** The 20th Annual Liberty Classic Invitational**

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Dear Speech and Debate Coach and Squad,

 The Liberty High School and Liberty North High School Chapters of the National Forensics League cordially invite you to our 20th annual Liberty Classic Invitational to be held January 12 & 13, 2024.

 Our tournament will provide varsity and novice competition in the following Individual Events: Original Oratory, U.S. Extemp, Foreign Extemp, Student Congress, Duo Interp, Dramatic Interp, Humorous Interp, Oral Interpretation (novice only), Program of Oral Interp (varsity only), Duet (Varsity Only if we have enough entries), Informative Speaking, Storytelling (novice only), Improv Duet Acting (Novice only). Debate competition will be in: Champ CX, Reg CX, Novice CX, Champ LD, Reg LD, Novice LD, Champ PF, Reg PF and Novice PF and Comic Book Interp at BOTH tournaments. Please read inside for all the information. Students may enter two individual events and debate. At the varsity tournament, we will be awarding the Alexis Elliott Outstanding Competitor award to honor the memory of Alex. The Varsity will also offer NIETOC bids in the following events as entry numbers allow: HI, DI, DUO, OO, INFO, POI, U.S. Extemp, and Foreign Extemp. The 2024 NIETOC will be held in Bellevue High School, NE May 9-12, 2024. All other information concerning NIETOC can be found at www.NIETOC.com.

 **COACHES ATTENTION: THE NOVICE TOURNAMENT WILL BE AT LIBERTY HS AND THE VARSITY TOURNAMENT WILL BE AT LIBERTY NORTH HS.**

 Each school must be accompanied by a coach or qualified sponsor who may need to meet judging assignments. In addition, each school entering Novice Debate may need to provide judges (may be an advanced student with more than 1 year of experience and 150+ NSDA points).

**Our entry deadline is Wednesday January 3, 2024**. **We cannot accept late entries this year, because of the size of the tournament and limited space.** Entry fees are $8.00 per entry. We will guarantee 2 entries in each event and then all other entries will be waitlisted upon entry. Extra entries will be awarded as available and at the discretion of the host school. Extra entries, if desired, should be noted in the entry. Should you have any questions, please call Zac McGee at Liberty North (816-736-5500 ext. 2237) cell (816-510-1485) or David Dempsey at Liberty High School (816-736-5340 ext. 2604) cell (816-616-6761). We hope you can help us celebrate our 20th year!!!

Please submit your team’s entries on SpeechWire:

“[Liberty North Classic Invitational - Varsity](https://www.speechwire.com/c-info.php?tournid=15352)” or [“Liberty Classic Invitational - Novice”](https://www.speechwire.com/c-info.php?tournid=15346)

Sincerely,

Gracie Schwalm, Ellie Thorn, and Olivia Walker Ellie Primm, Cole Wheeler, Elinor Dow

 Liberty North Chairs Liberty High School Chairs

General Rules:

1. A student may enter two individual events and debate. Debaters may not enter multiple debate styles and extempers may not enter both Foreign and U.S. divisions.

2. Coaches may be used as judges. Schools entering novice debate may need to provide judges (or a varsity to judge).

3. A Novice shall be defined as a student in his/her first year of **any** competition. Any concerns related to this rule should be brought to the attention of the tournament host.

4. Each school must furnish a timekeeper for both days. Lincoln Douglas Debate novice competitors will timekeep the opposite flight.

5. Trophies will be awarded to the top six places in Individual Events, and the top eight in Debate.

6. No refunds for cancellations will be made after January 4, 2023.

7. There is a campus regulation against smoking. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the contestant being eliminated from competition.

8. No playing of guitars or other musical instruments. No music without the use of headphones.

9. Laptops may be used following MSHSAA and NSDA guidelines.

10. Alexis Elliott Outstanding Competitor Award- (varsity tournament only) Coaches must submit the name and codes of one student they think will be up for the award. The points they accumulated for sweepstakes will be added up for all of their events and the winner will receive a traveling trophy. Coaches must submit the name before the quarter-finals of debate has started. Ties will be broken by the NSDA Points accumulated at this tournament, then total NSDA points of the student.

11. **Please note: there is NOT a combined awards ceremony.**

Individual Events Rules:

1. US and Foreign Extemp: Topics will be current events on national and international issues. Time limit will be 7 minutes.

2. Original Oratory: The speech must be written by the student. It must be memorized. Time limit is 10 minutes. Not more than 150 words may be direct quotation.

3. Humorous and Dramatic Interp: Selections must be memorized and possess literary merit. Time limit is 10 minutes.

4. Duo Interp: Must be memorized. Selections may be from any appropriate novel, play, or short story. An introduction must be provided. Time limit-10 minutes. Students must have offstage focus. (May not be from recorded material.)

