**Great Pumpkin Colorado NSDA**

**Novice Tournament and Congress**

**October 26, 2024**

**At Castle View High School**

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2024 Great Pumpkin Colorado NSDA District Novice Tournament and Student Congress on October 26, 2024. The tournament will be held at Castle View High School.

**Events:** We will host three (3) rounds of novice competition in Drama, Humor, Poetry, Program Oral Interpretation, Oratory, Informative Speaking, National Extemporaneous Speaking, International Extemporaneous Speaking, Duo Interp, Cross-Examination Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, and Public Forum Debate. We will also host Congressional Debate at the varsity and novice level. There is no double-entering allowed.

**Debate Resolutions:** We will use the 2024-25 NSDA CX topic (domestic intellectual property rights), the September-October NSDA LD topic (living wage), and the September-October NSDA PF topic (surveillance infrastructure).

**Congressional Debate:** The docket is set and is posted at [www.speechwire.com](http://www.speechwire.com).

**Entries:** Each school may enter a maximum of 5 entries in each event and 20 entries in Congress. Entries will be handled on a first-come, first served basis. Registration will occur online at [www.speechwire.com](http://www.speechwire.com). Registration will close on October 21, but may close sooner based on entries received.

**Student Judges:** Each school is expected to provide 1 student judge for each 5 events entries and 1 student judge for each 2 debate entries. Student judges will need Speechwire accounts and to be entered by name in Speechwire. Student judges should be entered by Tuesday, October 22.

**Entry Fees:** Fees are $7.00 per student, based on pre-registration numbers as of Monday, October 21. **Please make checks payable to the Colorado NFL District**. Please mail fees to Marti Benham, Cherry Creek HS, 9300 E. Union Avenue, Greenwood Village, CO, 80111.

**Registration and Schedule:** Check-in will be held from 8:00- 8:15am. All schools must check-in by 8:15am. Rounds will begin promptly at 9:00am. Awards are scheduled for 3:00pm.

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

At Colorado NSDA 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.

**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 ONSITE 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 CHSAA rules in all events, except Congressional Debate. We will use NSDA rules in Congressional Debate.
* In CX, no kritiks or counterplans are allowed.
* In CX, we will employ the NFHS Novice case limits, meaning that all teams should limit themselves to these case areas:
  + Patents: Emerging Technologies
  + Patents: Green Technology
  + Copyrights: Protect the Creative Arts
  + Trademarks: Trademark Trolls
* In Original Oratory and Informative Speaking, scripts are optional.

**Awards:** We will award numerous superior and excellent ribbons and some seasonal prizes. Awards are scheduled for 3:00pm.

**Judges' Certification Clinic:** We will host a clinic for adults interested in learning how to judge. This will be held from 10:00am-12:00pm.

**Site:** The tournament is being held at Castle View High School, 5254 N Meadows Drive, Castle Rock, CO 80109, 303-387-9000.

**Questions and Concerns:** Please feel free to contact Marti Benham at Cherry Creek High School, 720-554-2216 (school), 303-921-9411 (cell), [mbenham@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:mbenham@cherrycreekschools.org)

**Colorado NSDA Mission, Vision, Inclusion, Harassment, and Discrimination**

**At Colorado NSDA Speech and Debate Tournaments, we embrace and support the mission and vision of the NSDA, the CHSAA Speech and Debate Inclusion Statement, and the NSDA Harassment and Discrimination Policy.**

**NSDA MIssion and Vision**

Mission: The National Speech & Debate Association connects, supports, and inspires a diverse community committed to empowering students through speech and debate.

Vision: We envision a world in which every school provides speech and debate programs to foster each student’s communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creative skills.

**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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NSDA Congressional Debate rules will be used for Congressional Debate.

**Extemporaneous Speaking Topic Areas**

National Extemp

Round 1 - U.S. Economy

Round 2 – U.S. Politics

Round 3 – U.S. Foreign Policy

International Extemp

Round 1 - Russia

Round 2 - India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan

Round 3 - China

**Congressional Debate**

The Congressional Debate Dockets have been posted at www.speechwire.com on the Files for Download tab. The Docket order is set for each session.

* Congress will have three rounds or sessions.
* There will be a new PO for each session.
* Precedence will start over for each session.
* We will use direct questioning during the session.

**Lincoln-Douglas Debate – 2024 September/October Topic**

Resolved: The United States ought to require that workers receive a living wage.

**Public Forum Debate – 2024 September/October Topic**

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially expand its surveillance infrastructure along its southern border.

**Policy Debate – 2024-2025 Topic**Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks.

Novice Case Limits for the 2024-2025 Policy Debate Topic

* Patents: Emerging Technologies
* Patents: Green Technology
* Copyrights: Protect the Creative Arts
* Trademarks: Trademark Trolls