

Francis Howell “Howl” Round Robins

27–28 October, 2023

Dear Coaches,

The Francis Howell High School, Francis Howell North, and Francis Howell Central chapters of the National Speech & Debate Association are pleased to invite your team to the Francis Howell (“Howl”) Round Robins happening at Francis Howell North High School on Friday, October 27, and Francis Howell High School on Saturday, October 28! Friday will be speech only at Francis Howell North, and Saturday will be debate only at Francis Howell High School. 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 **Friday, October 20, at 4 p.m.** *No additional entries will be accepted after this time.* Drops can be made without penalty by **Wednesday, October 25, at 4 p.m.**

We hope to see you there!

Your hosts,

The Francis Howell High School, Francis Howell North, and Francis Howell Central Speech and Debate Teams

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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 \$7/entry in speech and \$8/entry in debate.

Events

Varsity United States Extemporaneous Speaking
Varsity International Extemporaneous Speaking
Varsity Original Oratory
Varsity Informative Speaking
Varsity Radio Speaking
Varsity Humorous Interpretation
Varsity Dramatic Interpretation
Varsity Duo Interpretation
Varsity Program Oral Interpretation
Varsity Storytelling

Novice Extemporaneous Speaking
Novice Original Oratory
Novice Informative Speaking
Novice Interpretation (combined DI & HI)
Novice Prose/Poetry Reading (students choose ONE)
Novice Radio Speaking

Debate

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 without NSDA membership (the equivalent of 25 points)
- 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

Friday, October 27 (Speech only at FHN)

Registration -	2:45 p.m.
Draw -	3:30 p.m.
Round 1 -	4:00 p.m.
Draw -	5:15 p.m.
Round 2 -	5:45 p.m.
Draw -	7:00 p.m.
Round 3 -	7:30 p.m.
Awards -	9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 28 (Debate only at FHHS)

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 Friday, Oct. 20 @ 4 p.m. <i>No schools may enter after this time. You can include waitlist entries taken on a first-come basis.</i>	Changes due by Wednesday, Oct. 25 @ 4 p.m. <i>Any drops after this time cannot be filled and will be charged an entry fee.</i>

Judge Submissions
All obligated judging assignments must be entered on THIS FORM by Monday, October 23 at 4 p.m. <i>Any obligation not met will result in the dropping of entries.</i>

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 8 speech entries or fraction thereof. For every 6 debate entries, schools will be obligated to provide 1 judge per round.

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, including coaches and current students, should sign up [HERE](#).

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 clothing/attire, if they are masked, 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.
 - d. Make sure that students can access their account BEFORE the tournament.
3. You will NOT input judges into Speechwire. Please sign up [HERE](#). 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.
- A student may enter up to two speech events.
- Extempers may not enter in more than one division: United States or International.
- Novice competitors must be in their first year of competition.
- Debaters may not enter more than one debate event: Policy, Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum.

- Except for a change necessitated by a double entry, contestants are expected to speak in the order assigned.
- In Extemp, speaking order will take precedence for those double-entered. Extemp speeches will be given FIRST.
- 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). **DOUBLE-ENTERED STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE BOTH PERFORMANCES IN THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR EACH ROUND.** Double-entered students are expected to inform their judges that they may be late prior to the start of the round.
- The use of the internet during rounds WILL be permitted. Please review the [MSHSAA rules](#) (p. 61) 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](#) (p. 62), prep time in debate is as follows:
 - Policy: 8 minutes per side
 - Lincoln Douglas: 4 minutes per side
 - Public Forum: 3 minutes per side
- On Friday, we will recognize the top SIX in each event, with final placings determined by the following:
 - Lowest total cumulative speaker ranks
 - Reciprocals from all rounds
 - Total speaker ranking from all rounds
- On Saturday, we will recognize the top SIX debaters 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

Community Health Considerations

- All attendees - coaches, competitors, and judges - should bring a mask. If there is a request by someone in a competition space for masking, we ask that everyone in the room adhere to this request.
- Any attendee can choose to mask however it will not be required. This includes during performances. No judge can rank someone down for use of a mask.
- We will allow spectators so long as the room stops being filled once all chairs are taken, all judges and competitors have chairs, and all requests for masking have been met.
- Please practice universal precautions such as hand washing and distancing when possible.
- Any refusal to adhere to guest requests or universal precautions will result in removal from the premise.

