



TRAVELING TEAM GUIDELINES

Please print and bring your signed document to your travel team audition.

This contract of guidelines represents *an agreement of trust* between the coaches and the travelers. By reading and signing this, you agree to meet the guidelines that we believe are important to being a member of the Moorhead Spuds Speech traveling team.

1. ACADEMICS

Speech is a co-curricular activity. Your academic standing determines your ability to travel. We reserve the right to restrict your travel if your academic achievement is not up to the standards of your coaches and parents. Your absences for these trips are school-authorized, excused absences.

2. EXPENSES

The students are responsible for paying all travel expenses that typically include: airfare, transportation, hotel costs and meals.

3. PREPARATION FOR COMPETITION

You are expected to put in the time necessary to prepare for this high level of national competition. This includes summer work sessions. We expect that you are working hard on your own as well as with your coaches.

4. TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

You will sign a MSHSL statement agreeing not to participate in these activities. Failure to comply with these rules carries stiff penalties and will result in removal from the traveling team.

5. COMPETITION ON THE ROAD

You and your parents are spending hundreds of dollars to allow you to compete nationally. Socializing and sightseeing have some place in our travel but your central focus is the competition.

Expect flight delays, hotel problems, tournament disorganization, late suppers...If even one individual decides to be whiney or negative, they can affect the morale and energy of the group. Being too "high maintenance" is grounds for removal from the traveling team. You are

to conduct yourself with positivity and provide support for your coaches and teammates while we are on the road. Look for ways to *give* to the team and its coaches.

6. LIABILITY FORM

All traveling team members and their parents/guardians must return the travel liability form prior to trip departure. This form contains vital health/insurance information necessary for the coaching staff should an emergency arise.

7. Fundraising

The largest priority for our fundraising dollars is traveling team expenses. For this reason, if you are on the traveling team, you are expected to attend and participate in EVERY fundraising event, including: coffee sales, the Spuds Speech tournament, Shut Up and Say Something, concession sales, and gift-wrapping.

8. HOTEL

Because so much of our time is spent in hotels, we have several hotel rules.

- a)** You are responsible for all extra room expenses: phone, movies, room service.
- b)** As cohabiters of the same space, you are to be respectful of roommates and all other hotel guests and employees. You are not loud in the hallways and you are sensitive to others' needs for quiet and rest.
- c)** You are not to leave the hotel without permission. Depending on the tournament site, there may be parameters set.
- d)** You are prohibited from entering the rooms of non-MHS team members and no non-MHS members are to be in your room.
- e)** You are prohibited from being alone in a hotel room with another MHS traveler of the opposite sex. Of course, there are exceptions (rehearsing a duo) but the spirit of this rule should be obvious.
- g)** Curfew. Each night, curfew is 11:00PM, unless otherwise noted. You are to be in your assigned room at this time and to remain in the room all night.

Traveling Team Contract

WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE TRAVELING SPEECH TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE AND I AM COMMITTING TO THE FOLLOWING TOURNAMENTS. All scheduled tournaments are pending interest and school board approval.

(in other words Meyer-Larson can purchase your NON-REFUNDABLE airline ticket)

Full Name as it appears on your driver's license:

Birthdate

_____ The Longhorn Classic UT-Austin 1 school day missed	December 5-7 Cost: Estimated @ \$650
_____ Sunvite - Ft. Lauderdale, FL 1 school day missed	January 9-11 Cost: Estimated @ \$650
_____ Harvard University - Boston, MA 2 school days missed	February 13-17 Cost: Estimated \$850.00
_____ NIETOC - Shakopee HS 1 school day missed	May 7-10 or 14-17 Cost: Estimated \$500

Please note: we always *try* to fly out of Fargo to cut down on time out of school. When Fargo flights are cost-prohibitive, an additional ½ a day of missed school may be needed to drive to the Minneapolis airport.

I understand that the airline tickets are nonrefundable and the projected costs are an estimate.

I have carefully read these guidelines. By signing this statement, I agree to comply with the rules and participate in fundraisers. I understand that costs for these trips is estimated and may change due to fuel, flight, hotel reservation, parking, and registration fluctuation.

Speaker: _____ **Date:** _____

I have read these guidelines. I agree to support the letter and the spirit of the rules. I understand that costs for these trips is estimated and may change due to fuel, flight, hotel reservation, parking, and registration fluctuation.

Parent: _____ **Date:** _____