

Middle School Tournament Event Schedules and Venues

**Richmond, Virginia
June 16-19, 2026**



All schedules are subject to change. Schedule in Eastern Time.

- [Access the Hotel Block Booking Site](#)
- [Nats26 High School Schedules and Venues](#)

Venue Notes:

- Middle school registration will be held on Tuesday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture.
- Speech events will be held at Highland Springs High School. Debate events will be held at Glen Allen High School.
- Friday competition for middle school will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Middle School National Tournament Registration and Expo

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. ET

Venue: Virginia Museum of History & Culture

The NSDA Student Party for all National Tournament participants will be held from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. ET at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture. Middle School registration will be held between 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. ET in the museum. During this time, an adult from each team should stop by to pick up your school's registration materials and ask any questions. The museum grounds will also have food trucks, a DJ, and activities for your team to enjoy! Street and ramp parking around the museum is available for a cost.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

High School Judge Registration

High school National Tournament participants who are no longer competing on Wednesday are welcome to judge at the Middle School National Tournament! To be eligible, they must have completed their junior or senior year of high school and have 250+ Honor Society points. They should sign up in advance using the "Judge Signup" tab at msnats.tabroom.com and arrive at the competition site by 8:30 a.m. ET on Wednesday to check in with tournament staff. They will be required to attend a judge training session before they are permitted to judge.

DEBATE EVENTS

2026 Tentative Master Schedule

Lincoln-Douglas (LD) • Public Forum (PF)

Wednesday

Venues: Glen Allen High School

Lunch served from 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Required Judge Training 9:00 a.m.

Round 1	10:00 a.m.
Round 2	12:30 p.m.
Round 3	3:30 p.m.
Round 4	6:00 p.m.

Thursday

Venues: Glen Allen High School

Lunch served from 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Round 5	8:00 a.m.
Round 6	10:30 a.m.
Elim 1	1:00 p.m.
Elim 2	3:30 p.m.
Elim 3	5:30 p.m.

Policy (CX)

Wednesday

Venues: Glen Allen High School

Required Judge Training 9:00 a.m.

Lunch served from 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Round 1	10:00 a.m.
Round 2	1:00 p.m.
Round 3	3:30 p.m.
Round 4	6:00 p.m.

Thursday

Venues: Glen Allen High School

Lunch served from 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Round 5	8:00 a.m.
Round 6	10:30 a.m.
Elim 1	1:00 p.m.
Elim 2	3:30 p.m.
Elim 3	5:30 p.m. (if needed)

Friday

Venue: Greater Richmond Convention Center

LD semifinals will be held at 8:30 a.m. PF semifinals will be held at 10:30 a.m. Final rounds will be held on Friday and culminate in the Middle School Awards Ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Review the [Friday schedule](#).

WORLD SCHOOLS DEBATE 2026 Tentative Master Schedule

Wednesday

Venues: Glen Allen High School

Required Judge Training 9:00 a.m.

Lunch served from 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Students report to the prep room by 9:30 a.m. for announcements.

Round 1	10:00 a.m. (Prepared)
Round 2	12:00 p.m. (Prepared)
Round 3	3:30 p.m. (Roll Call/Topic Release 2:20 p.m.)

Thursday

Venues: Glen Allen High School

Lunch served from 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Round 4	9:30 a.m. (Roll Call/Topic Release 8:20 a.m.)
Round 5	12:50 p.m. (Roll Call/Topic Release 11:45 a.m.)
Quarterfinals	3:35 p.m. (Roll Call/Topic Release 2:30 p.m.)
Semifinals	6:00 p.m. (Roll Call/Topic Release 4:50 p.m.)

Friday

Venue: Greater Richmond Convention Center

The final round will be held on Friday and culminate in the Middle School Awards Ceremony at 4:30 p.m.

Review the [Friday schedule](#).

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

2026 Tentative Master Schedule

Wednesday

Venues: Glen Allen High School

Required Judge Training 9:00 a.m.

Lunch served from 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Session 1 9:30 a.m.

Session 2 2:00 p.m.

Thursday

Venues: Glen Allen High School

Lunch served from 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Session 3 8:00 a.m.

Session 4 12:00 p.m.

Semifinals 4:00 p.m.

Friday

Venue: Greater Richmond Convention Center

The final round will be held on Friday and culminate in the Middle School Awards Ceremony at 4:30 p.m.

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SPEECH EVENTS

2026 Tentative Master Schedule

Speech Patterns:

Students may enter up to four total events (no more than two per pattern). Students cannot double enter in Pattern A if they are registered for Extemporaneous Speaking.

Pattern A: Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Mixed Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Poetry, and Storytelling.

Pattern B: Dramatic Interpretation, Declamation, Prose, Informative Speaking, Program Oral Interpretation, Original Spoken Word Poetry, and Impromptu.

Wednesday

Venues: Highland Springs HS

Required Judge Training 9:00 a.m.

Lunch served from 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Round 1A 10:00 a.m. (Extemp draw 9:30 a.m.)

Round 1B 11:30 a.m.

Round 2A 1:00 p.m. (Extemp draw 12:30 p.m.)

Round 2B 2:30 p.m.

Round 3A 4:00 p.m. (Extemp draw 3:30 p.m.)

Round 3B 5:30 p.m.

***Updated on 3/26/2026 (lunch times and final round rooms)*

Thursday

Venues: Highland Springs HS

Lunch served from 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Round 4A	8:30 a.m. (Extemp draw 8:00 a.m.)
Round 4B	10:00 a.m.
Round 5A	11:30 a.m. (Extemp draw 11:00 a.m.)
Round 5B	1:00 p.m.
Octas A	1:00 p.m. (if needed)
Octas B	2:30 p.m. (if needed)
Quarters A	2:30 p.m. (Extemp draw 2:00 p.m.)
Quarters B	4:00 p.m.
Semis A	5:30 p.m. (Extemp draw 5:00 p.m.)
Semis B	6:30 p.m.

Friday

Venue: Greater Richmond Convention Center

Final rounds will be held throughout the day on Friday and culminate in the Middle School Awards Ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Review the [Friday schedule](#).

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Awards Ceremony

Venue: Greater Richmond Convention Center

The Middle School National Tournament Awards Ceremony will begin around 4:30 p.m. E.T. and should conclude by 6:00 p.m. E.T. in room B21B.

Final Rounds

Judges should report to the tab room in B15A 30 minutes before the start of the round.

Room: B10

8:00 a.m. Impromptu

9:15 a.m. Prose

10:30 a.m. Extemporaneous Speaking (Finalists Arrive in Draw by 9:45 a.m. in room B17)

11:30 a.m. Poetry

12:30 p.m. Original Spoken Word Poetry

1:30 p.m. Storytelling

Room: E23A

8:00 a.m. World Schools (Prepared)

11:00 a.m. Congress

Room: B15B

8:00 a.m. Program Oral Interpretation

9:15 a.m. Declamation

10:30 a.m. Dramatic Interpretation

11:45 a.m. Humorous Interpretation

1:00 p.m. Duo Interpretation

Room E21A

8:00 a.m. Informative Speaking

9:15 a.m. Original Oratory

10:30 a.m. Policy

12:45 p.m. Lincoln-Douglas

1:45 p.m. Public Forum