Event-Specific Rules

SPEECH RULES:

- We will default to [MSHSAA Rules](#) for all MSHSAA events. For instance, Radio Speaking WILL NOT include commercials. Non-MSHSAA events will use [NSDA rules](#).

Original Oratory—An original persuasive speech is written by the contestant, containing no more than 150 words of quoted material. Memorized delivery is required in the varsity division. Novices may use scripts but are encouraged not to and use of a script may affect scoring.. Time limit—10 minutes maximum, no minimum.

Informative Speaking— An original informative speech is written by the contestant. Memorized delivery is required in the varsity division. Novices may use scripts but are encouraged not to and use of a script may affect scoring.. The goal is to educate, not to advocate. Visual aids are allowed. Please read the [RULES](#) (p. 39) Time limit—10 minutes maximum, no minimum.

Extemporaneous Speaking—

- Contestants must report to draw 15 minutes before draw is scheduled to begin (if possible). Students will be shown three topics and will tell the draw chair what they select. They will have thirty minutes to prepare a speech. They must remain in the draw room for prep. They will be dismissed by draw staff.
- Novices may choose from United States or International topics.
- Speech time limit—7 minutes maximum, no minimum.

Radio Speaking - The contestant will present a five-minute radio news broadcast of international, national, and local news. The broadcast must include a sports update and a weather update. NO commercials are allowed. Time infractions will be weighted heavily.

Dramatic and Humorous Interpretation—Memorized selections from published material of literary merit are presented. Movement below the waist should be limited. Selections are to be properly introduced. Time limit—10 minutes maximum, no minimum.

Duo Interpretation—A memorized selection of any published source of literary merit is performed by two students. Performers may stand in any arrangement suitable. Offstage focus should be used. Time limit—10 minutes maximum, no minimum.

Prose/Poetry Reading—Selections taken from a published source of literary merit are read from a script or a tablet/e-reader. Both should be properly introduced. Prose selections may contain no more than 50% dialogue. Poetry can be a singular poem or come from multiple sources connected either by an author or theme. It must be written in verse. Competitors will choose ONLY ONE to perform but will compete in sections of students doing both. Time limit—8 minutes maximum, no minimum.

Program of Oral Interpretation (POI) – Students create a theme or argument through the use of

narrative, story, language, and/or characterization. They draw on selections from at least two of the following: prose, poetry, and/or drama. A manuscript must be used and the pieces must be properly introduced. **NSDA rules will be used** (p. 45). Time limit – 10 minutes

Storytelling - Contestants will prepare a story geared for an audience of five to ten year old children. Contestants will present their stories from a seated position. No notes may be used.
Time limit - 8 minutes maximum

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](#) (p. 20), 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 substantially increase fiscal redistribution in the United States by adopting a federal jobs guarantee, expanding Social Security, and/or providing a basic income.** 8 minutes of preparation time will be allowed per team. No mavericks. Novices cannot use Kritiks. They must use a case from the following [novice case areas](#): Universal Basic Income, Basic Income for Persons at or Near the Poverty Level, Green New Deal, and Medicare for All.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate—(6-3-7-3-4-6-3 time limits): Individuals will debate the September/October NSDA/MSHSAA topic: **Resolved: The United States ought to guarantee the right to housing.** 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 States federal government should substantially increase its military presence in the Arctic.** 3 minutes of preparation time will be allowed per team. Teams will flip each round even if they have met before. 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.

Awards and Sweepstakes

We will recognize the TOP SIX competitors in each event. We will recognize the top five teams for sweepstakes awards each day. Each school's BEST TWO ENTRIES in each event/division will be tabulated for sweepstakes awards.