

2024-2025 Season Contract

Below are the general rules and expectations for the season. Everything is at the discretion of the Head Coach. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Coach Jackson at shelby.jackson@bsd7.org. Please read through this contract and sign to acknowledge that you have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the team.

Season Expectations and General Rules/Policies

1. Equipment Expectations

- a. If in an event that requires a Team computer, team members are required to return the computer in the condition that it was received. Team members will be held responsible for any damages or replacement fees
 - i. For JV Debate and Extemp Computers: If computers are damaged (cracked, unable to be repaired, falling apart) they will be **fined \$350** to replace the computer.
 - ii. For Varsity Debate Computers: The loss or damage of a Varsity computer will result in a **\$750-\$1,200 fine**.

2. Practice Expectations:

- a. Must be at practice twice a week minimum (for the full time) and in contact with event coach when that requirement cannot be met (i.e. illness, other competitive event, etc).
 - i. Please contact event coach and head coach if you are unable to meet this and they will accommodate on a case-by-case basis.
- b. If a competitor is not at practice the week before a tournament, they will not be allowed to compete that weekend, unless they get special permission from the Head Coach

3. Tournament Attendance Expectations:

- a. All competitors are expected to compete at all tournaments.
 - i. Varsity members are expected to be at no less than 5 of the 7 tournaments.
 1. Any less and they risk the loss of their Varsity status, regardless of ability level. When competitors miss tournaments, it adversely impacts the team in terms of morale and sweeps points.
 - ii. JV is on a case-by-case basis, depending on their reason for missing a tournament.
- b. Acceptable Reasons to Miss a Tournament:
 - i. Death in the Family
 - ii. Once in a lifetime events (i.e. weddings or graduations)
 - iii. Severe illness
 - iv. Vacations made before the season
 - v. Fall Sports Games/Matches or the Play for Theater
- c. Unacceptable Reasons (include, but not limited to):
 - i. Getting caught up on homework
 - ii. Hanging out with a friend
 - iii. Vacations made during the season
 - iv. ACT/SAT testing (plenty of test are given out of the season)
- d. If a competitor misses 2 or more tournaments for any reason, that will place any varsity status in jeopardy, lettering at risk, and can hurt their chances of being on the State team.

4. On the Bus, Competitors are Expected to:

- a. Always Be on time for the bus.
 - i. If a competitor is late to the bus on the morning of departure from GHS, that competitor will be left behind at the school.
 1. If a competitor is late to the bus from the hotel, they will be asked to vacate their spot on the bus for the next tournament.

- b. Never bring a weapon on the bus.
 - i. Severe safety issue that can result in (but is not limited to: item being confiscated, Admin referral, Expulsion from the team).
- c. Clean the bus.
- d. Share seats with teammates
 - i. The bus can get full. Competitors will be asked to share seats with teammates.
 - 1. If a coach asks a competitor to move or share a seat with someone, then they must move.
- e. Two-Day Meet:
 - i. Competitors are to wear team shirts/sweatshirts on the bus with pants without holes in them.
 - 1. Only ever allowed to wear team shirts or gallatin shirts on day one.
 - ii. Wear tournament attire on day two.
 - iii. There is a restroom on the bus, the bus will not be stopping
- f. One-Day Meet:
 - i. Wear full tournament attire on the bus.
 - ii. There will only be one designated spot to use the restroom.

5. At Hotels Competitors are expected to:

- a. Always walk and never run. Be quiet in the halls and in the hotel rooms.
- b. Always listen to the room leader. They are in charge and will be in contact with coaches.
 - i. Room leaders will be given instructions or messages when there are changes to wake up times.
- c. Boys are **never** allowed in girls rooms and vice-versa. Liability issue and Montana law.
- d. If the hotel has a pool, it is never to be used. Liability issue.
- e. When going to lunch, can ONLY TRAVEL IN GROUPS
 - i. You can NEVER leave a team member behind or alone at the hotel. You all go or no one goes.
- f. Never leave the room once the coaches have done their final check-in
 - i. If you leave the room after this time, you face district policy of potential expulsion from the team and being benched for the rest of the season.
 - 1. If you have to leave the room for an emergency, you must contact head coach who will escort you. You cannot leave room without supervision.
 - ii. Go to bed when it is "lights out time". Do not keep teammates awake when they want to go to bed.
- g. Get up and be in the the hotel lobby at the designated time
 - i. If you leave items in the hotel and it is time to leave, we will leave your things behind. We will ask if the hotel can track your belongings down and send them to you at your expense.
 - ii. If it is time to leave and you have not had your breakfast, you need to take it to go or leave the breakfast and eat team snacks.

6. At Tournaments Competitors are always expected to:

- a. Always Clean up after themselves. Competitors will NOT leave a mess at the tournament site.
- b. Regularly check postings. Do not ever miss a round.
 - i. If you are sick or need to be pulled from a round, you must contact your coach ASAP.
 - ii. If you are unsure of where to go, ask your leadership members.
- c. Never ask your coaches what your results are at a tournament
 - i. This can get your coaches into trouble.

- d. Never ask other coaches, or judges what your results are.
 - i. This could get our team in severe trouble and can be seen as harassment, that could lead to the Head Coach being forced to have you vacate your position on the bus for the next tournament and/or have you disqualified from the tournament.
 - 1. You can ask your coach to intercede on your behalf and ask for more feedback from judges.
- e. Never blame your teammates or partner for a loss, bad round, or unwanted results at a tournament
 - i. You are in a partnership, meaning the wins are both of yours and the learning that comes from losses is a TEAM effort. We do not get angry at losses, we view them as a learning experience. Can be hurt, but not a sore loser.
- f. NEVER leave the premises of the tournament without COACH permission. This is a liability issue.
 - i. NEVER miss awards. You will be pulled from future tournaments if you do this.
- g. To get their own meals/snacks in between rounds
 - i. We are unable to pay for meals and snacks at this time. Competitors are expected to pack or pay for their own meals and snacks.
 - 1. If you have to leave campus for food, you must be back in time for rounds/awards
 - a. Competitors CANNOT GO ALONE. Must be with a partner
 - b. Must inform/get permission from coaches either by contacting leadership members or sending a Remind message.
- h. At Our Tournament (The One Bozeman Tournament)
 - i. ALL are expected to contribute. Leave this date open, even if you are not competing. We need helpers/runners.
 - ii. All team members are expected to help get judges for this.
 - iii. All team members are expected to clean up all team areas in BHS and GHS

7. Fundraising Obligations and Expectations

- a. Fundraising is a TEAM effort. ALL competitors are expected to participate in fundraising events.
- b. Each team member has a fundraising goal that needs to be met EITHER through monetary means (funds raised) OR through time (signing up to work concessions or parking monitor duty). Competitors are expected to meet or surpass these goals.
- c. Fundraising goes towards the following:
 - i. General operations of the team (recruitment, boards for informative, scripts for interp events, media for short prep, computer maintenance for Debate, etc.)
 - ii. Out of State Tournaments and Nationals
 - 1. Competitors will have to pay some or all for nationals if they do not meet fundraising goals.
 - iii. Food on the Road
 - 1. We are unable to pay for meals and snacks at this time. Competitors are expected to pack or pay for their own meals and snacks.
 - a. We rely on food donations from parents for our communal snacks.
 - b. **If** the team is able to raise enough money, meals will be paid for through the team account during the tournament.

_____ Parent/Guardian Name	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Competitor Name	_____ Signature	_____ Date