



University of Central Mo Mini-Mule

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Dear Speech and Debate Coach and Squad,

The University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Missouri cordially invites you to our 2nd annual UCM Mini-Mule to be held on January 19th & 20th, 2024. There will be an OPEN tournament at Warrensburg High School the same weekend if you wish to take a few Novice there. Amy Bushmeyer is excited to host what she can! I will send that invite out as soon as it is sent my way. IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER, THE UCM TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE RESCHEDULED.

Our tournament will provide VARSITY COMPETITION ONLY in the following Individual Events: Original Oratory, U.S. Extemp, International Extemp, Student Congress, Duo Interp, Dramatic Interp, Humorous Interp, Prose, Poetry, Storytelling, Program of Oral Interp, Informative Speaking, Improv Duet Acting, and Radio Speaking. Debate competition will be in Varsity CX, Junior Varsity CX, Varsity Lincoln-Douglas, Junior Varsity Lincoln-Douglas, Varsity Public Forum, Junior Varsity Public Forum. Please read inside for all the information. Students may enter two individual events and debate. The Mini Mule will also offer NIETOC bids in the following events as entry numbers allow: HI, DI, DUO, OO, POI, United States Extemp, and International Extemp. The 2024 NIETOC will be held in Bellevue, Nebraska, May 10-12. All other information concerning NIETOC can be found at www.NIETOC.com.

Each school must be accompanied by a coach or qualified sponsor. We will have a judge requirement of 2 judges. We are hopeful not to have to use these judges but in the event that we need to we would like to have extras on Standby. If this is a concern for your team, please feel free to reach out so that we can provide an alternative.

We are working with our University to allow us to use the dining halls to feed students. If we can get everything worked out, there will be an option for a cash fee totaling \$9.00 per student, per meal, but it is all you can eat, buffet style. There are salads, sandwiches, homestyle meals, taco bar, burgers, pasta, and desserts. We will send out a form for you to give us a headcount of students who would like to eat, that way we can warn our dining hall ahead of time. This fee is not required, but an opportunity for worry free food! We will need payment for this at registration as we have to have an accurate headcount for our dining halls.

Entries will be a flat fee of \$8.00 per entry. Our entry deadline is Wednesday, January 10, 2024 on Forensictournament.net. At this time we cannot accept more than 3 entries per event per school. We are very hopeful that we will be allowed to accept everything. Extra entries, if desired, should be noted in the entry and will be released on a first come first serve basis. Should you have any questions, please call the Tournament Director Sydney Crank (660-281-8187) or the Tournament Chairs Hayden Etter (816-553-4478) or CJ Miller (816-229-8377).

General Rules:

1. A student may enter two individual events and debate. Debaters may not enter multiple debate styles and extempers may not enter both Foreign and U.S. divisions. Students may add Radio Speaking as a 3rd individual event as it will be done asynchronous.
2. Coaches may be used as judges in rounds where alternative judges cannot be found
3. Trophies will be awarded to the top six places in Individual Events, and the top four in Debate.
4. No refunds for cancellations will be made after Thursday, January 18th, 2024.
5. There is a campus regulation against smoking. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the contestant being eliminated from competition.
6. No playing of guitars or music without the use of headphones.
7. Laptops may be used following MSHSAA and NSDA guidelines.
8. Any student entering Improv Duet Acting CANNOT be entered in debate as these events are running concurrently.
9. Any competitor can add Radio Speaking as a 3rd Event as it is Asynchronous. So an individual with 2 I.E's may also compete in Radio Speaking & Improv Duet. Debate students can compete in Radio Speaking but NOT Improv Duet.

Individual Events Rules:

