



The SMART Tournament

Dear colleagues,

You are cordially invited to the eighth annual SMART Academy Invitational at **Rocky Mountain Prep – SMART** on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023.

Events: HI, DI, Duo, POE, POI, USX, IX, OO, INF, LD, PF, CX, & Congress

Schedule: Debate events will have three prelims plus a final and will run throughout the day. Speech events will also have 3 prelims and finals, but will be split into 4 time slots, with roughly 7 events running in each time slot. Which events will run during which time slots will be announced as we get closer to the tournament and will be based on entry numbers. Our hope is that with this schedule, all events will have broke to finals by 3pm.

Doubling: Debaters may not double enter. Extempers who enter multiple events risk losing prep time. Beyond that, you know what your student can handle when registering them.

Internet: We will use eBallots so please have judges bring laptops or ipads. Students will also have access to the internet, Extempers and Debaters should come with their files downloaded in case of any technical difficulties.

Site: The tournament will be held at **Rocky Mountain Prep - SMART, 3201 W Arizona Ave, Denver, CO 80219**. **PLEASE DON'T JUST GOOGLE "Rocky Mountain Prep"!!!!**

Fees:

- CX, PF, Duo is \$20 per entry
- Speech events and LD is \$10 per entry
- Congress is \$8 per entry

Judging:

- 1 judge for every 3 debate entries
- 1 judge for every 6 speech entries

Open Tab: This year we are hoping to use the tournament as an opportunity to show other coaches how easy the tournament software is! In that effort, the tab room is open! No need to shyly poke your head in. Please come in, sit down, ask questions, and learn!

Awards: We will offer awards to all finalists in addition to team awards using the CHSAA sweepstakes model.

NIETOC: We are proud to announce that we are a bid tournament to the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions (NIETOC). Also known as the Speech Tournament of Champions. Bids can be earned in the following events: HI, DI, Duo, POI, OO, INF, and Extemp. For more information, check out their website → nietoc.com

Hosting this tournament is a tremendous source of pride for my students, my colleagues, and our community. This tournament would not be possible without the work of so many. Your attendance and contributions to this tournament are truly appreciated.

Best,
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