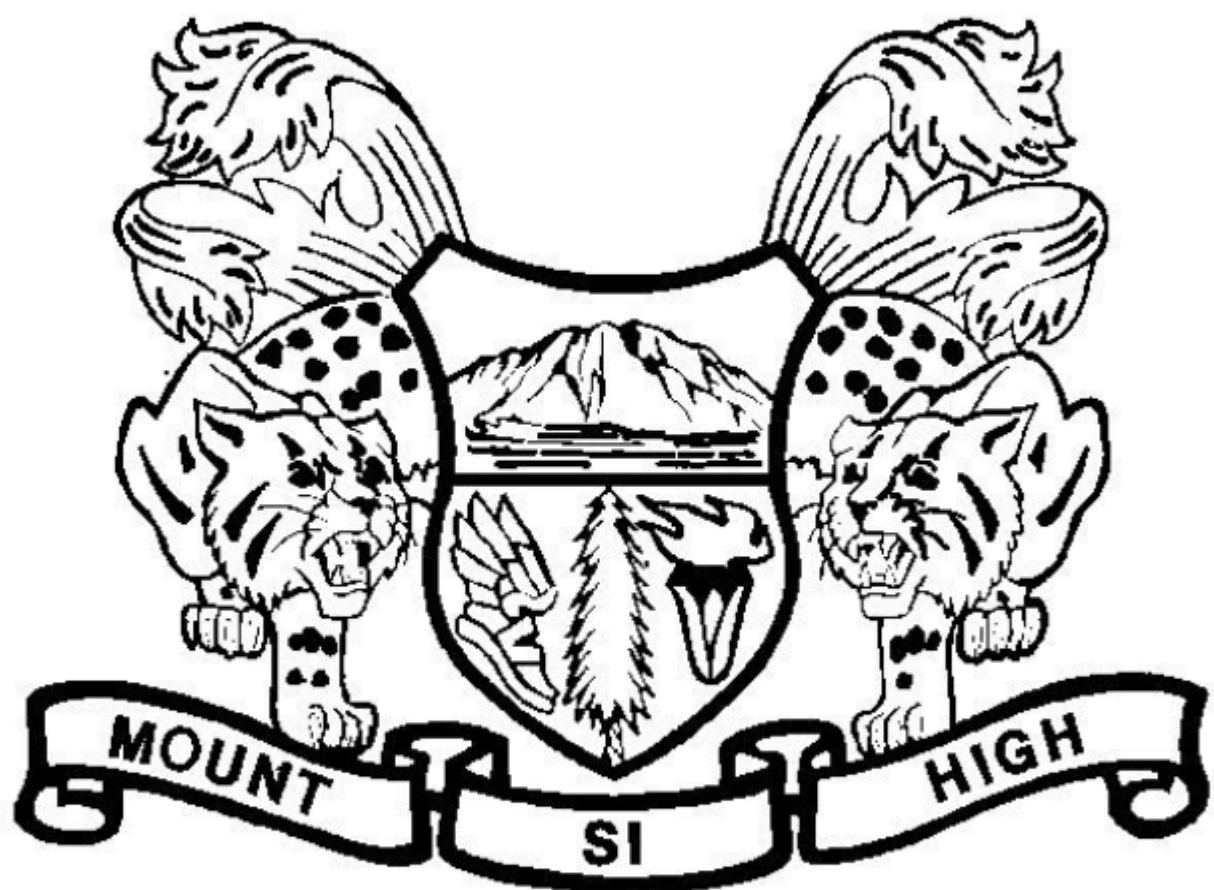


Mount Si Speech and Debate



Contract 2021 - 2022

This document is intended to inform debaters (parents, relatives, other interested parties and prospective debaters) of the Mount Si High School debating program. The debate team shall be exemplary representatives of Mount Si High School. The policies are as follows:

PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES

The Mount Si High School speech and debate program are student activities. As a student activity, its first and foremost responsibility to the student is to support and not to compromise the student's academic career. Secondly, the program should aid in developing the student participant into a responsible, mature and independent adult. Specifically, the program is a means of improving the student's mental and physical well-being. Debating is an activity where the student (1) will be provided leadership training; (2) will develop the ability to make decisions; (3) will enhance the ability to respond to life's situations, e.g., conflict, anger and frustration, win/loss, and react in an appropriate manner; (4) will contribute to social development, e.g., awareness of one's self, development of self-confidence, development of interpersonal relationships; and (5) generally will maximize the opportunity for student growth, change and maturity.