1. US and International Extemp: Topics will be current events on national and international issues. Time limit will be 7 minutes.
2. Original Oratory: The speech must be written by the student. It must be memorized. Time limit is 10 minutes. Not more than 150 words may be direct quotations.
3. Humorous and Dramatic Interp: Selections must be memorized and possess literary merit. Time limit is 10 minutes.
4. Duo Interp: Must be memorized. Selections may be from any appropriate novel, play, or short story. An introduction must be provided. Time limit-10 minutes. Students must have offstage focus. (May not be from recorded material.)
5. Prose Interp: Must be performed using performance binder. Selections may not be from plays. Prose Interp may only include 50% dialogue. Time limit-8 minutes.
6. Poetry: Must be performed using performance binder. Selections must be from poetry. Can use one long poem or collection of poems. Time limit-8 minutes.
7. Student Congress: **Advancing to Semifinals** will be determined by: Ranks, reciprocals, total points. **Finalists** will be determined by Semi ranks, judges preference, reciprocals, Semi points, prelim ranks, prelim reciprocals, prelim points. The will be available on the forensicstournament.net website.
8. Storytelling: Must perform a published and copyrighted story of the students choice, originally for children. Use no costumes or properties of any type. Have the story well enough in mind to share it adequately with the intended audience. The introduction to the selection may be given in a standing or seated position; title(s) and author(s) of all selections must be identified.
9. Program Oral Interp: A program of Prose, Poetry and Drama, up to ten minutes in length using at least two out of the three genres. No props or costumes may be used except for the manuscript.
10. Informative: Students deliver a memorized, self-written, ten-minute speech on a topic of their choosing. All topics must be informative in nature. Visual aids are permitted.
11. Radio Speaking: This event is prerecorded. Students will prepare and present a script which contains news, weather, and sports. Use sources accessed no more than 24 hours prior to the deadline for entry. Use no commercials. Not portray multiple characters. The speaking time shall be five (5) minutes. Due to the nature of the event, there is no grace period given to this event. **ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR RADIO SPEAKING MUST be submitted through forensicstournament.net by the deadline given THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.** This is so that we may appropriately panel these to be judged by our Digital Media Production students. **ALL SUBMISSIONS AFTER 3:00 p.m on 1/18 will not be considered for judging.**
12. Improv Duet Acting: Students will begin round by drawing three scenarios choosing one to prepare for competition. Scenes should be no longer than 5 minutes with a 2 minute prep time, totaling 7 minutes. Props are allowed. **DEBATE STUDENTS MAY NOT ENTER IDA AS THEY ARE**

RUNNING CONCURRENTLY.

Cross-Examination Debate:

1. Novice will be defined as any student in his/her first year of any competition.
2. Time limits will be 8-3-5 with 5 minutes prep time.
3. All teams must remain constant in personnel throughout the tournament.
4. The resolution for debate will be the NSDA national topic.
5. A team more than 10 minutes late to a round shall forfeit, unless it is the fault of the tournament.
6. Since debate is oral communication, evidence shall be presented in an understandable fashion. Judges will be instructed to refrain from reading any evidence after the round unless the truth of the evidence or its misinterpretation has been challenged by the opposing team in that round.
7. In case of a forfeit, the winning team will receive speaker rankings of 1-2 and the opposition record will be averaged. Byes will be tabulated as a win with 1-2 speaker rankings; the opposition record will be averaged.
8. At the end of preliminaries the eight top teams in each division will advance to quarterfinals. Win/loss, speaker rankings, record of opponent lost to, total opposition record, opposition speaker ranks (in that order) will be used to break ties.
9. All teams must consist of two people unless given permission by the tournament director.

Lincoln Douglas Debate:

1. Novice is defined as any student in his/her first year of any competition.
2. Rounds will be run at the same time as cross-ex debate, so two L-D rounds will be held during one cross-ex debate.
3. The topic shall be the NSDA January/February topic.
4. In case of forfeit, the opposition record will be averaged. The opposition record for byes will be averaged.
5. Qualification for quarter-finals will be based on win-loss record; record of opponent lost to; total opposition record; and total opposition to the opposition.

Public Forum Debate

1. The topic will be the NSDA December topic.
2. In case of forfeit, the opposition record will be averaged. The opposition record for byes will be averaged.
3. At the end of preliminaries the eight top teams in each division will advance to quarterfinals. Win/loss, speaker rankings, record of opponent lost to, total opposition record, opposition speaker ranks (in that order) will be used to break ties.

Sweepstakes Rules:

1. Sweepstakes points in debate will be awarded as follows:
Debate win-----5 points
Qualifying for quarters-----15 points
2. Sweepstakes points in IEs will be awarded as follows:
Semifinals-----5 points
Finals-----10 points
Third place-----5 points
Second Place-----10 points
First place-----15 points
3. Sweepstakes will be awarded to the THREE BEST ENTRIES
4. Debate Speaker awards will be awarded to top 10 students based on their preliminary rounds. Top Speakers are determined by High low first (adjusted), then total points, followed by ranks and, opp wins if needed.

Mini-Mule TOURNAMENT TIME SCHEDULE

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Friday, January 19th, 2024

2:00-Registration in the Student Union Atrium

PLEASE KEEP ALL STUDENTS EXCEPT EXTEMP IN THE Union UNTIL 2:30 P.M.

EXTEMP DRAW: Location Union Auditorium

2:30--Round 1 Extemp Draw

3:00--Round 1 Individual Events

4:30--Round 2 Extemp Draw

5:00--Round 2 Individual Events

6:30--Round 1 Debate/IDA

8:00--Round 2 Debate/IDA

Saturday, January 20th, 2024

9:00- Round 3 Debate (the Union does not open until 8. Please do not arrive before then as the doors will be locked.)

10:30--Semi-Finals Extemp Draw

11:00--Semi-Finals Individual Events

12:30--Round 4 Debate/Finals IDA

1:45--Extemp Draw for Finals of Individual Events

2:15--Finals Individual Events

3:30--Quarterfinals Debate

5:30--Awards Assembly in Auditorium

Immediately after Awards--Semi Finals Debate

Immediately after Semi Finals--Finals Debate