5. Oral Interpretation: Must be performed using performance binder. Selections may not be from plays. Prose interp may only include 50% dialogue. Students may use poetry or prose selections for all rounds. Time limit- 8 minutes.

6. Student Congress: **Sessions** will be determined by: Ranks, reciprocals, total points. **Finalists** will be determined by Semi ranks, judges preference, reciprocals, prelim ranks, prelim reciprocals, prelim points. **We will use the December NSDA legislation.** This will be attached to the speechwire website page once published.An appendix of expectations for this event will be sent with docket the week of the tournament. Congressional sessions should adjourn after approximately 75 minutes of competition.

7. Comic Book Interp: Selections must be from a form of graphic literature (ex comic book or graphic novel). Children’s story books are not considered graphic literature. It must be memorized and movement is limited. There is no use of props or chairs. **Time limit is 5 minutes.** This event will not count towards sweepstakes.

8. Program Oral Interp: A program of Prose, Poetry and Drama, up to ten minutes in length using at least two out of the three genres. No props or costumes may be used except for the manuscript.

9. Informative: Students deliver a memorized, self-written, ten-minute speech on a topic of their choosing. All topics must be informative in nature. Visual aids are permitted.

10. Improv Duet Acting (novice): Two students will draw, 5 minutes prior to performance. The performance must be improvised and properly introduced. No props may be used. Students will draw a character, object, and location and will develop their improvisation around those three elements. Time Limit: Five Minutes. Judges may stop students who go over the time limit and will be encouraged to do so.

**Cross-Examination Debate:**

1. The resolution for debate will be the NSDA national 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.” Please note that as of the end of last semester, the NDCA Novice Evidence Packet limits are no longer in effect.

2. Novice will be defined as any student in his/her first year of any competition.

3. Time limits will be 8-3-5 with 8 minutes prep time.

4. All teams must remain constant in personnel throughout the tournament.

5. A team more than 10 minutes late to a round shall forfeit, unless it is the fault of the tournament.

6. Since debate is oral communication, evidence shall be presented in an understandable fashion. Judges will be instructed to refrain from reading any evidence after the round unless the truth of the evidence or its misinterpretation has been challenged by the opposing team in that round.

7. In case of a forfeit, the winning team will receive speaker rankings of 1-2 and the opposition record will be averaged. Byes will be tabulated as a win with 1-2 speaker rankings (speechwire allowing, otherwise it will be averaged); the opposition record will be averaged.

8. At the end of preliminaries the eight top teams in each division will advance to quarterfinals. Win/loss, speaker rankings, record of opponent lost to, total opposition record, opposition speaker ranks (in that order) will be used to break ties.

9. All teams must consist of two people unless given permission by the tournament director.

**Lincoln Douglas Debate:**

1. The topic shall be the NSDA January/February topic.

2. Novice is defined as any student in his/her first year of any competition.

3. Rounds will be run at the same time as cross-ex debate, so two L-D rounds will be held during one cross-ex debate.

4. In case of forfeit, the opposition record will be averaged. The opposition record for byes will be averaged.

5. Qualification for quarter-finals will be based on win-loss record; record of opponent lost to; total opposition record; and total opposition to the opposition.

6. Time limits 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 with 4 minutes of prep time.

**Public Forum Debate:**

1. The topic will be the NSDA January topic.

2. Novice is defined as any student in his/her first year of any competition.

3. Rounds will be run at the same time as cross-ex debate, so two P-F rounds will be held during one cross-ex debate.

4. In case of a forfeit, the winning team will receive speaker rankings of 1-2 and the opposition record will be averaged. Byes will be tabulated as a win with 1-2 speaker rankings (speechwire allowing, otherwise it will be averaged); the opposition record will be averaged.

5. At the end of preliminaries the eight top teams in each division will advance to quarterfinals. Win/loss, speaker rankings, record of opponent lost to, total opposition record, opposition speaker ranks (in that order) will be used to break ties.

