To: Speech and Debate Coaches

From:  Bob Hinshaw, Jr

Date: 20th, December 2023

Re: Fishers January Tournament Updates

As most of us are busy with finals, I wanted to give you some updates for the tournament.  First, we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the tournament.  At the current time, we have 40 schools attending the tournament with over 450 entries.  This will be increasing as some schools have not registered their students at this time.  Please remember that the deadline for the tournament is January 3rd, 2024.  Because of the size of the tournament, please make sure to meet your judging requirements.

* Speech Judges:  1 to 5 ratio (1 - 5 entries = 1 judge, 6 - 10 entries = 2 judges, 11 - 15 entries = 3 judges, etc.)
* Debate Judges:  1 to 2 ratio (1 - 2 entries = 1 judge, 3 - 4 entries = 2 judges, etc.)
* Extra Judges will be greatly appreciated.

Congress:  3 Session (from inspeechanddebate.org November - January Docket)

* Session 1:
  + Bills 8, 6, and 2
* Session 2:
  + Bills 10, 7, and 11
* Final: Bills 9, 5, and 4

Lincoln Douglas:

**Resolved–The United States ought to substantially reduce its military presence in the West Asia-North Africa region.**

Public Form:

**Resolved: The United States federal government should repeal Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act.**

Policy:

**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.**

World School Debate (Prepared)

* **This House would set a mandatory retirement age of 70 for federal judges.**
* **This House would require national service.**

Discussion Artifacts:

* Round 1:  Impromptu
* Round 2:  Prepared–<https://youtu.be/ClU3fctbGls?feature=shared> and <https://youtu.be/yWrHHxksbLY?feature=shared>
* Round 3:  Impromptu
* Semi Final:  [Trump barred from Colorado primary ballot for role in US Capitol attack | Reuters](https://www.reuters.com/legal/colorado-supreme-court-disqualifies-trump-holding-office-filing-2023-12-19/)
* Final:  Impromptu

Broadcasting: (Following the State structure)

* Round 1:  News Program
* Round 2:  News Program
* Round 3:  News Program
* Semi Final:  Editorial (30 minutes prep)
* Final:  Radio Program (30 minutes prep)

International and US Extemp:

* Students will draw all rounds

Judges, if you have headphones or earbuds, you may want to bring them to the tournament for judging Broadcasting.  We will have some available to use at the tournament.

If anybody has questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.  I will be continuing to work over the holidays on the tournament.

Thank you,

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