

2018 West Allegheny Speech & Debate Tournament



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Welcome to the 2017 West Allegheny Speech & Debate Tournament

Events being offered are:

Humorous Interp
Dramatic Interp
Duo Interp
Policy
Lincoln Douglas
Public Forum
Parliamentary
Big Question Debate
Student Congress

Commentary
Extemporaneous – Mixed
Impromptu
Prose
Poetry
Program of Oral Interp
Declamation (9th & 10th only)
Original Oratory – Informative
Original Oratory – Persuasive
Broadcast (NEW PHSSL EVENT)

Thank You for considering entering the West Allegheny Tournament. Please read the following information:

-Registration is located on www.tabroom.com

- The fee: \$5.00 per student. Please make checks out to *West Allegheny Speech & Debate*. Lunch Tickets will be on sale for \$5.00

-ALL events (Speech & Debate) will be submitted online. Paper ballots will be available as a backup and for judges who would like to use them as reference or notes, but all final decisions will be administered via online.

-There will be a limited number of computers available for judges who do not possess an electronic device.

-All events will follow PHSSL rules unless the event is strictly NCFL (ex: DEC) or NSDA (ex: BIG QUEST), then they will follow the designated rules.

-If rules and criteria is not created and sent by PHSSL, Broadcast will not take place.

-All Debates will be single-fight. If rooms are an issue debate will be moved across the parking lot to the Middle School.

-Registration will be in the Main High School Lobby.

-All Judges will register separately at the registration table.

-Opening Remarks will take place in the Auditorium.

-Tabroom will be located in Room C126.

-Judges Lounge will be located in Room B114.

-Opening and Closing Ceremonies will be in the auditorium.

-Extemp, Commentary & Impromptu Prep will be located in the library.

-At the end of the Round Judges are to report back to the Judges' Lounge and Competitors are to report to the Cafeteria.

-All Rounds will be posted in the cafeteria.

-Judges are to complete the score online in a timely manner. B Remarks can be made up to 24 hours after the tournament's end.

-The 1st 3 rounds of speech and the 1st 2 rounds of debate will be randomly prescheduled.

-Rounds 1-3 of Parli will be Impromptu. Round 4 (and possible 5) will be the Prepared topic

-Speech will have a Final Round if time permits. If no final, they will have a full fourth round

- LD, PF, BQ & Parli will have at least 4 rounds but planning for 5 Rounds (only if time permits)

-Speech & Debate Awards will be given to the top 6 competitors. Top 3 Trophies, the remaining certificates or medallions.

-Congress Trophy wards will be to the PO and top 3 Speakers, remaining board will receive medallions

-Sweepstakes will be awards to the Top 2 schools in Speech, Debate and Overall.

-Each team may indicate 15 Speech competitors, 5 Debate and 2 Congress.

-Events may be eliminated or combined based on number of entries.

Judging Requirements

Speech	1 judge for every 4 competitors (of partners)
Debate	PF,LD, BQ & Parli 1 judge for every 2 individuals or teams
CX	1 judge for every 2 teams
Congress	All congress judges will come from the speech poll

There will be a charge of \$100 for every uncovered Judge.

There will be a \$100 charge to your team for every judge replaced in a round.

PLEASE NOTE: All debate judges may be swapped in all types of debates. All speech judges are may be swapped in all speech and congress events.

Speech & Debate Schedule

7:15 – 8:30 Registration
8:30 Opening in Auditorium
8:45 Exempt & Commentary Starts
8:45 Judges Meeting in Auditorium
9:00 – 10:15 Round 1
10:15 – 11:30 Round 2
11:30 – 12:45 Round 3
12:45 – 1:30 Lunch
1:30 – 3:00 Finals
3:30 Closing Ceremony

Congress Schedule

7:15 – 8:30 Registration
8:30 Opening in Auditorium
8:45 Judges Meeting in Auditorium
9:00 – 12:00 Morning Session
12:00 – 12:45 Lunch
1:30 – 3:00 Afternoon Session
3:00 Voting
3:30 Closing Ceremony
Breaks determined by Parli

Parliamentary Debate Topics

Prepared – This House should create control protocols, ethical standards and laws for the future creations of AI (Artificial Intelligence)

Extemporaneous Debate Topic Areas:

1. Humanities
2. Russia
3. Travel
4. Privacy

<u>Extemporaneous Topic Areas:</u> 1. Business & Economics 2. Crime & Courts 3. Education & Environment 4. Elections & Politics	<u>Impromptu Topic Areas:</u> 1. Idioms 2. Social Issues 3. Abstract Concepts 4. Fictional Characters
<u>Commentary Topic Areas:</u> 1. Apps 2. Fast Food Chains 3. Modern College Majors 4. Events of 2017	<u>News Broadcast</u> Round 1 – International news Round 2 - National news Round 3 - lighter side news Round 4 - Sight Reading

Big Question Debate Topic

Resolved: Humans are fundamentally different from other animals.

-If there are any problems or concerns please feel free to email mshaffer@westasd.org or mshaffer7777@gmail.com or call my cell (724)601-3890. If you have drops please call ahead.

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