

Brentwood Congress and Novice IE Rules 2023

Brentwood High School Speech and Debate Team

2221 High School Drive, St Louis, MO 63144

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE RULES & PROCEDURES

- 3 minutes maximum
- Congress will use the Eastern Missouri Docket.
- Authorship will be preferred over sponsorship for the first speech.

There will be two preliminary sessions in which judges will rank their top 8 competitors after scoring the complete session. There will be one super session with 12 – 15 students. Advancing to supersession will be determined by:

1. Lowest total cumulative ranks within chambers
2. Total preliminary reciprocals
3. Total preliminary speech scores

Final placings will be determined by:

1. Lowest total cumulative ranks within the supersession
2. Judges' preference
3. Final round reciprocals
4. Total final round speech scores
5. Total preliminary round speech scores

UNITED STATES & FOREIGN EXTEMP RULES & PROCEDURES:

- Standard NSDA rules will be used.
- STUDENTS IN EXTEMP CANNOT BE DOUBLE ENTERED
 - This will ensure the tournament runs on time, students are not late to round, or any other confusion that may result if given a second event.
- Wednesday evening (January 18th) coaches with extempers will receive an email with a set of preliminary round topic areas for both Domestic and International Extemp.
- Students will draw three topics and select one to prepare a speech. Students will have (roughly) 30 minutes of preparation for their topic. Notes may be used during the speech, but it could result in a lower ranking by the judges. Contestants may not consult with others. Paperless extemporaneous speaking is acceptable under MSHSAA rules.
 - We will do our best to provide internet access, but we cannot guarantee that it will be fast and reliable for everyone. Please plan accordingly

ORATORY, INFO, HUMOROUS, DRAMATIC, POI RULES & PROCEDURES

- 10 minutes maximum-ALL EVENTS LISTED ABOVE
- Oratory/Informative -Students will present an original persuasive/informative speech from memory. The speech may not contain more than 150 words of quoted material.

PROSE, POETRY, and STORYTELLING RULES & PROCEDURES

- 8 minutes maximum
- Students will present EITHER a selection of prose OR poetry for this competition.
- Students can use a tablet/e-reader, per MSHSAA rules, or they may use a performance binder. This is a combined event.

RADIO SPEAKING RULES & PROCEDURES

- 5 minutes maximum
- Performances should simulate a radio program.
- Speeches should contain sections for news (international, national, and local), sports, and weather

INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIE BREAKERS

- If a tie should occur in a speech event, the following tie-breaking procedure shall be utilized to determine the contestants who will advance to the semifinal round at the tournament in the order listed:
 - Rank
 - Reciprocals
 - Quality Points
 - Adjusted Quality Points
 - In the event of an unbreakable tie all entries involved in the tie shall be awarded the highest place for which they are tied and should the tie be for a position to advance to the next round of competition or a qualifying position for the state tournament then all entries involved in the tie advance.
- Should ties occur in the semifinal or final round, the following criteria will be applied in descending order:
 - Judges Preference (applies to a two-way tie only)
 - Reciprocals
 - Preliminary Ranks