Dear Coach and Team:

The William Chrisman chapter of the National Speech & Debate Association cordially invites you and your team to attend our tournament on Dec 1-2, 2023.

Entries for the Varsity tournament should be entered online at <https://www.speechwire.com/> by registering with the tournament:

Independence Winter Classic - William Chrisman HS.

Varsity competition will be at Wm. Chrisman High School. Events at the Varsity tournament will include: Policy Debate, Champ Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Reg Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Champ Public Forum Debate, Reg Public Forum Debate, International and United States Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Informative Speaking, Humorous and Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Program Oral Interp and Student Congress.

**Policy Debate topic:** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase fiscal redistribution in the United States by adopting a federal jobs guarantee, expanding Social Security, and/or providing a basic income.

**Lincoln-Douglas topic (NSDA Nov/Dec):** Resolved: The United States ought to prohibit the extraction of fossil fuels from federal public lands and waters.

**Public Forum (NSDA Nov/Dec):** Resolved: The United States federal government should forgive all federal student loan debt.

**The deadline is Monday, November 20, 2023.**

Entry fees will be $8.00/entry.

I will guarantee three entries per event per school, then lift the remaining off the waitlist as space allows. Before 2pm, Tuesday, November 21, I will email when all waitlisting decisions have been made. You’ll be able to view that on Speechwire.

Independence Schools will be out of session November 22-27 (Wednesday through Friday). Shelia Holt may be contacted by email or cell during that time.

Sincerely,

Shelia Holt & the William Chrisman speech and debate team

Wm. Chrisman Speech and Debate Coach

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Please note the spelling of my first name to ensure email delivery: Shelia\_holt@isdschools.org

**Friday, December 1**

1:30pm - 2:55 pm Registration in the small gym (north lot)

*Traveling north on Noland, pass by the front of the building. Turn east (right) onto Nickell Ave. Turn into the first right turn. Follow directions from humans from there. Your students will enter into the back of our building. They will be held in the Small Gym and surrounding hallways until 2:55. At that point, you’ll be released to your assigned place (to be sent out after confirmations).*

[Drop off Directions with pictures](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DjJ7wbWyvHXw0s41Anwb9SK8gnz1gicMDBbm6MLa2xY/edit?usp=sharing).

3:00 Extemp draw Rd. I (auditorium)

3:30 Rd. I Individual Events / Congress (3:30–4:45)

4:30 Draw for Extemp Rd. II

5:00 Rd. II Individual Events / Congress (5:00-6:15)

6:30 Rd. I Debate

8:00 Rd. II Debate

**Saturday, December 2**

7:30am Draw for Extemp Semifinals

7:45am Congress Super Session (7:45 – 9:15)

8:00 Semifinals Individual Events

9:30 Rd. III Debate

11:00 Rd. IV Debate

12:30pm Draw for Extemp Finals

1:00 Finals of Individual Events

2:30 Quarterfinals of Debate

4:00 Awards Assembly

4:30 Semifinals of Debate

6:00 Finals of Debate

# General Rules

1. A student may enter two individual events and one debate event.
2. Varsity is defined as a student in his/her first year of high school competition.
3. Debaters may not enter more than one debate event: Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, & Public Forum debate.
4. Students may enter only one division of extemp.
5. Each school is asked to provide at least one timekeeper if possible.
6. A coach or qualified sponsor must be on site at all times.

# Individual Events Rules – All MSHSAA rules regarding electronics use apply.

1. U.S. and International Extemporaneous Speaking: Topics will be based on current events. Consultation during prep time is prohibited. Time limit: 7 minutes.
2. Original Oratory: The speech must be the original work of the student and may contain no more than 150 words of direct quotation. Time limit: 10 minutes.
3. Informative Speaking: The speech must be the original work of the student. Time limit: 10 minutes.
4. Humorous, Dramatic & Duo Interpretation: A competitor may not use the same script in more than one event. Time limit: 10 minutes.