6. Time limits 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-3-2-2 with 3 minutes of prep time.

**Sweepstakes Rules:**

1. Sweepstakes points in debate will be awarded as follows:

 Debate win------------------------------5 points

 Qualifying for quarters-------------------15 points

2. Sweepstakes points in IEs will be awarded as follows:

 Semifinals-------------------------------5 points

 Finals-----------------------------------10 points

 Third place-----------------------------5 points

 Second Place---------------------------10 points

 First place------------------------------15 points

# Hotel Phone Numbers

**In Liberty Outside of Liberty**

Sleep Inn & Suites Holiday Inn Northeast

1840 North Church Road 7333 N.E. Parvin Road

### Liberty, MO 64068 Kansas City, MO 64117

816-335-4402 (816)-455-1060

Comfort Suites Candlewood Suites

8200 N. Church Road 4450 North Randolph Rd

Kansas City, MO 64158 Kansas City, MO

 (816)-781-7273 816-886-9311

Days Inn Hampton Inn at WOF

209 N. 291 Highway 4233 N Corrington Ave

Liberty, MO 64068 Kansas City, MO

 (816)-225-3297 816-452-1010

Fairfield Inn Fairfield Inn and Suites at WOF

8101 N. Church Road 4231 N Corrington Ave

Kansas City, MO 64158 Kansas City, MO

 (816)-792-4000 816-452-6212

Holiday Inn Express Best Western Premier

8230 N. Church Road 421 Rte 291

Kansas City, MO 64158 Liberty, MO

(816)-781-5555 816-429-8415

Hampton Inn Hotel Days Inn

8551 N. Church Road 7100 NE Parvin Road

Kansas City, MO 64158 Kansas City, MO

 (816)-415-9600 816-453-3355

Super 8 Motel Best Western Country Inn

115 N Stuart Road 2633 NE 43rd St

Liberty, MO 64068 Kansas City, MO

(816)-781-9400 816-459-7222

Town Place Suites by Marriott Home 2 Suites

130 S Stewart Road 401 N State Rte 291

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816-415-9200 816-429-8646

**NOVICE** TOURNAMENT TIME SCHEDULE

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

**Friday, January 12, 2024**

2:00-3:15-Registration in Field House Lobby

YOUR TEAM WILL BE ESCORTED FROM THE FIELD HOUSE TO THE CAFETERIA/YOUR ASSIGNED AREA BY OUR STAFF. PLEASE KEEP EVERYONE EXCEPT EXTEMPERS IN THE CAFETERIA UNTIL 3:15PM. EXTEMP DRAW WILL BE IN THE PAC AT THE BACK OF THE BUILDING.

3:00 – Round 1 Extemp Draw

3:30 – Round 1 Individual Events / Congress-(75 minutes)

4:30 – Round 2 Extemp Draw

5:00 – Round 2 Individual Events / Congress-(75 minutes)

6:30 – Round 1 Debate and IDA

8:00 – Round 2 Debate and IDA

**Saturday, January 13, 2024**

7:00 – 7:15 am – Registration. Call or text David with drops (816) 616-6761.

7:30 – Extemp Draw

8:00 – Semifinals of Individual Events / Congress Super Session 1\*-(75 minutes)

9:30 – Round 3 Debate

11:00 – Round 4 Debate and Finals of IDA

12:30 – Extemp Draw

1:00 – Finals of Individual Events / Congress Super Session 2\*-(75 minutes)

2:30 – Quarterfinals Debate

4:15 – Awards at Liberty High in the PAC

5:00 or ASAP – Semifinals Debate

6:30 or ASAP – Finals Debate

**\*Congress-** Based on the tournament entry size, the week of the tournament will determine if we will run Super session 1 as a semifinal round or as a combined session with Super Session 2. Regardless, 2 sessions of congress will occur on Saturday.

**VARSITY** TOURNAMENT TIME SCHEDULE

LIBERTY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

**Friday, January 12th, 2024**

2:00-3:00-Registration in the commons area

PLEASE KEEP ALL STUDENTS NOT IN EXTEMP IN THE MEZZANINE OF THE FIELD HOUSE UNTIL 3:15 P.M. EXTEMP DRAW WILL BE IN AUDITORIUM AND THOSE STUDENTS WILL BE ESCORTED THERE AT 2:30

3:00 – Round 1 Extemp Draw

3:30 – Round 1 Individual Events / Congress

4:30 – Round 2 Extemp Draw

5:00 – Round 2 Individual Events / Congress

6:30 – Round 1 Debate

8:00 – Round 2 Debate

**Saturday, January 13th, 2024**

7:00 – 7:15 am – Registration. Call or text Zac with drops (816) 510-1485

7:30 – Extemp Draw

8:00 – Semifinals of Individual Events / Congress Super Session 1

9:30 – Round 3 Debate

11:00 – Round 4 Debate

12:30 – Extemp Draw

1:00 – Finals of Individual Events / Congress Super Session 2

2:30 – Quarterfinals Debate

4:15 – Awards at Liberty North High Auditorium

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VARSITY TOURNAMENT EVENTS

Liberty North High School

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US Extemp

Foreign Extemp

Original Oratory

Informative Speaking

Humorous Interp

Dramatic Interp

Duet Acting

Duo Interp

Program Oral Interpretation

Comic Book Interp

Congress

Champ Cross-Ex Debate

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Champ Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Regular Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Champ Public Forum Debate

Reg Public Forum Debate

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DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

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Improv Duet Acting \*(Does not count towards sweepstakes)

Cross-Ex Debate

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Public Forum Debate

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DEADLINE: Wednesday, JANUARY 3, 2024

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