

SPEECH AND DEBATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

9:30 a.m.

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE

Welcome and Introductions

Old Business:

1. Role of Advisory Committees
2. Approval of 2020 minutes

New Business:

1. Form for 2021-22 Tournaments is on the website. (Maurer)
2. Coaches do NOT agree with kids being able to go in and out of the screen. (Oesch)
3. In the event we are still virtual, Readers Theatre should be an event. (Oesch)
4. Access to videos should be allowed to coaches and students in a way that protesting can be done. (Oesch)
5. At virtual tournaments, out of state schools do not need to register with MSHSAA or fill out paperwork if school certifies they are following MSHSAA rules. (Higgins)
6. Online tournament clarification. (Whyte)
7. Virtual Tournaments: Synchronous events whenever possible. (Beck)
8. MSHSAA should have granted the request to increase the number of qualifiers to State when the majority of us showed a significant decrease in participation. (Oesch)
9. Expand the number of events (one debate event, one theatre event and two individual events) that a student is allowed to enter in the District Tournament and subsequently the State Tournament. (Kappeler)
10. Add POI and Informative Speaking as MSHSAA events. (Whyte)
11. Add INFO. (Higgins)
12. MSHSAA offering clear guidelines about what in-person tournaments should include in terms of safety. (Beck/Clubbs)
13. MSHSAA decision in January of 2022 regarding virtual vs. in-person district and state tournaments. (Beck)
14. Debate Prep Time: Adopt the following increases to prep time to align with NSDA rules (Policy 8 minutes/PF 3 minutes). (Beck)
15. Change PFD 3rd place speeches to 3 minutes (Higgins/Beck/Whyte)
16. Change the way district/state tournament is run to delay or direct power match Rounds 3 and 4. (Higgins)
17. Clarification on internet usage in a round. (Whyte)
18. MSHSAA strongly encouraging schools to use the NDCA novice evidence packet for novice Policy competition during the first semester. (Whyte)
19. Adopt an anti-bias statement (similar to that of the NSDA) and put it in the MSHSAA manual and on all ballots. (Beck)
20. Create a statewide list of folks who should not be judging at tournaments because they have engaged in inappropriate activity and/or have carried actions that make students unsafe. (Beck)
21. Encourage every invitational and require the district and state tournaments to have equity officers - NOT the tournament director (and ideally not a coach). (Beck)