



Dear AA Coaches,

Flathead High School is pleased to invite you to the Montana State Speech and Debate Tournament, which will be held January 25-26, 2019 at Flathead High School (644 4th Ave. N). If you have questions about the tournament, please contact tournament director, Shannon O'Donnell, at [odonnellsh@sd5.k12.mt.us](mailto:odonnellsh@sd5.k12.mt.us). Since this is the state tournament, please review the MHSA 2018-19 Forensics and Drama Booklet, as those rules will be strictly applied. Please pay special attention to manuscript requirements, timing procedures, and all other rules. Remember there is no novice debate.

**Registration:** Registration will be done via ForensicsTournament.net. Each school will be charged an entry fee of \$5.00/participant, plus an additional \$35.00/school fee to offset the costs of the state program. Please have your final registration completed by **Wednesday, Jan. 16th, 4:00 PM**.

**Program:** I will share the state program with you so that you can update your school, coach, and competitor information. If I do not have one for you, please send me a valid gmail account. I need to send the booklet to printing by the afternoon of **Thursday, Jan. 17**, so please make sure your info and entries are accurate by then. List all of the coaches you'd like included in the program, but please let me know which coaches will actually be attending, as well as their tabbing preferences, via email as soon as possible.

**Drops and adds:** Changes will be accepted on ForensicsTournament.net until **Wednesday, Jan. 23, 4:00 PM** without penalty (but they will not be reflected in the state program). Drops and adds after that time should be emailed to Shannon O'Donnell ([odonnellsh@sd5.k12.mt.us](mailto:odonnellsh@sd5.k12.mt.us)).

- Please confirm your final registration by email or text (406-249-5739) between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Friday, January 26.

**Tab room:** The tab room will be in the FHS Library. Coaches only, please.

**Debate Topics:**

- **Legislative** – Domestic: Election Reform  
Foreign: Space
- **Public Forum** – Resolved: The USFG should prioritize reducing the federal debt over promoting economic growth.
- **Lincoln/Douglas** - Resolved: The United States ought not provide military aid to authoritarian regimes.
- **Policy** – Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce its restrictions on legal immigration to the United States.

**Tournament Schedule:****Friday, January 25****Speech**

Rd 1 - 3:00 pm

Rd 2 - 5:00 pm

Rd 3 - 7:00 pm

**Debate**

Rd 1 - 2:00 pm

Rd 2 - 4:00 pm

Rd 3 - 6:00 pm

Rd 4 - 8:00 pm

**Saturday, January 26****Speech**

Rd 4 - 8:00 am

Rd 5 - 10:00 am

Semis - 1:00 pm

Finals - 3:30 pm

**Debate**

Rd 5 - 8:00 am

Octos - 10:00 am

Quarters - 12:00 pm

Semis - 2:00 pm

Finals - 4:00 pm

**Extemp Draw:** Draw times are 30 minutes prior to the start of each round. The draw room will be in the upstairs SSRC computer lab. Remember, communication among contestants during prep time is strictly prohibited. Coaches will be assigned to monitor prep areas.

**Concessions:** Concessions will be available both days in the FHS commons area.

**Awards - 6:30 pm, FHS Auditorium**