

**LHS SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM 25/26  
TEAM MEMBER EXPECTATION CONTRACT**

Below are listed the expectations that team members will be held to over the course of the season. All team members and their parent / guardian must agree to the following in order to officially secure a spot on the team:

**1. PRACTICE**

- a. Students are expected to participate in practice once a week through the end of the season unless discussed with a coach over 24 hours in advance or an emergency arises.
- b. Participation in practice will be counted as (1) performance for a coach or captain, (2) meeting with a coach or captain, (3) a recorded video of performance or progress if prearranged with a coach (no more than 3 per season).  
*Note: Attendance at practice without completion of one of the aforementioned tasks will be counted as an unexcused absence.*

**2. TOURNAMENT ETIQUETTE**

- a. Team members are expected to comport themselves in a professional, respectful manner at all times to judges, competitors, team members, and coaches of any school.

**3. COMMUNICATION**

- a. Students are expected to communicate via email AND the team GroupMe
- b. When missing practice, a tournament, mandatory meeting, or scheduled performance time, team members are expected to communicate the absence with a coach over 24 hours in advance unless an emergency arises. *You will still incur drop fees in the event of an emergency.*
- c. At tournaments, students are expected to be reachable by both coaches and parent chaperones via GroupMe and must communicate with a coach before leaving the tournament site.
- d. All team members are expected to complete a google form that will be posted on the team website no later than the Monday prior to each tournament.

**4. DEADLINES**

- a. Team members will need to turn in all team fees, have your parent sign up to judge (or pay the \$60 judge fee) and have a piece selected (if applicable) no later than Wednesday October 8th, 2025.
- b. This contract is due, signed by the team member and their parent / guardian, no later than Wed. 9/24
- c. In order to avoid drop fees, you will need to inform the coaches that you will not attend a tournament no later than the Monday before.
- d. Other posted deadlines on forms and communicated by coaches should be adhered to.

**5. FEES AND FUNDRAISING**

- a. Team members are responsible for all dues and fees including but not limited to team fees, tournament drop fees, and postseason competition fees by their communicated deadlines. *Note: all fees and payments are non-refundable after 10/29/25.*
- b. All team members are required to participate in fundraising events and turn in any associated fees by their communicated deadlines.

**If team members fail to meet one of the above expectations the consequences will be as follow:**

**1st Offense** - meeting with student and contact with parent or guardian

**2nd Offense** - exclusion from postseason participation including regional, state, and national competition

**3rd Offense** - removal from the team and exclusion from future seasons at LHS

Team Member Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_