**

Enter on Speechwire!