



Hello friends and colleagues,

Together, the University of Nebraska Omaha and Doane University welcome you to the 13th annual Halloween Swing. We will offer an asynchronous tournament Oct. 21st-25th and a one-day tournament in person on Saturday, October 26th. Both halves of the swing will offer all eleven AFA-NST individual events. We look forward to providing you with an engaging tournament in an inviting atmosphere.

We will use SpeechWire for registration, tabulation, and ballots. To register, please visit <http://www.speechwire.com/>. You can find more information about the 2024 Halloween Swing below.

If you have questions or concerns in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Warm regards,

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Flight Information:

Students may enter up to 3 events per flight

Flight A

Communication Analysis
Duo Interpretation
Extemporaneous Speaking
Informative Speaking
Program of Oral Interpretation
Prose Interpretation

Flight B

After Dinner Speaking
Dramatic Interpretation
Impromptu Speaking
Persuasive Speaking
Poetry Interpretation

Tournament Schedule for Saturday, October 26th, 2024:

8:45 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Extemp Draw for Round I
9:30 a.m. Round I A
10:45 a.m. Round I B
12:00 pm Lunch
12:45 p.m. Extemp Draw for Round II
1:00 p.m. Round II A
2:15 p.m. Round II B
3:30 p.m. Extemp Draw for Finals
3:45 p.m. Finals for A Events
5:15 p.m. Finals for B Events
ASAP Awards

Entry Deadline:

Entries for both tournaments (and async videos) are due by Monday, October 21st 2024, at 8:00 p.m. via SpeechWire. We encourage you to indicate that your team will be attending at your earliest convenience to help with tournament preparation.

Tournament Fees:

Entries are \$8 per slot and \$12 per uncovered slot. Fees for the in-person tournament will be assessed on the basis of information received as of 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23rd. Any school judges dropped after 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25th will incur a drop fee of \$100.

If you are attending both the async and in person tournament, you can pay for both tournaments in cash or check at registration on Saturday.

If you are only attending the async, you will be paying fees via check, please make checks payable to:

Doane Forensics

1014 Boswell Ave.
Crete, NE 68333

Judges:

One judge is required for every 6 entries. All judges are expected to be knowledgeable of current AFA-NST rules. We will be using electronic ballots, so please bring a laptop computer and charger for judging Saturday. (If you are in need of a laptop or would prefer to hand-write ballots, please contact Nathaniel Wilson.)

Sweepstakes:

Team and individual sweepstakes points will be awarded based on placement in final rounds (12 points for 1st place, 10 points for 2nd place, 8 points for 3rd place, 6 points for 4th place, 4 points for 5th place, 2 points for 6th place, and 1 point for 7th place and below).

Individual sweepstakes is open to all competitors.

Tabulation:

PLEASE NOTE: Speaker points WILL NOT be used in this swing. In the unlikely situation that there is an unbreakable 3-way tie, judges may be asked to assign speaker points.

Asynchronous Tournament:

All events will compete in three rounds. Placings will be determined by cumulative rank. Ties in rank will be broken on: head-to-head, strength of opposition, and reciprocals. The top six speakers in each event will be awarded. Awards will be announced Friday @ noon.

Saturday Tournament:*Prelims*

Contestants will advance to finals based on lowest cumulative rank. Ties in rank will be broken on: head-to-head, strength of opposition, and reciprocals.

Finals

Placing in final rounds will be determined by predominance of 1's, followed by lowest cumulative rank. Ties in rank will be broken on: judges' preference, reciprocals, and then prelim ranks.

Sweepstakes

Ties in team and individual sweepstakes will be broken on the number of finals, followed by the highest number of finishes in finals (1st's, 2nd's, 3rd's, etc.).

Limited Prep:

Extemp questions and Impromptu quotations for the asynchronous tournament will be posted on Speechwire, Friday October 18th. Please include the 15 seconds read time and prep time for Impromptu recordings and do not include prep time for extemp recordings. Only one video is required for asynchronous LP submission.

Judges at the in-person tournament will be instructed to provide 15 seconds of reading time on Saturday. Reading time will also be provided in the final round of impromptu, even if there is no printed text associated with the prompt. Both tournaments, prelims will consist of traditional quotations. Saturday finals, the prompt will be an **object** related to the tournament theme.

Accommodations:

If you have a student or coach who requires any accommodations, please let us know. We will be happy to work with you to find a solution that best fits your needs.

Health and Wellness:

In order to help your students feel their best, we will provide complimentary breakfast and lunch for all competitors, coaches, and judges on Saturday. Vegetarian options will be provided.

It is also our priority to ensure that all attendees thrive in a safe and healthy environment. Masks are not required, however some students or judges may choose to wear a mask. Students may choose to wear a mask while performing; this should not impact the judges assessment of that performance.

We encourage everyone to do what they must to avoid triggers, microaggressions, or other harmful exposure. If any students or judges need to be blocked from a person or event for any reason, do not hesitate to let us know.

The Halloween Swing adheres to the AFA-NST open-door policy. Competitors and observers may leave the round as needed and shall not be penalized for exiting a round at any time. Please wait to return in between performances. Judges are encouraged to take a brief break as needed in between performances.