

Thunder Basin Middle School Speech and Debate Tournament



Hello!

We are proud to announce the Thunder Basin Middle School tournament. In conjunction with gracious support from the Thunder Basin Speech and Debate Team, we are excited to host a single day tournament for schools across Wyoming. All information required to understand this tournament will be located below. For any questions, please feel free to reach out for support at bradbry1@gmail.com.

Registration:

- There are currently NO registration fees expected for this tournament.
- Please get all students registered as soon as possible [on Tabroom](#). We are planning for a maximum of 50 competitors. In the event we go beyond this number, we may have to discuss registration fees. However, this tournament is meant to be NO-COST to you, so we will do everything in our power to ensure we do not exceed maximums and offer an efficient and free tournament for you and your competitors.
- Competitors are allowed to be double entered in Interp and Impromptu. **There are NO double entries allowed in Debate and Poetry.**
- We currently have a limited number of rooms and time, therefore, to accommodate I have set a cap on tournament entries. All speaking events (Interp, Impromptu, and Poetry) are capped at 16 entries. Debate is capped at 14 entries. I will constantly work to ensure we are allowing in as many competitors as possible and keep you updated on any changes. Thank you for your understanding.

Schedule:

-Date: Saturday, January 10th 2026

-Time: We will be hosting the same time as the Thunder Basin High School Tournament. We are only going in on Saturday once many of the High School competitors will be in out-rounds. The expected time of the tournament will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

-Pattern A: Poetry and Debate events (Competitors CANNOT be double entered in Patten A)

-Pattern B: Interp and Impromptu events (Competitors CAN be double entered in Patten B)

-Schedule

Middle School Event Information:

-DEBATE TOPIC: The United States should support Rehabilitation over Retribution in the Criminal Justice System

-MS Event Guide

Judging Information:

-You are NOT EXPECTED to bring judges and therefore have no judging obligations to fulfill. Judges for the Middle level are pulled from High School competitors who are not in-rounds of their own on Saturday. This means your competitors will be judged by High Schoolers who are versed in our program and can give qualitative and supportive feedback.

-If you have someone (either a high school competitor or coach) who you would like to be enrolled as a judge. Please email me as soon as possible at bradbry1@gmail.com. We highly discourage the use of community judges or parent judges at this level.

-How to Judge

Finals:

-Speech Finals: Speech Elims will consist of the top FOUR speakers in the tournament. Rankings will be calculated based on competitors' rankings in the first three preliminary rounds. Tiebreakers, if needed, will be decided depending on overall tournament performance and strength of competition in rounds.

-Debate Finals: Debate Elims will consist of the top TWO teams (a debate team consisting of either 1 or 2 people) in the tournament. Rankings will be primarily based on the win/lose record of the teams. Tiebreakers, if needed, will be decided based on speaker score and strength of competition in rounds.

-Elim Doubles: If a student breaks into Debate they MAY NOT COMPETE IN ANY OTHER FINAL EVENT. They will be asked to choose whether they want to compete in Debate or the other event. All other event doubling in Finals is allowed.