

# TOURNAMENT EVENT GUIDELINES

## INTERPRETATION EVENTS

**Prose** – Any short story or cutting from a longer story; students judged on vocal expression; memorized introduction required; student may read selection from a binder; 7 minutes max.

**Poetry** – Same guidelines for prose, except selection should be poetry; can be more than one poem; 7 minutes max.

**Storytelling** – Performer will use a children's story; story must be memorized; one chair may be used; 5 minutes max.

**Dramatic** – Student will present a cutting from a short story, novel, play; must be memorized with an introduction; selection should be dramatic in nature; 10 minutes max.

**Humorous** – Same guidelines for dramatic except selection should be humorous; 10 minutes max.

**Duet Acting** – Two person scene, performed from memory; selection can be from any genre of literature; memorized introduction required; performers are allowed 2 chairs; no props or costumes; 10 minutes max.

**Oratory** – Student will deliver a speech on any social topic; speech should be memorized; 10 minutes max.

**Declamation** – Student will present a speech that has been given previously at some point in history. It must be memorized and no longer than 10 minutes. Ex: Gettysburg Address.

## SPEECH EVENTS

**Extemporaneous Speaking (Extemp.)** – Students will draw a question about a current event and have 30 minutes to create a speech answering the question. Online research may be done during the prep time. Speakers are judged on content and delivery. The speech time limit is 7 minutes.

**Impromptu Speaking** – Students will draw a topic and then split a 7 minute block between prep and speech. Speakers are judged on content and delivery.

**\*On all individual events, there is a 30 second grace period in which if you were to go over time, you get this period to finish without being disqualified.**

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## DEBATE EVENTS

**Public Forum Debate** – You are on a 2 person team and you debate against another 2 person team on a topic that is given out a month before the tournament. This format is rather fast-paced and you must read your case and give rebuttal speeches. A round takes about 45 minutes with each team getting some prep time.

**Lincoln-Douglas Debate** – This is a one-on-one format where you debate on a topic given out a month before the tournament. Each side reads a case, asks their opponent some questions and gives rebuttal speeches. A round takes about 50 minutes with each debater getting some prep time.

**Congressional Debate** – This is a every-person-for-themselves format. It's a role-playing exercise where you are a representative or senator in congress. You give speeches in favor of or against various bills and resolutions which are given out each semester. A session takes at least 2 ½ hours with breaks.

**World Schools Debate** – You are on a 3 to 5 person team (only 3 debaters may do any given round). The topics are a mix of pre-determined motions and impromptu motions given out one hour before the round. Each side reads a case and then gives rebuttal speeches. A round takes a little under an hour with no prep time.

**Policy Debate (CX)** – This is a very rigorous format for a 2 person team. The topic stays the same all year and requires a LOT of research and evidence usage. A round takes about 80 minutes with prep time for each team.