

Rock Bridge Invitational Speech and Debate February 8 - 9, 2019

Dear Speech and Debate Coaches and Squads:

On behalf of the RBHS Speech and Debate Team, we cordially invite you to attend the Rock Bridge Invitational, which will be held at Rock Bridge High School in Columbia, MO on February 8-9.

The tournament will include full speech and debate tournaments and will feature some of the best competition from the region. Please note the following guidelines for the tournament.

- The tournament offers the following individual events: International Extemporaneous Speaking, United States Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duet Acting, Program Oral Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Prose, Poetry, Radio Speaking, Storytelling.
- The tournament offers the following debate events: Policy, Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum.
- All events are open; **there will not be varsity/novice division** in any event.
- Students may enter, **at most**, two speech events and one debate event. Competitors found to have violated this rule are subject to disqualification from the tournament.
- We ask that each school bring **one qualified, adult judge** to each day of the tournament in which their school is competing. A coach/assistant coach could fill this role. We will attempt to fill spots with community members before asking for judges from schools.
- The tournament will follow **MSHSAA guidelines** for all speech and debate events, and will follow NSDA guidelines for Program Oral Interpretation and Informative Speaking.
- We will use the MSHSAA resolutions for January/February in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and February in Public Forum Debate. We will use the 2018-2019 NSDA resolution in Policy Debate: *The United States federal government should substantially reduce its restrictions on legal immigration to the United States.*
- Each school is allowed **3 entries in each event**. Extra entries will be granted as space allows.
- **Schools may not use the same individual event/speech piece in more than one event.** Competitors found to have violated this rule are subject to disqualification from the tournament.
- **We reserve the right to collapse events and modify tournament structure as necessary.** For example, we may opt for a third preliminary round in speech events in lieu of a semifinal round due to event size. We will notify coaches of all such changes.

The entry deadline is Friday, February 1st at 4:30 p.m. Drops can be made without penalty until Tuesday, February 5th at 4:30 pm. **Please submit all entries via Speechwire.**

Please reach out to Ben Niewoehner (bniewoehner@cpsk12.org) if you have any questions or would like more information.

We look forward to seeing you in Columbia!

Ben Niewoehner
RBHS Speech and Debate Coach

Matt Johnson
Assistant Coach

Megan Pullen & Kiren MacLeod
Tournament Co-Chairs

Tournament Schedule

Busing and Student Drop Off

Rock Bridge does not release for the school day until 4:05 p.m. Therefore, **please pay close attention to the following requests:**

- **For schools arriving as early as 3:30 p.m.** students may be dropped-off at the South Entrance of the building (the lower entrance to the building that is by the entrance to the football field). We ask that all coaches and competitors gather in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) Lobby until we can gather in the cafeteria after the school day ends. Buses will need to find a place to wait until 4:30 and then may park in the South Lot where students were dropped off. (The medical center across the street has a large parking lot. Additionally, there is street parking on the other side of Southampton if buses want to find one of those places to wait until they can return.)
- **For schools arriving between 3:45 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.** we ask that you wait off campus until 4:15 p.m. before heading to the high school to drop off students. This will give RBHS buses time to leave the premises. Please still use the South Entrance for student drop-off, and proceed to the cafeteria to find a place to settle. Buses may use available space in the South Lot to park, or return to park once more students leave the premises.

Registration will be held outside the Performing Arts Center (PAC) Lobby

Friday, February 8

3:30p - 4:45p	Registration
4:45p - 6:15p	Debate Round 1
6:30p - 8:00p	Debate Round 2
8:15p - 9:45p	Debate Round 3

Saturday, February 9

7:45a - 9:15a	Debate Round 4 & Registration (for Schools in only IEs)
9:15a - 9:45a	Extemp Draw (Round 1)
9:45a - 10:45a	Events Round 1
11:00a - 11:30a	Extemp Draw (Round 2)
11:30a - 12:30p	Events Round 2
12:45p - 2:15p	Debate Quarterfinals
2:30p - 3:00p	Extemp Draw (Finals)
3:00p - 4:00p	IE Finals
4:30p - 5:15p	Awards Assembly
~5:30p - 7:00p	Debate Semifinals
~7:00p - 8:30p	Debate Finals

Semifinals and finals for Debate will begin immediately following Awards.

Sweepstakes

Sweepstakes points will be awarded as follows:

Events:
Semifinals Break: 5 points
Finals Break: 10 points
3rd Place: 5 points
2nd Place: 10 points
1st Place: 15 points

Debate:
Preliminary Win: 5 points
Semifinals Break: 10 points

Awards

Please note the following guidelines for elimination rounds and awards for this tournament.

- The top six entries in each speech event will advance to finals
- The top eight entries in each debate event will advance to quarterfinals
- We will award trophies for 1st-3rd place, and medals for 4th-6th place in events
- We will award trophies to semifinalists and finalists, and medals to quarterfinalists in debate events
- We will award a trophy to the top school in sweepstakes, and will award plaques for 2nd and 3rd place

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School: _____

Coach(es): _____

Coach(es) email: _____

Coach(es) cell: _____

Individual Events

Prose Reading	# of entries _____
Poetry Reading	# of entries _____
Dramatic Interpretation	# of entries _____
Humorous Interpretation	# of entries _____
Duet Acting	# of entries _____
Storytelling	# of entries _____
Original Oratory	# of entries _____
Extemporaneous Speaking	# of entries _____
Radio Speaking	# of entries _____
Program Oral Interpretation	# of entries _____
Informative Speaking	# of entries _____

Debate Events

Lincoln Douglas	# of entries _____
Public Forum	# of entries _____
Policy	# of entries _____

TOTAL NUMBER Single Competitor ENTRIES _____ X \$7.00 PER ENTRY = \$ _____

TOTAL NUMBER Team Competitor ENTRIES _____ X \$12.00 PER ENTRY = \$ _____
(Duet, Policy, Public Forum)

TOTAL = \$ _____

REMINDER: We are using Speechwire for this tournament. Please submit your entries via Speechwire. You may, however, want to use this form for your own record-keeping purposes.

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