



Platte County

HOME OF THE PIRATES

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Dear Coach and Team,

The Platte County High School Speech and Debate Team would like to invite you to the Platte County **Talking Pirate Varsity Tournament**. The tournament will be held **January 26-27, 2024**. Our Varsity tournament is also a National Individual Event Tournament of Champions (NIETOC) bid tournament. Depending on entry numbers, students advancing to qualifying rounds will earn one official bid for the 2024 NIETOC Championship to be held May 10-12, 2024, in Bellevue, NE.

We will host the following events:

- Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Public Forum Debate
- International Extemp
- Original Oratory
- Humorous Interpretation
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Program of Oral Inter
- United States Extemp
- Duo Interpretation
- Duet Acting
- Informative Speaking
- Storytelling
- Live Radio Speaking
- Student Congress (December docket)

During the Friday Debate rounds, we will also offer **Improv Duet Acting.

In an effort to provide maximum opportunities for competitors, we ask that each school provide at least one judge. We will always take more! Please enter all your judges in Speechwire or have your judges fill out the Talking Pirates Judge Form at www.tinyurl.com/TalkingPirateJudge2024.

Entry fees are \$8.00 per entry. **All entries are due by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, 2024, in Speechwire.** Teams will be responsible for any drops after Tuesday, January 23.

Each school shall be guaranteed up to two entries in each competitive event offered with the exception of Congress in which schools will be guaranteed three entries. Extra entries will be granted on a basis of space and judge availability beginning Wednesday, January 24.

Direct any questions to Trisch Vessar (816) 858-2822 (school), (816) 508-5408 (work cell), or vessarp@platteco.k12.mo.us.

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Oak Park will be the location of the Novice tournament during this weekend. Contact Shane Sandau for information. Email: shane.sandau@nkcschools.org

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COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES

- [MSHSAA Guidelines](#) Guidelines will be used except in case of [NSDA](#) only events (Congress and POI).
- A student may enter up to one debate event and two individual events. Students may NOT do Congress and another Individual Event. Please do not allow students to triple enter in any other combination than the example given.
- Trophies/Medals will be given to the top six entries in individual events and top eight in debate.
- A student may not use the same selection for more than one event.
- Internet access will be available for students in debate, extemp, and congress.
- **Each school must have an adult sponsor, able to judge, onsite at all times.**
- IE / Congress Tiebreakers: Overall Rankings, Reciprocals, Judge's Preference, Quality Points
- Overall Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top three schools in individual and debate events combined. Tie breakers will be based on Debate Quarter Final wins. Sweepstakes Points:

Individual Events

Qualify for Sems - 5pts.
Qualify for finals 10 pts.
Third place 15 pts.
Second place 20 pts.
First place 25 pts.

Debate Events

Prelim Win 5 pts.
Qualify for Quarter Finals 15 pts.

NIETOC BIDS

During the 2023-24 competitive season, bids are gained at the following levels:

- 0-19 contestants = FIRST PLACE BID
- 20-34 contestants = FIRST, SECOND & THIRD PLACE BIDS
- 35-50 contestants = FINAL ROUND BIDS
- 51-70 contestants = SEMIFINAL ROUND BIDS
- 71-99 contestants = QUARTERFINAL ROUND BIDS
- 100 + contestants = OCTAFINAL ROUND BIDS

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

- School is released at 2:40; however, due to traffic and multiple buildings on our campus, **please arrive between 2-2:30pm OR after 3:00pm. NOTE: Extemp Draw begins at 3pm.** If you can't plan to arrive before 3pm, please let me know and we will try to accommodate your first draw.
- DROP OFF:
 - Friday - At the main entrance off of Branch Street, by the flag poles.(This is regardless of time arriving as our bus loop is used by the elementary school after our dismissal.)
 - Buses that arrive before 2:30 will not be able to park in the school lot until after 2:50pm. Temporary parking can occur at Quik Trip or other area businesses off of Branch Street.
 - Saturday - Buses may drop off at the bus loop on west side of building and park in adjacent parking lot.
- Any changes will be communicated to coaches via Speechwire / email.



DEBATE EVENTS

LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE

1. The resolution will be the current January/February NSDA/MSHSAA approved topic.
2. Time limits for Lincoln Douglas debate will be: 6-3-7-3-4-6-3.
3. Each debater will be allowed a total of 4 minutes of prep time.
4. Ties will be broken by looking at win-loss, opposition loss, opposition record, and cumulative speaker points.
5. A debater more than ten minutes late to a round will forfeit, unless it is the fault of the tournament.
6. No Maverick teams will be allowed in any division of debate. Team personnel must remain constant throughout the tournament.
7. Debaters are allowed to use laptops in rounds but must follow MSHSAA guidelines.

PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE

1. The resolution will be the current January NSDA/MSHSAA approved topic.
2. Time limits for Public Forum debate will be: 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2-2.
3. Each team will be allowed a total of 3 minutes of prep time.
4. Sides will be determined by a coin flip at the start of each round.
5. Ties will be broken by looking at win-loss, opposition loss, opposition record, and cumulative ranks.
6. A team more than ten minutes late to a round will forfeit unless it is the fault of the tournament.
7. No Maverick teams will be allowed in any division of debate. Team personnel must remain constant throughout the tournament.
8. Debaters are allowed to use laptops in rounds but must follow MSHSAA guidelines.

Improv Duet Acting (Offered during Rounds 1 and 2 of Debate on Friday Night)

This is a two person improvisation. Contestants will draw three taglines and choose one to use at some point in their performance. Two minutes will be allowed for preparation; Performance maximum of 5 minutes. No props permitted other than a table and two chairs. All performances should have an



introduction. Improv Duet Acting will not count toward Sweepstakes points. Each team will be allotted one entry (may be able to allow from the waitlist based on number of entries).

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

HUMOROUS OR DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION – Selections must be taken from published literature (play, novel, short story). Selections should possess literary merit and be appropriate for a high school performance. The performance, including introduction, must be memorized. **Time: 10 min. (30 second grade period in finals)**

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)**

DUO INTERPRETATION – Selections must be taken from published works including novels, short stories, plays, or poetry. The performance, including introduction, must be memorized. **Time: 10 min. (30 second grade period in finals)**

INTERNATIONAL AND U.S. EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING - Drawing of current event topics will be conducted at eight minute intervals. A total of 30 minutes prep time will be allowed. No consultation with others is allowed during prep time. Students are not allowed to enter both extemps. **Time: 7 min. (No grace period)**

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING - Students deliver a self-written, ten-minute speech on a topic of their choosing. Not more than 150 words may be in the form of a direct quotation. Informative speakers may use visual aids that comply with the MSHSAA informative speaking rules. All topics must be informative in nature; the goal is to educate, not to advocate. The speech is delivered from memory.

Time: 10 min. (30 second grade period in finals)

ORIGINAL ORATORY – This persuasive speech must be the original work of the contestant. Not more than 150 words may be in the form of a direct quotation. The speech must be memorized. A student may not repeat an oratory he/she used in any previous year of competition.

Time: 10 min. (30 second grade period in finals)

LIVE RADIO SPEAKING - The student entering radio speaking shall prepare and present a script which contains news, weather, and sports. Copy used to prepare the script shall be **no more than twenty-four (24) hours old as of the tournament's first round**. No commercials may be used. Students will read from their script with their back to the judge.

Time: 5 minutes.



STORYTELLING – Selections must come from published material. The contestant shall narrate the story from memory in a combination of his/her own words and original essential phrases, and from a **seated position on a chair**. The memorized introduction may be given in a standing or seated position. MSHSAA rules will apply. **Time: 8 min. (30 second grade period in finals)**

STUDENT CONGRESS - Congress legislation will be the NSDA December 2023 Legislation Docket.

Round 1: Docket Items 2,5, 8

Round 2: Docket Items 1,7, 10

Supersession 1 (during semifinals): 3, 6

Supersession 2 (during Finals): 4, 9

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY JANUARY 26

- 2:45-3:15 Registration
- 3:00 Round 1 Extemp Draw
- 3:30 Round 1 Individual Events
- 4:30 Round 2 Extemp Draw
- 5:00 Round 2 Individual Events
- 6:30 Round 1 Debate / Improv Duet Acting
- 8:00 Round 2 Debate / Improv Duet Acting

SATURDAY JANUARY 27

- 8:00 Semifinals Extemp Draw
- 8:30 Semifinals of Individual Events
(*Super Session 1*)
- 10:00 Round 3 Debate
- 11:30 Round 4 Debate
- 1:00 Extemp Draw for Finals
- 1:30 Finals Individual Events
(*Session 2 Super Session*)
- 3:00 Quarter Finals Debate
- 4:30 (or ASAP) Awards in Auditorium



ASAP Debate Semi Finals

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