

Treasure Valley Invitational Speech Tournament/Sen. Frank Church Debates

The following information pertains to the speech tournament to be held on Saturday, January 11, 2013, at Boise State University. Information regarding the Senator Frank Church Debates at Boise State University on January 12, 2013, is later in this invitation.

Speech Events

We will offer all speech events sanctioned by the IHSAA and follow IHSAA speech guidelines found at IHSAA.org

Entry restriction: A student may enter two events, except if they are in Panel or Congressional in pattern A, or a draw event (extemp, radio or retold).

In all events, we will offer a **Rookie** and **Varsity** division with 3 preliminary rounds. A "Rookie" will be defined as a student in their first year of competition. A "Varsity" competitor will be defined as a student who has competed for a year or more. "Rookie" should be reserved for those in their first year of high school forensics. We will leave the classification to coaches' discretion. The purpose of the different divisions is to level the playing field for the competitors so that all have a positive experience.

Tentative Schedule

Friday - January 11, 2013

2:45 – 3:30 pm	Registration – SUB 1 st floor (across from Info desk)
3:30 pm	Draw
3:34 – 5:00 pm	Round 1, All Speech
5:00 pm	Draw
5:15 – 6:30 pm	Round 2, All Speech
6:30 pm	Draw
6:45 – 8:00 pm	Round 3, All Speech

Speech Awards

Awards will be presented according to the Pi Kappa Delta awards system, as follows:

Superior (top 10%):	5 points
Excellent (next 20%):	4 points
Good: (next 20%):	3 points
Participation:	1 point

For sweepstakes, teams may count their **best 3 entries** in each event in each division, for example, the best 3 Novice Extemp, best 3 Varsity Extemp, regardless of how many are entered by each school.

Team sweepstakes will also be awarded using the Superior and Excellent designations. We will award sweepstakes based on total points earned divided by the number of total entries by the school. There will be no classification (Class A or Class B) for this tournament in either speech or debate. For example, if 20 schools participate, we will award 2 Superior and 4 Excellent awards in speech.

Lodging

We have been able to secure a great lodging agreement with 4 properties in the Boise area. They are offering a rate of \$79, including breakfast, at any of their sites. They are:

Holiday Inn	2970 W. Elder, Boise
Fairfield Inn	3300 S. Shoshone, Boise
Hampton Inn	3270 S. Shoshone, Boise
Holiday Inn Express	2613 S. Vista, Boise

All of these properties are near the Boise Airport at the Vista Avenue exit and are a 5-10 minute drive to BSU. Please contact Mary Woodward Finch, Sales Manager, at 208-914-2052 for more information and/or to book rooms.

Entry Fees

School Administration Fee:	\$0
Individual Entry Fee:	\$10 per IE entry, covered (1 judge covers 6 speech entries per pattern) \$10 additional cost for each IE entry not covered (\$20 total)

Please make checks payable to: **Pi Kappa Delta**

Entry Process

Entry for the tournament will be processed at www.forensictournament.net. Title of the tournament is "Treasure Valley Invitational/Sen. Frank Church Debates". You may enter up to the entry deadline of Monday, **January 7, at 6:00 pm, MST**. Drops/changes for existing schools will be processed up to Tuesday, **January 8, at 6:00 pm, MST**. All changes must be processed through the website only. At 6:00 pm Tuesday fees will be set and not adjusted. If you must make changes after that deadline, please e-mail the hosts directly at joshwatkins@u.boisestate.edu or jstoppenhagen@nsd131.org. PLEASE try to enter as early as possible to help us with the ordering of awards. We realize that there will be some last minute changes, but giving us a close proximity of entries at the beginning of the week of the tournament will help us greatly in ordering awards. Thanks for your support.

Regarding judges: If a hired judge for your school fails to be at the tournament, your school will be charged a \$150 dropped judge fee. Please make every effort to hire and bring judges you know are dependable. Thanks for your understanding and support.

ENTRY LIMITATION: Due to the popularity of this tournament and space limits at the awards banquet on Saturday, debate entries will be limited. Students not traveling from out of the area must participate in Saturday debate in order to attend the Saturday banquet. We ask that a member of the speech winner's team get their award at the banquet Saturday of that person is not present to receive it.

Each school is initially allowed to enter 15 debate events TOTAL. For example, you could enter 5 novice PF teams, 3 novice CX teams, 3 varsity LD entries and 4 Congress (15 total, not 15 per division). I do realize that there will likely be open spots as some schools will not take their total allotment and I will add entries as space allows in an equitable way. Again, there is no entry limit for speech events on Friday.

The Senator Frank Church Debates

The Senator Frank Church Debates at Boise State University will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2013, on the campus of Boise State University.

Events

We will offer three formats of debate; Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum. In addition, we will offer Student Congress. We will follow the rules for these debate formats as outlined by the IHSA. Initial entries will be limited for each school to 15 total entries between Patterns C, D and E.

