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The complete invitation and information can be found at [www.speechwire.com](http://www.speechwire.com).

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**Rules:**

·      Each school (administration, teachers, and/or coaches) is responsible for ensuring they have proper parental permission for students to participate in the tournament and to use the designated competition platforms.

·      A responsible coach must be available ON-SITE and VIA CELL at all times.

·      Competition is open to 9-12 grade students representing the school in which they are officially enrolled and doing so with the permission of their school administration and/or coaches.

·      We will use NSDA rules in all events.

·      All competitors and judges must have a Speechwire account to log in.

o   Ben at Speechwire has provided video resources to explain the creation of student accounts, judging online, viewing ballots and competing online. Please check them out. <https://www.speechwire.com/p-video-resources.php>

**Doubling Rules:**

* CX, PF, and LD Debaters may not double-enter.
* Congressional Debate students may not double-enter.
* Students in events may double-enter in two events. Students are responsible for making it to their rounds. Students must pay attention to the schedule because we may not be using a full wave system- some events will occur in the same time period.
* Students can only enter one Extemp event.
* Extempers that double-enter risk losing part of their prep time.

**Debate Resolutions:** We will use the 2023-24 NSDA CX topic (fiscal redistribution), the January-February NSDA LD topic (LD), and the February NSDA PF topic (TBD).

**Entries:**A maximum of four (4) entries will be allowed in each event, except Congress, which will be limited to ten (10) entries per school. Additional entries may be placed on the waitlist and we will accommodate those entries if space is available.

**Registration:** All registration will occur at [www.speechwire.com](http://www.speechwire.com/). **Registration will close on Friday, January 26**. Registrations are handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Fees and Payment:**The entry fee will be $9.00 per student in events and $6.00 per student in Congress, based upon the pre-registration numbers on Wednesday, January 31. **Changes in pre-registration will be reflected in the final entry fees if made via the web site by January 31**. After that time, net increases in entries will result in increases in final entry fees, while net decreases in entries will not reduce your final entry fees.

·      Please make checks payable to CT Speech and Debate. Please mail payment to Jason Wu, Cherokee Trail High School, 25901 E Arapahoe Rd, Aurora, CO 80016.

·      If you would like to pay by credit card, please go to [https://cherrycreek.revtrak.net/high-schools/cth/cth-activities-and-clubs/cth-speech-and-debate-club/](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcherrycreek.revtrak.net%2Fhigh-schools%2Fcth%2Fcth-activities-and-clubs%2Fcth-speech-and-debate-club%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cjwu%40cherrycreekschools.org%7C7df853eda500423f7b5208dbe462dfea%7C4ad828a4325645ff98eb340195335a83%7C0%7C0%7C638354885530965774%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JlAoF9uOuWJQMbTRDxLnuIclyIU7OPdqojuX1d8sxpw%3D&reserved=0)

·      If you are within the Cherry Creek School District, you may complete a journal entry to pay CT using the following Oracle account string:

23.3060.306.1900.170000.00000.91924.00.0000 and cc: [lfigures@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:lfigures@cherrycreekschools.org) on your email.

**Mission, Vision, Inclusion, Harassment, and Discrimination:**

At Cherokee Trail Speech and Debate Tournaments, we embrace and support the mission of our school district, the vision of our school, the CHSAA Speech and Debate Inclusion Statement, and the NSDA Harassment and Discrimination Policy. Please review the attached document.

**Registration and Schedule:**Check-in will be held from 7:00- 7:15am. All schools must check-in by 7:15am. Rounds will begin promptly at 8:00am. Awards are scheduled for 7:30pm.

**Awards:** We will be awarding trophies or medals to all finalists. Additionally, numerous superior and excellent ribbons will be awarded. Team awards will be determined using the method from the state tournament and given to the top three schools. The host school is not eligible for team awards.

**Congressional Debate:** The docket will be posted at [www.speechwire.com](http://www.speechwire.com/).

**Judging**:  Each school is responsible for providing judges to cover their entries. Judges must be available for the three preliminary rounds and the final round. One judge must be provided for every two debaters. One judge must be provided for every 5 events entries. Judges must be entered in Speechwire by **Wednesday, January 31**. Judges are responsible for checking for ballots at the appropriate times. Judge fees will be imposed for missing judges and for judges who miss ballots.

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**Cherry Creek School District Mission**

At Cherry Creek Schools, our mission is to inspire every student to think, to learn, to achieve, to care.

**Cherokee Trail High School Vision**

Our actions will ignite the genius and nurture the goodness within us all**.**

**CHSAA Speech and Debate Inclusion Statement**

The CHSAA Speech and Debate community believes inclusion is vital to our community. We are committed to providing a safe and equitable learning and competitive environment that fosters a mindset of empathy, respect, and belonging for all involved in Speech and Debate, including, but not limited to students, coaches, judges and community members. We honor differences including races and cultures, genders and sexual orientations, abilities and aspirations, identities and affiliations, socioeconomics and worldviews. Embracing our diversity prepares our community to thrive. Individuals found to have violated this policy will be subject to the full range of sanctions, up to and including removal from the tournament premises.

**National Speech & Debate Association Harassment and Discrimination Policy**

The National Speech & Debate Association is committed to providing its participants, judges, coaches, and staff the opportunity to pursue excellence in their endeavors. This opportunity can exist only when each member of our community is assured an atmosphere of mutual respect. The NSDA prohibits all forms of harassment and discrimination. Accordingly, all forms of harassment and discrimination, whether written or oral, based on race, color, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, citizenship, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by any applicable federal, state, or local law are prohibited, whether committed by participants, judges, coaches, or observers. Individuals who are found to have violated this policy will be subject to the full range of sanctions, up to and including removal from the tournament premises.

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