

Coaches,

We are excited to invite you to our 3rd-ever (definitely not annual) Mustang Debate Invitational on October 7-8, 2022. Registration will be on Tabroom at murrah.tabroom.com (not available yet, but coming soon).



Our tournament will offer the following competition events for students in grades 9-12:

- **Novice** Lincoln-Douglas (Civil Disobedience topic)
- **Novice** Public Forum (SepOct NSDA Topic, TBA August 8)
- **Varsity** Public Forum (SepOct NSDA Topic, TBA August 8)
- **Varsity** Lincoln-Douglas (SepOct NSDA Topic, TBA August 8)
- **Open** Policy (NFHS 2022-2023 Topic - NATO)
- **Open** Big Questions (2022-2023 Topic, TBA August 8)
- **Open** Congressional Debate (MHSAA-submitted legislation)

If you have serious interest in entering a team in World Schools Debate (teams must have at least 3 competitors), please contact me directly at your earliest convenience to express that (murrahlatin@gmail.com). I do not currently plan to hold WSD, but I'm open to the idea if there is sufficient interest.

We will also offer the following events for students in grades 5-8, depending on interest:

- **Public Forum** (SepOct NSDA Topic, TBA August 8)
- **Big Questions** (2022-2023 topic, TBA on August 8)
- **Congress** (legislation will be provided by tournament director)

In high-school PF, CX, and LD, the Mustang Invitational is a qualifier for the MHSAA State Speech & Debate Tournament (April 28-29, 2023, at Oak Grove High School).

Note that with *no speech events*, our schedule will be a bit different from the typical MHSAA tournament. Please pay special attention to the schedule and other details below.

There will be NO DOUBLE-ENTRY at the tournament. All high-school events will run simultaneously on Friday and Saturday. Middle-school events will run on Saturday only.

Email Micah Everson with any questions at murrahlatin@gmail.com.

We hope to see you in Jackson in October!

Judges

Each school should provide judges based on their number of entries:

In Public Forum, Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Big Questions:

1 judge for every 2 entries in each event

In Congress:

Every school entered in Congress should provide 1 judge

Note that judges are not limited to judging a single event. Judges signed up to fill a quota in one event **will likely be asked to judge another event**. This will help us balance judge needs with school-affiliation conflicts.

All judges are obligated to judge one round past the round in which their school has been eliminated. A judge that can *only* judge one day will count towards $\frac{1}{2}$ of a judging requirement.

Schools with an odd number of entries in high-school PF, CX, BQ, or LD may provide a single-day judge to cover their odd-numbered entry. (Example: If Helena High School has 3 entries in LD, they should provide at least one full-tournament judge and an additional judge who can judge at least one day.)

For **middle school** Public Forum and Big Questions, judges MAY be high-school debaters. They should have earned **at least 250 NSDA points** (Degree of Distinction) in order to be considered eligible judges. A student competing in high-school divisions at the tournament, however, should not be signed up to judge, since they would be double-booked for competing *and* judging. (Middle-school event judges are only required for Saturday.)

Entry Fees

High School

\$10.00 per solo entry (LD, BQ, Congress)

\$12.00 per team entry (Policy, PF)

Middle School

\$5.00 per solo entry (BQ, Congress)

\$10.00 per team entry (PF)

All tournament fees should be paid to **Murrah Debate Quiz Bowl Boosters**. Contact me by email (below) if a W9 or Vendor form is needed.

Registration on Tabroom will remain open until **11:30pm on Monday, October 3rd**. No additional entries will be allowed after that deadline. Any drops after that deadline should be e-mailed to Micah Everson at murrahlatin@gmail.com and **will be charged a double entry fee**.

Judge Fees

There are no judge fees to consider. Your entries must be covered by judges. Uncovered entries will not be accepted.

Judges may be added on Tabroom **until 11:30pm on Tuesday, October 4th**. Uncovered entries will be dropped on Wednesday, October 5th.

Schedule

Friday, October 7

4:15pm - School Dismisses

Please do not arrive on campus before 4:45pm.

High School LD, PF, BQ	Policy	Congress
5:30pm - Round 1 7:00pm - Round 2 8:30pm - Round 3	5:30pm - Round 1 7:30pm - Round 2	5:45-8:45pm - Session 1

Saturday, October 8

High School LD, PF, BQ	Policy	Congress
8:30am - Round 4 10:30am - Round 5 12:30pm- Quarterfinals 2:30pm - Semis 4:00pm - Finals	8:30am - Round 3 10:30am - Round 4 12:30pm - Round 5 2:30pm - Semis 4:00pm - Finals	8:45am-11:45am - Session 2 1:30pm-4:30pm - Finals
Middle School PF, BQ 9:00am - Round 1 10:30am - Round 2 12:30pm - Round 3 2:30pm - Semis 4:00pm - Finals	Middle School Congress 9:00am-11:30am Session 1 1:00pm-3:30pm Session 2 (no final round)	

6:00pm - Awards