

VII. AWARDS AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

A. Speech

1. Awards will be presented to Quarter-Finalists (if an event grows to at least 72 in number) and to Semi-Finalists and Finalists in each speech event.

2. Additional Honorable Mention awards will be given to students in each event (with no one category giving awards to more than one-third of the number of students entered in that category).

3. Team awards will be given to the top five schools overall. To determine school placement, the top six students, with no more than two from any one of the three groups of events: 1) rhetorical/memorized interpretative events (declamation, dramatic and humorous interpretation), 2) student generated/constructed original events (extemporaneous speaking and original oratory), and 3) interpretative reading events (oral interpretation and duo interpretation) ranks will be scored.

a. At the end of five preliminary rounds, the “worst” rank received by each student is dropped and is never used again throughout the contest. Each of the remaining four ranks is given a sweepstakes score. A first rank earns five points, a second earns four points, a third earns three points, a fourth earns two points, and any lower ranks receives one point. At the end of each elimination round, the student’s placement in the round will be determined by totaling the ranks of the three judges in the round. That rank will earn the speaker an additional sweepstakes score. (Quarter-final rounds will not be counted).

b. Should ties occur between schools, they shall be broken by totaling their number of first ranks. (If ties still exist, the total number of second ranks should be determined, etc.)

B. Lincoln-Douglas Debate

1. Awards will be presented to participants in all elimination rounds in each division.

2. Additional Honorable Mention awards will be given to students in each division with no one division giving awards to more than one-third of the number of students entered in that division.

3. Team awards will be given to the top five schools overall. To determine school placement, the “wins” of each school’s top five students (no more

than two from any one of the three divisions) will be totaled. Ties will be broken by comparing final placement of individual winners. The school's which "go the farthest" or "place the highest" of those tied will win ties.

C. Policy (Team) Debate

1. In any level of team debate, we will cut to Semi-Finals if there are fewer than 16 teams in the event.

2. Awards will be presented to each participant in elimination rounds in each division and to the top two individual speakers in each division.

3. Additional Honorable Mention awards will be given to students in each division (with no one division giving awards to more than one-third the number of students entered in that division).

D. Student Congress

1. Awards will be presented to each participant in the Final Session of Congress.

2. Awards will be presented to each student who serves as a Presiding Officer (in the form of certificates).

3. Additional Honorable Mention awards will be given to students with no more than one-third of the number of students entered in the event.

E. Public Forum Debate

1. Awards will be presented to participants in all elimination rounds in each division.

2. Additional Honorable Mention awards will be given to students in each division with no one division giving awards to more than one-third of the number of students entered in that division.

3. Team awards will be given to the top three schools overall. To determine school placement, the "wins" of each school's top three students (no more than two from any one of the two divisions) will be totaled. Ties will be broken by comparing final placement of individual winners. The school's which "go the farthest" or "place the highest" of those tied will win ties.

F. All Students

In all events will receive participation certificates.

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