Dear Coach and Team:

The Truman chapter of the National Speech & Debate Association cordially invites you and your team to attend our tournament on December 6th and 7th, 2024.

Entries for the Varsity tournament should be entered online at <https://www.speechwire.com/> by registering with the tournament:

Independence Winter Classic - Truman (V).

Entries for the Novice tournament should be entered online at <https://www.speechwire.com/> by registering with the tournament:

Independence Winter Classic - Wm Chrisman Novice.

Varsity competition will be at Truman High School. Events at the Varsity tournament will include: Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, International and United States Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Informative Speaking, Humorous and Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Program Oral Interp, and Student Congress.

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

**Lincoln-Douglas topic (NSDA Nov/Dec):** Resolved: Resolved: The United States ought to adopt a wealth tax.

**Public Forum (NSDA Nov/Dec):** Resolved: The United States should substantially reduce its military support of Taiwan.

**Congress Legislation (NSDA November Legislation) -** published on Nov 1 at speechanddebate.org.

**The deadline is Monday, November 25th, 2024.**

Entry fees will be $8.00/entry.

I will guarantee three entries per event per school, then lift the remaining off the waitlist as space allows. You’ll be able to view that on Speechwire.

For any information about the Novice Tournament at William Chrisman on December 6th and 7th, please contact [shelia\_holt@isdschools.org](mailto:shelia_holt@isdschools.org), or find information on Speechwire for the tournament: Independence Winter Classic - Wm Chrisman Novice. We look forward to hosting you and your team in Independence on December 6th and 7th.

Sincerely,

Noah Graham & the Truman speech and debate team

Truman Speech and Debate Coach

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**Friday, February 9th**

School lets out at 2:55 pm, we would appreciate it if you could arrive beforehand. If you are going to be after this time please contact Noah Graham at 816-419-6500.

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm Registration by the small gym (east lot)

*Traveling south on Noland road, you will turn on to East 32th street south. There is a bus lane on the right that passes by the football and baseball fields leading directly to the back of Truman high school. Keep going straight to the east entrance in the back of the school. When you walk in through the set of doors, the registration table will be right in front of you so you can’t miss it.*

[Drop Off Directions For Friday](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LbiDu4vVT9TtbvI_5m7KNnoA3-wByqlDYm0Stojfj_4/edit?usp=sharing)

3:00 Extemp draw Rd. I (auditorium)

3:30 Rd. I Individual Events / Congress (3:30–4:45)

4:30 Draw for Extemp Rd. II

5:00 Rd. II Individual Events / Congress (5:00-6:15)

6:30 Rd. I Debate

8:00 Rd. II Debate

**Saturday, February 10th**

Same drop-off location at the East entrance doors and then your bus can park in the same location they did the night before.

7:30 am Draw for Extemp Semifinals

7:45 am Congress Super Session (7:45 – 9:15)

8:00 am Semifinals Individual Events

9:30 am Rd. III Debate

11:00 am Rd. IV Debate

12:30 pm Draw for Extemp Finals (12:45 - 2:15)

1:00 pm Finals of Individual Events

2:30 pm Quarterfinals of Debate

ASAP or 4:00 pm Awards Assembly

ASAP or 4:30 pm Semifinals of Debate

ASAP or 6:00 pm Finals of Debate

# **General Rules**

1. A student may enter two individual events and one debate event.
2. Varsity is defined as a student in his/her first year of high school competition.
3. Debaters may not enter more than one debate event: Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, & Public Forum debate.
4. Students may enter only one division of extemp.
5. Each school is asked to provide at least one timekeeper if possible.
6. A coach or qualified sponsor must be on site at all times.

# **Individual Events Rules – All MSHSAA rules regarding electronics use apply.**

1. **U.S. and International Extemporaneous Speaking:** Topics will be based on current events. Consultation during prep time is prohibited. Time limit: 7 minutes.
2. **Original Oratory:** The speech must be the original work of the student and may contain no more than 150 words of direct quotation. Time limit: 10 minutes.
3. **Informative Speaking:** The speech must be the original work of the student. Time limit: 10 minutes.
4. **Humorous, Dramatic & Duo Interpretation:** A competitor may not use the same script in more than one event. Time limit: 10 minutes.

# **Student Congress**

1. Session 1: 3:30 - 4:45. Session 2: 5:00 - 6:15. Super Session I: 7:45am – 9:15am. Super Session II: 12:45 pm - 2:15 pm.
2. A permanent presiding officer will be elected by the chamber.
3. This year’s NSDA November legislation will be used. The docket will be set as it appears in the attached document.
4. **Advancing to Supersession** will be determined by: ranks, reciprocals, total points.
5. **Finalists** will be determined by SS ranks, reciprocals, SS points, prelim ranks, prelim reciprocals, prelim points.

# **Cross-Examination Debate Rules -** All MSHSAA rules regarding electronics use apply.

1. Time limits will be 8-3-5. Prep time: 8 minutes.
2. The national topic will be debated.
3. Teams must remain constant in personnel throughout the tournament.
4. Being more than 10 minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, may result in a forfeit.
5. In case of forfeit or bye, the winning team will receive speaker rankings that are the average of the other rounds of debate.
6. The following criteria will be used to determine quarterfinals:
   1. Win/Loss record
   2. Speaker ranks
   3. Record of opponent(s) lost to.
   4. Total opposition record
   5. Oppositions’ opposition record

# **Lincoln-Douglas Debate Rules -** All MSHSAA rules regarding electronics use apply.

1. **The topic will be the NSDA November/December**
2. Time limits will be 6-3-7-3-4-6-3. Prep time: 4 minutes.
3. Quarterfinalists will be determined by:
   1. Win/Loss record
   2. Record of opponent lost to.
   3. Total opposition record.
   4. Oppositions’ opposition record.

# **Public Forum Debate Rules -** All MSHSAA rules regarding electronics use apply.

**1. The topic will be the December NSDA Topic.**

2. Time limits will be 4-3-2-2. Prep time: 3 minutes.

3. Quarterfinalists will be determined by:

* 1. Win/Loss record
  2. Speaker Ranks
  3. Record of opponent lost to.
  4. Total opposition record.
  5. Oppositions’ opposition record.

4. In case of forfeit or bye, the winning team will receive speaker rankings that are the average of the other rounds of debate.

# **Sweepstakes Rules**

Best two entries count for sweepstakes.

**Individual Events:** Semifinals 5 pts

Finals 10 pts

Third Place 5pts

Second Place 10 pts

First Place 15 pts

**Debate:**  Win: 5 pts

Quarterfinals 15 pts

**Congress:**  Super Session 10 pts

## Trophy points are the same as IE’s