

**TO: Speech, Debate and Theatre Directors**  
**FROM: Don Maurer, MSHSAA Assistant Executive Director**  
**SUBJECT: State Tournament Information Letter**

Congratulations to each of you on a successful season! You and your students have worked very hard throughout the year, and you should be very proud of your efforts and accomplishments.

**DEBATE EVENTS:** Friday, April 12, 2019, starting at 8:30 a.m. **Directors Meeting: 7:45 a.m.**  
FINALS held on Saturday, April 13, 2019

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:** Saturday, April 13, 2019, starting at 8:30 a.m. **Directors Meeting: 7:45 a.m.**

### **Coaches/Directors Registration, Meetings and Judging Information**

- Coaches/Directors for debate may begin registering and picking up onsite school information packets at **7:30 a.m. on Friday** in the Plaster Student Union, Room 313.
- Following registration on Friday, there will be a coaches/directors meeting beginning at **7:45 a.m.**
- Coaches/Directors shall pick up their debate ballots ASAP and report immediately to their assigned room for judging at the conclusion of the coaches/directors meeting. Round 1 of Debate begins at 8:30 a.m. All debate ballots are to be returned to Headquarters by the coach/director completing the ballot.
- ***Only approved school directors shall report for judging responsibilities as a school judge. Failure to fulfill the judging responsibility will result in a \$50 fine per round as per the MSHSAA Speech, Debate and Theatre Manual.***
- One-Act Play and Readers Theatre groups should go directly to their performance site to receive their onsite school information packet. School judges are not used for RT and OAP competition.
- Coaches/Directors of Individual Events may begin registering and picking up onsite school information packets at **7:30 a.m. on Saturday** in the Plaster Student Union, Room 313.
- Following registration on Saturday, there will be a Coaches/Directors Meeting beginning at **7:45 a.m.**
- Coaches/Directors shall pick up their IE ballots ASAP and report immediately to their assigned room for judging at the conclusion of the coaches/directors meeting. Round 1 of IE's begin at 8:30 a.m. All IE ballots are to be returned to Headquarters by the school coach/director completing the ballot and given to the IE Ballot Manager. ***Only approved school directors shall report for judging responsibilities as a school judge. Failure to fulfill judging responsibility will result in a \$50 fine per round as per the MSHSAA Speech, Debate and Theatre Manual.***
- School Judges: All coaches/directors are required to be available for one round beyond elimination of their team for debate and are required to be available for judging the final IE round.
- Finals Judging Assignments for all events will be released at 12:30 p.m. from the headquarters room (Plaster Student Union – Room 313).
- All Directors or Assistant Directors who plan to attend and participate at the 2019 State Tournament must be an "Approved" Director(s) as posted on your schools Coaches and Directors page of the MSHSAA website.
- Furthermore, all Directors and Assistant Directors must also have completed the mandatory Online Rules Review for Speech, Debate and Theatre. Unapproved coaches will be asked to refrain from being in the headquarters and tab rooms and may not work onsite with qualifying students or serve in any capacity as a crew/stage set up personnel for group events.
- If a school has a Director(s) who has not completed the online rules review, the school athletic/activities director must open the review for the director(s) to complete in order to be an approved director for the state tournament.

**U.S. and INTERNATIONAL EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING:** All coaches/directors shall be in the draw room prior to the first draw rather than prior to the draw time of your student. First and second round draw times will be 30 minutes prior to speaking time for Extemporaneous Speaking entries (1:00 p.m.). Draw meeting will be held in **CHEEK HALL 102.**

**ONE-ACT PLAY:** Thursday, April 11, 2019 (Prelims) and Friday, April 12, 2019 (Finals)

Plays have been scheduled at **70 minute** intervals.\* Each entry is responsible for following time limitations per the MSHSAA Speech, Debate and Theatre Manual.

**READERS THEATRE:** Thursday, April 11, 2019 (Prelims) and Friday, April 12, 2019 (Finals)  
Performances have been scheduled at **45 minute** intervals.\* Each entry is responsible for following time limitations per MSHSAA Speech, Debate and Theatre Manual.

\*These time schedules are based on the regulations found in the MSHSAA Speech, Debate, and Theatre Manual located on the MSHSAA website ([www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org)).

### **Other Important Information**

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- The Headquarters for the MSHSAA State Speech, Debate and Theatre Tournament will be located in Plaster Student Union, Room 313 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- All Individual Events will be held in classrooms located in a number of different buildings on campus. See Room Assignments and Schedule document posted to the Speech, Debate and Theatre page on the MSHSAA website ( [www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org) ).
- The eight performers in each Individual Event with the lowest rankings at the completion of the two preliminary rounds will advance to a final round of competition. No alternates will be selected. A random drawing to determine the performance time for the final round will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday in the TAB room.
- Individual Event final rounds on Saturday will start at 1:00 p.m., with the exception of the two Extemporaneous Speaking events, which will be held at 1:30 p.m.
- Policy, Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum Debates on Saturday are TBA (not earlier than 12:30 p.m.). Attempts will be made to start PF Debate at 12:30 p.m.
- **You will be emailed a “Schedule Letter” upon the completion of state tournament scheduling process. This schedule letter will be emailed on or before April 4, 2019. Upon receipt of the schedule letter, please check your performance times carefully to make sure that no conflicts exist for any potential double- and/or triple-entered students. If you notice a conflict, please call Don Maurer (573-875-4880) immediately so that the conflict can be resolved prior to the start of the tournament.**

### **PARKING**

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- Parking on campus will be free again this year, so please make sure to park in the areas permitted by Missouri State University. Campus Map is located on the MSHSAA website on the Speech, Debate and Theatre page.
- Only use one parking pass per vehicle/bus and leave the parking pass on the dashboard at all times.
- **Do not provide a parking pass to fans. Failure to comply will result in the loss of free parking for our qualifying schools for this event.**
- Cars and vans shall use the following parking lots: Bear Parking North (Lot 43) or any Yellow Lot.
- Busses shall use the following parking lots: 44, 51 or 52.
- **Please print your parking pass by using the link included in the schedule letter email.**