The primary purpose of all Mount Si speech and debaters is to be members of the team, which has as its goal to support Mount Si High School. That support is directed into two major areas, as follows: (1) to participate in the forensic activities known as speech and debate by performing either as an individual or as part of a 2 person team for competitive purposes; and (2) to serve as public relations ambassadors of Mount Si High School to uphold, reflect and project the goals and ideals of Mount Si High School to appear at Mount Si High School activities, functions and programs, at charitable and public causes to promote Mount Si High School.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Mount Si High School's speech and debate program has three levels of competition: Novice, Junior, and Open. This is based on individual tournament availability.

Please visit the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) website for more information
<http://www.speechanddebate.org/> '[:poi8tr4

INVOLVEMENT AT FUNCTIONS/EVENTS

In addition to practices and competitions, the coach may choose to have the speech and debate team attend a number of public relations and/or fundraising events each year.

The team members shall appear only at events/activities which will reflect positively on them as individuals and as representatives of Mount Si High School.

DRUG, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO POLICY

As stated earlier, debaters are expected, first, to provide a positive image. This expectation is foremost when it comes to tobacco, drug, and/or alcohol use. Debaters are reminded that, as highly visible members of the Mount Si High School community, their actions and behavior are under constant observation.

Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco Policy: See the Mt. Si athletic policy on the Mt. Si HS website. By signing this contract you are agreeing to abide by this policy at all times.

Academic Standards:

Students must pass all classes and maintain at least a 2.5 semester GPA in order to participate.

Procedure:

Grade checks will be conducted by the coach and/or the office administration. In addition, the administration has the ability to check grades at any point throughout the season. Any debater failing to meet the academic requirements listed above during the grade check may be placed on probationary status, and is subject to a weekly grade check process until the grade(s) is meeting standards. Grade checks will continue for 2 weeks past when the grade has started meeting standards.

Team members who have a cumulative grade point average below 2.5 but meet the previous semester grade requirements will be considered on immediate probationary status and subject to periodic grade checks while participating. They will remain on probation during each season until the cumulative GPA is above 2.5 and will not be allowed to perform in tournaments, assemblies or competitions. Failing grades in ANY class may result in immediate suspension from upcoming tournaments and will result in a fine that will cover their team entry if the student is already registered for the tournament and it is past the deadline to drop.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

All team members are required to attend a full day of classes in order to participate in competition that day. Reasonable excuses, such as doctor/dentist appointments, field trips, etc., will be cleared by the coach.

If the team member has an absence, they must communicate to the coach. The final decision on whether a student is able to compete based on attendance is up to the discretion of the coach. If a student is deemed ineligible to compete that student will be responsible for the fine associated with the drop of their team entry, if the drop deadline has passed.

RULES AND REGULATIONS**GENERAL**

Team members shall:

1. Maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average, and maintain passing grades in all classes
2. Team members may not consume alcoholic beverages or any controlled substances. (See section on Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco Use and/or Abuse in this document.)
3. Team members must follow the guidelines for academic standards (Refer to section on Academic Policy in this document.)
4. Team members must follow the guidelines for attendance. (Refer to sections on School and Meeting Attendance Policy in this document.)
5. Each team members will sign the Debate Contract, pay the ASB fee, fill out the online Family ID information, and turn in their transportation form before deadline as set by the coach.
6. Team members are expected to work as a team and be a part of the collaboration that is required. Team members' friendships or non-friendships shall not have a negative effect on the team. Team members who are dating or who have dated are not allowed to be in a partnership to avoid any problematic team dynamics and any liability issues on travel tournaments, etc. Inappropriate public displays of affection will not be tolerated and may be subject to disciplinary action.
7. Care must be taken to ensure your clothing/suits/business casual is in a clean and presentable condition.

8. These rules and regulations are subject to modification when found necessary and beneficial. The coach makes final acceptance of all rules and has the right to suspend any member from competing based on improper conduct or attendance.

9. All team members attending tournaments must be either competing or be approved by the coach for attendance at the tournament. No students will be allowed to simply “hang out” at tournaments.

