

Southview Speech and Debate Team Rules and Contract

PARENT AND COMPETITOR, PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU SIGN:

Team Rules

Practice

1. Each team member must meet his/her mutually agreed upon practice days every week. Speakers must practice once per week. Debaters must practice twice per week.
2. Members must notify their coach of a change or cancellation in practice *at least one day in advance*. Students must agree to a "make-up" day in place of the day cancelled.

Tournament Participation

3. Team members must compete in **three** tournaments before they can be considered for team affiliation. A team member must compete in at least one tournament in November, December, and January. Only a lack of registration slots will allow a team member to fall short of this required number.
4. Team members must commit to a tournament no later than Friday of the week prior to the tournament date. Students who register earlier than the cut-off will take priority in case of registration limits.
5. For overnight trips, students must submit lodging money and overnight form no later than the Monday before the tournament.
6. Once a team member has committed to a competition, they are responsible for attending. Coaches will provide specific tournament information at least **two** days in advance by website posting. It is the student's responsibility to download the information sheet from the team website. Unless otherwise noted on the information sheet, transportation to and from tournaments will be provided by the district.
7. Team members must provide a judge for a tournament based on their participation in tournaments. A member must provide one judge for every two tournaments attended.

Fees and Fundraising

8. Team members must pay the \$35.00 team dues (check payable to Southview Forensics Boosters) by the first practice.
9. Team members must participate in all team fundraisers unless given permission to be excused.

Behavior

10. Students will be required to uphold the Student Discipline Code – Policy 5600 in all locations throughout the season. An explanation of this code may be found on page 42 of the student handbook.
11. Team members will conduct themselves respectfully toward all other team members, including those from different schools. The team will not tolerate disrespectful or cruel behavior toward other team members or coaches.

Consequences for Rules Violations

1. Students who repeatedly miss practice, regardless of reason, may face consequences including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion from the team. Students who receive these consequences in one season will be considered on probation for the following season.
2. Students who fail to participate in a tournament for which they are registered will be held financially responsible for their registration and may face suspension or expulsion at the coach's discretion. Failure to remit this fee will result in expulsion from the team.
3. Failure to provide tournament judges will result in a fine which will pay for a judge hire.
4. Failure to participate in team fundraisers will result in suspension or expulsion from the team.
5. Violation of the School Discipline Code – Policy 5600 will incur the same penalties outlined in the student handbook.

Rights and Responsibilities of Speech/Debate Team Members

All team members must observe practices of dedication and respect. In turn, the team must provide all possible opportunities to practice and compete. Below you will read the rights and responsibilities of team members.

All Team Members:

- will receive the attention of varsity competitors and coaches for practice
- will receive the opportunity to compete in tournaments according to availability of slots
- will help provide volunteer judges for tournaments
- may choose their event, even changing events throughout the season

Varsity Team Members:

- will assist in leading practices of junior members
- will receive increased opportunity to compete in tournaments
- may become team officers

Team Captains:

- will communicate team information to their division
- will organize team events
- will make recommendations to coaches regarding practices, tournaments, and other team business
- will keep records of tournaments

Coaches will:

- schedule and direct practices
- determine registrations for tournaments
- determine junior/varsity status, based on individual member performance
- track individual team member progress to determine practice needs and tournament registration
- work as judges and/or tab officials
- accompany team on tournaments to serve as chaperone

The Team Director will:

- manage team meetings
- manage fundraising
- organize the Sylvania tournament
- organize special tournaments
- manage team accounts
- manage membership in NFL and OHSSL
- complete tournament registration materials
- manage team and NFL records
- communicate with school administration
- make final decisions on team issues when necessary

Southview Speech and Debate Team Rules and Contract Verification

Emergency Medical Treatment (Please check one of the following before signing below)

_____ In the event of a medical emergency during competition, I authorize the Southview Speech and Debate coaching staff to seek medical treatment for my child. I understand that every reasonable attempt will be made by the staff to contact me and/or my child's emergency contacts located on his/her student emergency card for notification and permission.

_____ In the event of a medical emergency during competition, I do not authorize the Southview Speech and Debate coaching staff to seek medical treatment. I understand that every reasonable attempt will be made by the staff to contact me and/or my child's emergency contact located on his/her student emergency card for notification.

We, the undersigned, agree to abide by the rules set forth in the team contract and understand the consequences of their violation:

Parent or Guardian Date

Print Name: _____

Student Date

Print Name: _____