

Carthage Winter Classic
Speech and Debate Tournament

Dear Coach and Squad,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Carthage Winter Classic on January 10th and 11th, 2025. We will be offering combined individual events and Big Questions debate with novice and varsity levels of LD and PF debate. Registration will occur through [Speechwire.com](https://www.speechwire.com). Names of all students competing will be required upon return from winter break. Schools are guaranteed 3 entries per event with additional entries accepted as space allows.

Our tournament will offer the following events:

Varsity and Novice Divisions: Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Public Forum Debate.

Open Divisions: Big Questions Debate, Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking, Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Program of Oral Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Storytelling, Pre-Recorded Radio Speaking, and Duo Interpretation.

Schools must provide 1 judge to use throughout the day on Friday and through preliminary rounds on Saturday. Wifi will be provided for student use at this tournament. While wifi will be provided for all, we can not guarantee connectivity will happen for all devices. All MSHSAA internet rules apply.

The entry deadline is Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 3:30 pm. Upon return from winter break, schools will be able to adjust their entries as needed. Schools are financially responsible (\$8 per entry) for all entries on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 at 3:30 pm. We will send out confirmations as soon as we are able. Please mark on Speechwire ASAP if you plan to attend so we may begin obtaining the appropriate number of judges. **We reserve the right to limit entries to provide a tournament that can function with an adequate number of judges for the amount of entries we receive.**

We look forward to hosting you and your squad.

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Tournament Schedule

Friday January 10, 2025

*If arriving earlier than registration time, please let the host school know in advance.

2:00 – 3:00 Registration in Commons

*We have a staggered release system starting at 3:00. To avoid traffic, please arrive before 3 pm.

3:15 Extemp Draw

3:45 Round 1 Individual Events

4:45 Extemp Draw

5:15 Round 2 of Individual Events

7:00 Round 1 of Debate - PF, LD, BQ

8:30 Round 2 of Debate - PF, LD

Saturday January 11, 2025

8:00 Extemp Draw

8:30 Semifinals IE's

10:00 Round 3 Debate - PF, LD, BQ

11:30 Round 4 Debate - PF, LD, BQ

1:00 Extemp Draw

1:30 Finals IEs

3:00 Quarterfinals Debate

4:15 Awards

5:15 Semifinals Debate

6:00 Finals Debate

SWEEPSTAKES POINTS

Debate Win	5 points
Qualify for Quarterfinals	15 points
I.E. Break to Sems	5 points
I.E. Break to Finals	10 points
Trophy Points	1st - 15 points 2nd - 10 points 3rd - 5 points

General Tournament Rules

1. Each school must be accompanied by a school approved adult sponsor.
2. A school may enter three contestants in each event with extra entries based on space.
3. A student may enter 2 individual events (but only 1 division of extemp) and 1 form of debate. Pre-Recorded Radio will not count against a student's entry total.
4. A novice shall be defined as a student in his/her first year of competition.
5. Trophies will be awarded to the top 6 places in I.E.'s and the top 4 in debate. Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top 3 schools.
6. Coaches may be used as judges if the tournament is in need in order to run on time or if schools fail to supply the required number of judges. At the novice level, a student that has met the NSDA's minimum requirements to judge may be used.
7. No refund for cancellations will be made after **Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 3:30 pm.** Any drops or additions (if they are granted) are still to be paid to the host school.
8. Carthage High School regulations apply for all schools participating in the tournament. The regulations strictly forbid any tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, and any form of weaponry.
9. Due to past vandalism to the school, all participants are asked to remain inside the building at all times unless loading or unloading buses and in the commons when not competing.
10. No food or drink should leave the commons unless it is WATER. Hospitality will be provided for judges, coaches, and bus drivers.
11. **PLEASE CALL IN ALL DROPS BY NOON on Friday, January 10, 2025!!! Please do not drop at registration.**
12. At Carthage, students must stay in the commons area until 3:15 pm Friday. Extemp draw is accessible from the commons area.

Individual Events Rules

[MSHSAA](#) rules apply for all MSHSAA events and [NSDA](#) rules apply for POI.

1. **Extemp:** Topics will be current events on national and international issues. Time limit is 7 min. No notes/cards may be used during speeches. A student may not be entered in both IX and USX.
2. **Oratory:** The speech must be written by the student. It must be memorized. Time limit is 10 min. No more than 150 words may be direct quotations.
3. **Humorous/Dramatic Interpretation:** Selections may be taken from any published novel, play, or short story. Selections must possess literary merit and be in good taste. Selections must be memorized. An adequate introduction should be provided. Time limit: 10 minutes.

4. **POI:** Pieces should follow the current NSDA rules. Selections must have an introduction and be in good taste while combining 2 or more genres from prose, poetry, and/or drama. Time limit: 10 minutes.
5. **Info:** The speech must be the original work of the student. A visual aid may be used, but is not required. See MSHSAA rules for visual aids on page 39 of the manual. The presentation must be memorized. Time limit: 10 minutes.
6. **DUO: This is not duet acting.** Selections should follow all MSHSAA rules and be from any appropriate novel, short story, or play. Performances should be memorized, use offstage focus, and performers should not touch. Time limit: 10 minutes.
7. **Storytelling:** Must be narrated in the student's own words; the student must SIT in a tournament provided chair for the performance. Story should be intended for children. Time limit is 8 minutes.
8. **Pre-Recorded Radio:** Audio uploads due on Speechwire by 3:00 pm Wednesday, January 8th. All MSHSAA rules apply (no commercials, no multiple characters, etc.). If the judge cannot open the file, the contestant will receive last in the room. Saving the file as an MP3 to google drive with the settings set to "anyone can view" is the suggested method. Judges may be using Chromebooks, PCs, or Macs.

Debate Rules

1. **LD:** We will use the resolution for January/February announced on Dec. 1.
2. **Public Forum:** We will use the January topic announced on Dec. 1.
3. **BQ:** We will use the 2024-2025 NSDA topic: Resolved: Creativity is a more powerful force than intelligence.
4. All MSHSAA rules concerning laptops, internet usage, and evidence will be followed.
5. Debaters may not be entered in more than one type of debate.
6. Any team more than 10 minutes late for a round will forfeit, unless the tournament is responsible. Any team disqualified for any reason will result in a win for the opposition.
7. No visual aids will be allowed in a debate round.
8. A PF team is composed of 2 people and will have the opportunity to debate both sides of the resolution. Debate team personnel must remain constant throughout the tournament. In the event of an illness or other issue, a team may continue to debate should personnel change but will not be eligible for advancement from preliminary competition.
9. BQ will utilize a 1 vs 1 format; no two person teams may be entered.
10. After preliminary rounds, the top 8 teams will advance to quarterfinals.
 - a. Breaks for PF will be as follows: Win-Loss, Speaker Points, Loss Opp, Total Opp record, and Opp Opp record.
 - b. For LD and BQ, breaks will be as follows: Win-Loss, Loss Opp, Total Opp record, Opp Opp record.