

Madison Central Speech and Debate's  
Twelfth Annual Tournament, the

# Madison Central Mid-State Invitational



Dear Speech and Debate Friends and Colleagues:

Please join us for Madison Central's twelfth annual tournament the Madison Central Mid-State Invitational Tournament on October 4-5, 2024. We are proud to be a bid tournament for the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions.

## Events Offered

In Debate, we offer **Novice Public Forum, Varsity Public Forum, Novice Lincoln-Douglas, Varsity Lincoln-Douglas, Policy Debate, Big Questions, World Schools Debate, and Congressional Debate.**

Flight A Individual Events are **Novice and Varsity Prose, Impromptu, Dramatic Interpretation, Duet Acting, Informative Speaking, and Program Oral Interpretation.** We also offer the supplemental event of **Expository Speaking** for students and tenth grade and lower.

Flight B Individual Events are **Novice and Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Novice and Varsity Poetry Interpretation, Declamation and Original Oratory.** We also offer the supplemental event of **Storytelling** for students in tenth grade and lower.

For the second time, the Mid-State Invitational is proud to offer middle school events. Middle schoolers may enter any events they choose, but we will offer middle school only divisions for Impromptu (Flight A), Dramatic Performance (DI/HI in Flight B), and Public Forum Debate (Friday night/Saturday morning). Middle school events will run concurrent with high school events but will not count for sweepstakes points. Middle school speech events will have two rounds and a final. Middle school public forum will be held on Friday for three rounds

with a final on Saturday morning. Each school may enter up to 10 middle school speech entries and 6 middle school debate entries.

### Tournament Structure

Per the standard for Mississippi tournaments, Debate prelims will be held on Friday evening with all Individual Events on Saturday. In Debate events (with the exception of Congressional Debate and World Schools Debate), quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals will be held on Saturday morning. Congressional Debate Session One and Two will be held on Friday Evening, Finals will be held Saturday morning. World Schools will have four rounds on Friday evening with the fifth round on Saturday morning and then a break to finals. The MHSAA Fall Bill Book will be used for MC's tournament legislation, with any out of state schools sending supplemental legislation to [rclapper@madison-schools.com](mailto:rclapper@madison-schools.com) by September 30th. All speech events (except for middle school) will have two preliminary sessions and then break to either semis or finals depending on entry numbers.

### Sweepstakes

Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded to the top school in debate and individual events, as well as the top three schools overall. We will also be awarding a "Top Individual Performer" award to the top Performer at the tournament. All students are only permitted to enter four events TOTAL, either choosing two Flight A's and two Flight B's or one debate, one Flight A and Two Flight B's.

### Registration

Registration for the tournament closes Monday, September 30th at 11:00 p.m. Judge Registration ends Tuesday, October 1st at 11:00 p.m. Judge obligations and entry fees are on the following page.

### Topic Areas

Topic areas for events will be posted on Wednesday, September 4th at 9:00 a.m.

### Tournament Staff-

**Rachel Clapper-Davis:** Director of Madison Central Speech & Debate

**Sara Sinha:** MCHS Speech and Debate President and Student Tournament Director

**Alex McDougal:** MCHS Speech and Debate Vice-President and Assistant Student Tournament Director

**Raine Moncrief:** MCHS Speech and Debate Team Manager and Assistant Student Tournament Director

## Judge Obligations and Entry Fees

**1. Judge Quotas:** Each school must provide judges for each event based on a specific quota:

A. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: One judge for every ten entries or fraction thereof.

B. DEBATE EVENTS

i. 1 judge for every 2 Lincoln-Douglas Debaters

ii. 1 judge for every 2 Public Forum Teams

iii. 1 judge for every Policy team. If at all possible, schools with policy entries should provide judges with policy judging experience and should indicate which judge(s) have such experience in the judge notes.

## 2. Entry Fees

A. \$10 per entry in Individual Events other than Duo Interp and Duet Acting

B. \$12 per Duo Interp or Duet Acting entry

C. \$10 per Lincoln-Douglas debater or Big Questions debater

D. \$12 per Public Forum or Policy Debate team

E. \$10 per Congress entry

F. \$20 per World Schools Debate Entry

3. Uncovered entries (meaning, judge quota is not met)

A. Debate -- \$25 per uncovered entry

B. Individual events -- \$5 per uncovered entry.

C. Complete buyouts are not allowed. This means all schools must provide at least one judge in debate (if entered in debate) and at least one judge in IE's (if entered in IE's).

4. All entry fees will be fixed as the Monday of the tournament. Drop fees will be assessed for any drops after that point. Drop fees will be double the entry fees for any given entry. Judge fees for uncovered entries will be fixed as of the Tuesday deadline. Please email the tournament director with information regarding any drops as early as possible to avoid penalties. PLEASE NOTE: A judge who misses a ballot assignment will incur a \$20 fine for their school, which must be paid prior to the release of the school's ballots.

Please make checks out to Madison Central Speech and Debate Booster Club