

WESTERN CLASS A DIVISIONALS

POLSON PIRATEPALOOZA 2025

January 25, 2025

Registration is open on Monday, January 6th and will close on Monday, January 20th at 5:00 PM.

All drops are required by Wednesday, January 22 at 5:00 PM.

Greetings to all! We welcome you to sail into STATE Speech and Debate with the annual Polson Piratepalooza Speech, Drama and Debate Tournament!! Our Tournament will be held at Polson High School and Polson Middle School on Saturday, January 25, 2025.

ENTRY: To enter the tournament, please go to Tabroom.com. All entries will open by 8:00 AM on Monday, January 6, 2025. Registration will remain open until Monday, January 20th at 5:00 PM.

EVENTS AND DIVISIONS: We will offer all current Class A Speech, Debate, and Drama events, including POI. All schools will have a limit of 3 entries per event.

FEES: Each participating team will be charged a \$5 entry fee for each entry. There will be a \$5.00 fee for any drops after the drop deadline. There will also be a \$20 school registration fee. All schools will be invoiced following the tournament.

DROPS: All drops are required to be received by the tournament host no later than Wednesday, January 22 at 5:00 PM. Any drops after this date and time will be charged an additional \$5 per drop. Any drop fees will be included on each school's invoice following the tournament.

EVENT LOCATIONS:

Check-In: All coaches are asked to check their teams in at Polson Middle School (for Speech and Drama events) and Polson High School (for Debate events). Team check-in will begin at 7:00 AM. Welcome packets will be handed out at the time of check-in.

Debate: All debate events will take place at Polson High School. A final map of the school and rooms being used will be made available at check-in. Teams will be “housed” in the Polson High School Cafeteria.

Speech and Drama: All Speech and Drama events will take place at Polson Middle School. A final map of the school and rooms being used will be made available at check-in. Teams will be “housed” in the Polson Middle School Cafeteria.

TABBING: Tabbing for this tournament will be done via Tabroom.com, with a back up of hand tab sheets in the event of technical problems.

TABROOMS: Tabroom for all Debate events will be in the PHS Library. Tabroom for all Speech and Drama events will be in the PMS Library. Please email your tabbing preferences to Mel Butler.

RULES: All events will adhere to the MHSA handbook.

JUDGES: At this time we are planning for all in-person judging. We may also be asking coaches to help with judging as it is needed.

AWARDS: All awards will be held at the Polson High School gymnasium immediately following the final rounds. We ask that all teams make their way to the PHS auditorium once all rounds have concluded. We are planning something special and ask that all coaches wait for instructions on entering the gymnasium.

FOOD:

Competitors: Polson has 3 pizza franchises that deliver in Polson: Stageline Pizza, Domino’s Pizza, and Pizza Hut. Phone numbers will be included in your welcome packets. Door Dash also operates in Polson for McDonald’s, Subway, Taco Bell, and Mackenzie River Pizza.

Judges/Coaches: A hospitality room will be made available to all judges and coaches in both Polson High School and Polson Middle School. The hospitality room will be indicated on each school map.

Coaches Tabroom: There will be an additional mini hospitality area available to all coaches. This area will be in the tabrooms in Polson High School and Polson Middle School.

DEBATE TOPICS: The following debate topics will be used:

Policy: **Resolved:** The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate – 2025 January/February Topic:

Resolved: The United States ought to become party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and/or the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Public Forum Debate – 2025 January Topic

Resolved: The African Union should grant diplomatic recognition to the Republic of Somaliland as an independent state.

Policy Debate – 2024-2025 Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: 1/25/2025

Check - In Opens at 7 AM

Debate:

Speech and

Drama:

Round 1: 8:00 AM
Round 2: 10:00 AM
Round 3: 12:00 PM
Round 4: 2:00 PM
Finals: 4:30 PM

****Extemp Draw 30 minutes prior to each round start**

Extemp Draw early: 7:30 AM
Round 1: 8:00 AM

Extemp Draw: 9:30 AM
Round 2: 10:00 AM

Extemp Draw: 11:30 AM
Round 3: 12:00 PM

Extemp Draw: 1:30 PM
Round 4: 2:00 PM

Extemp Finals: 4:00 PM
Finals: 4:30 PM

Awards Presentation approximately 7:00 PM
PHS Gymnasium