# Student Congress

1. Session 1: 3:30 - 4:45. Session 2: 5:00 - 6:15. Super Session: 7:45am – 9:15am.
2. A permanent presiding officer will be elected.
3. This year’s NSDA November legislation will be used. The docket will be set as follows:
   1. Session 1: 1, 2, 3
   2. Session 2: 4, 5, 6
   3. Super Session: 7, 8 , 9, 10
4. **Advancing to Supersession** will be determined by: ranks, reciprocals, total points.
5. **Finalists** will be determined by SS ranks, reciprocals, SS points, prelim ranks, prelim reciprocals, prelim points.

# Cross-Examination Debate Rules - All MSHSAA rules regarding electronics use apply.

1. Time limits will be 8-3-5. Prep time: 8 minutes.
2. The national topic will be debated.
3. Teams must remain constant in personnel throughout the tournament.
4. Being more than 10 minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, may result in a forfeit.
5. In case of forfeit or bye, the winning team will receive speaker rankings that are the average of the other rounds of debate.
6. The following criteria will be used to determine quarterfinals:
   1. Win/Loss record
   2. Speaker ranks
   3. Record of opponent(s) lost to.
   4. Total opposition record
   5. Oppositions’ opposition record

# Lincoln-Douglas Debate Rules - All MSHSAA rules regarding electronics use apply.

1. **The topic will be the NSDA November/December**
2. Time limits will be 6-3-7-3-4-6-3. Prep time: 4 minutes.
3. Quarterfinalists will be determined by:
   1. Win/Loss record
   2. Record of opponent lost to.
   3. Total opposition record.
   4. Oppositions’ opposition record.

# Public Forum Debate Rules - All MSHSAA rules regarding electronics use apply.

**1. The topic will be the December NSDA Topic.**

2. Time limits will be 4-3-2-2. Prep time: 3 minutes.

3. Quarterfinalists will be determined by:

* 1. Win/Loss record
  2. Speaker Ranks
  3. Record of opponent lost to.
  4. Total opposition record.
  5. Oppositions’ opposition record.

4. In case of forfeit or bye, the winning team will receive speaker rankings that are the average of the other rounds of debate.

# Sweepstakes Rules

Best two entries count for sweepstakes.

**Individual Events:** Semifinals 5 pts

Finals 10 pts

Third Place 5pts

Second Place 10 pts

First Place 15 pts

**Debate:**  Win: 5 pts

Quarterfinals 15 pts

**Congress:**  Super Session 10 pts

## Trophy points are the same as IE’s

**MSHSSA ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY**

1. Internet connectivity may be allowed at a tournament’s discretion so long as the tournament reasonably attempts to provide access to all competitors. Use of the internet at a tournament should be placed in the invitation. The internet should not be used to communicate with people outside the room of competition.

2. Contestants may use electronic devices (including laptop computers, tablets, and/or cell phones) to access the internet during debate rounds with the following conditions:

a. Computers or other electronic devices may not be used to receive information for competitive advantage from noncompetitors (coaches, assistant coaches, directors, other students) inside or outside of the room in which the competition occurs. Information that would be restricted would include, but not be limited to, coach/director/nonparticipating competitor general arguments, advice on arguments to run, questions to ask during cross examination, and other information not generated by the participating competitors.

b. Internet access may be used to retrieve files, exchange evidence and/or arguments, research arguments, and partner to partner communication. These electronic device guidelines do not limit communication between debate partners during the debate round.

3. Should a tournament choose not to allow internet usage:

a. The manager should inform each participating school.

b. Cell phones and other electronic communication devices may not be turned on while in the preparation rooms, the competition rooms, or in the awards ceremony. EXCEPTION: Cell phones can be turned on in competition rooms to be used as timing devices, but they cannot be used for any other function during rounds of competition.

c. Non-internet connected laptops, E-reader’s and tablets are permitted in U.S. D and International Extemporaneous Speaking events.

4. Tablets and E-reader’s, without sound or video capabilities, are permitted in Prose Reading and Poetry Reading events.

5. The uses of electronic devices, including cell phones without sound capabilities, are permitted in Radio Speaking.

**VIOLATIONS**

A violation of any rule/regulation for an event will result in disqualification from the event. Any official protest of a disqualification shall be directed to and ruled upon by the tournament grievance committee who has the authority to overturn a disqualification.