In each debate format, including Congress, we will offer a **Rookie** and **Varsity** division. A Rookie will be defined as a student in their first year of competition. A Varsity will be defined as a student who has competed for a year or more. We will leave the classification to coaches' discretion. The purpose of the different divisions is to level the playing field for the competitors so that all have a positive experience.

Tentative Schedule – Debate/Congress

Saturday – January 12, 2013

7:30 – 8:00 am	Registration, BSU Student Union (1 st floor across from Info Desk)
8:15 – 10:00 am	Round 1 – Debate and Student Congress
10:10 – 11:55 am	Round 2 – Debate and Student Congress
11:55 – 12:40 pm	Lunch Break
12:45 – 2:30 pm	Round 3 – Debate and Student Congress
2:40 – 4:25 pm	Round 4 – Debate and Student Congress
4:35 – 6:20 pm	Round 5 – Debate and Student Congress
6:30 pm	Awards Banquet – Grace Jordan Grand Ballroom

Debate Entry Fees

School Administration Fee: \$0

Debate Entry Fee (Public Forum and Policy):

\$20 per team, covered (1 judge covers 2 teams in Policy or 4 PF)
\$20 additional cost for teams not covered (\$40 total)

Debate Entry Fee (Lincoln-Douglas):

\$12 per person, covered (1 judge covers 4 L-D entries)
\$12 additional cost for entries not covered (\$24 total)

Student Congress Fee:

\$12 per entry, covered (1 judge covers 10 Congress entries)
\$12 additional cost per entry not covered (\$24 total)

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Entry Process

Entry for the tournament will be processed at www.forensicstournament.net. You may add entries up to the entry deadline of **Monday, January 7, at 6:00 pm, MST**. Drops and changes will be processed up to **Tuesday, January 9, at 6:00 pm, MST**. All changes and drops will be processed through the website only. Fees will be set at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 8. Changes after that will need to be done via e-mail.

Regarding judges: If a hired judge for your school fails to be at the tournament, your school will be charged a \$150 dropped judge fee. This will be strictly enforced this year! Please make every effort to hire and bring judges you know are dependable. Thanks for your understanding and support.

Debate Sweepstakes

Points toward debate sweepstakes will be awarded in the following manner:

Awards will be presented to the top finishers in each event in each debate event and division according to the Pi Kappa Delta awards system. Because there are no elimination rounds, Superior awards will be given to those that are in the top 10% of all entries in the event, with the next 20% receiving an award of Excellent. Sweepstakes points will be given on the following scale:

Superior (top 10%):	10 points
Excellent (next 20%):	8 points
Good (next 20%):	6 points
Participation:	2 points

For debate sweepstakes, debaters will earn points for their school by counting their **best 3 entries** in each format and division towards sweeps. For example, a school can count their best 3 Rookie L/D debaters as well as their best 3 Varsity L/D debaters towards sweepstakes. Congress will count as a debate event for sweepstakes purposes. Schools will earn Superior or Excellent team awards based on top 10% (Superior) and the next 20% (Excellent) from total number of schools entered. For example, if 20 schools participate, there would be 2 Superior and 4 Excellent award winners. Team awards will be determined by taking the total number of sweepstakes points earned divided by the number of entries for that school.

Debate Topics

2012-2013 Policy Debate Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its transportation infrastructure investment in the United States.

Novices will be limited to the Novice Case List.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate Topic

This tournament will use the January topic for L-D. Resolved: Rehabilitation ought to be valued above retribution in the United States criminal justice system.

Public Forum Debate Topic

This tournament will use the January Public Forum topic: Resolved: On balance, the Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission harms the election process.

Student Congress

There will be Saturday Student Congress in both Rookie and Varsity divisions, divided into fairly equal time blocks.

Legislation for this tournament will be taken from students entered into the tournament, supplemented by the 2012 NFL Congressional Docket. **Our PREFERENCE is to include quality legislation in the docket and allowing students to submit their own work. Legislation will be due the tournament director, NO EXCEPTIONS, at jstoppenhagen@nsd131.org by Monday, December 17, 2012 at 6:00 pm MST.** This will allow for the assembly and distribution of the docket BEFORE break so students may start their research in time to be prepped for the tournament. Students may submit ONE bill or resolution only! The docket will be assembled by a blind draw and will insure that schools are equally represented in the docket. The docket will be e-mailed to the coaches on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 by 6:00 pm, MST.

Awards will be presented to the top speakers in Congress based on the Pi Kappa Delta awards system. The top 10% will receive Superior, the next 20% will be designated as Excellent and the next 20% as Good. Points earned in Congress will count towards sweepstakes at the same rate as debate points in this invitation.

Questions? Please contact tournament co-directors Josh Watkins at joshwatkins@u.boisestate.edu or Jeff Stoppenhagen at jstoppenhagen@nsd131.org

See you at Boise State in January to kick off the new year in forensics!

Josh and Jeff