MEETINGS

Active team members shall:

1. Attend at least 6 out of 8 debate meetings per month, unless it is an excused absence, or a total of 75% of all meetings.
2. Be on time to practice.
3. Notify coach as soon as possible if he/she finds it impossible to attend practice.
4. Members must attend each meeting from 2:40 until the end of the meeting/until they are dismissed, or they will be marked absent.

TOURNAMENTS

All team members shall:

1. Compete at a minimum of 3 tournaments in a season to become an active member.
2. Arrive at the tournament site/check in with the coach via text message at designated time each day of competition.
3. Students must turn in their cases and all club blocks by the end of the school day the Wednesday before the tournament. The captains must review the novice cases and have the right to revoke tournament privileges and bar competitors from attending a tournament due to missing or egregious case abuse. This will result in a fine for dropping both members of the team if the case is missing or abusive/inappropriate material.
4. Practice rounds will take place before every tournament. Practice rounds are considered meetings - attendance rules apply. Travel tournaments (including postseason) will require at least 3 additional rounds before competing at that tournament.
6. Provide a judge (parent or other) for at least one day of each tournament – or possibly forfeit competing at that tournament if another judge cannot be found to fill in.
7. Team members may not be transported by students to, from or during the tournament. Students are not allowed to leave the tournament for any purpose unless approved by the coach.
8. The team or a portion thereof will travel with an adult chaperone (parent judge) as a group and return as a group. Exceptions can be made prior to the tournament day if the situation is absolutely necessary and discussed with the coach.
9. When only a specific number of debaters are allowed to attend a tournament, camp or competition, final authority on who goes rests with the coach.
10. Members will return their awards by the end of the year—this includes all awards earned throughout the year. The club pays for tournament fees and thus owns your awards—you are not allowed to keep your award as this is considered a gift of public funds and is prohibited by law.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Team members can attend Bellevue College (Running Start). However, these students are expected to schedule their BC classes so that they do not interfere with practices. Officers must be available to meet during Power Hour.
2. If a team member quits or is removed from the team for any reason, that debater is still responsible for their balance in full for all fees and fines.
3. Team members who are in a partnership for speech or debate have the right to change partners at any time. The coach has the right to not sign up teams who are not prepared, have not shown dedication or are not working well together. The coach retains the right to prohibit partnerships based on outside knowledge or problematic situations.
4. Team members and parents should not badmouth, gossip, etc. about coaches, team members, judges or

- other programs. Any individual found making unkind remarks can potentially be suspended, removed from the team and/or subject to disciplinary action from the school and/or the team.
5. Senior members who have earned 1000 points or more with the NSDA and are in the honor society for NSDA will receive cords from the NSDA to wear at graduation. Student must be an active member and meet the requirements outlined above.
 6. Senior class members may judge for novice entries at tournaments but will not be allowed to compete for the remainder of that school year from the point that they choose to judge for a tournament.

ELIGIBILITY FOR POST SEASON

Nat Quals

1. Only up to 4 teams can compete at Nat Quals in any one event.
2. Teams are required to be joint consistent partnerships in conjunction with the eligibility requirements.
3. In the case where there are more than 4 teams, the order of eligibility is determined by the coach's discretion.
4. All other membership and active requirements apply.

Tournament of Champions (Silver)

1. TOC Silver requires students to have at least one silver bid to attend.
2. The attendees must be active members in good standing in the club and not have any academic or behavior issues.
3. All other membership and active requirements apply.

Tournament of Champions (Gold)

1. Tournament of Champions requirements must be met (2 Gold Bids).
2. At large bid applications are up to the discretion of the coach.
3. The attendees must be active members in good standing in the club and not have any academic or behavior issues.
4. All other membership and active requirements apply.

Nationals

1. Have to have received a bid to Nationals through the Nat Qual process.
2. The attendees must be active members in good standing in the club and not have any academic or behavior issues.
3. All other membership and active requirements apply.

State

1. Must have earned enough bids to attend and receive a state invitation to attend.
2. If more than two teams qualify for state, the decision of the teams attending state will be decided by the coach.
3. The attendees must be active members in good standing in the club and not have any academic or behavior issues.
4. All other membership and active requirements apply.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP STIPULATIONS

1. Members must meet meeting and school attendance requirements. (Outlined above.)
2. Members must meet general requirements. (Outlined above.)
3. Members must meet tournament requirements. (Outlined above.)
4. Must participate in at least one ASB debate fundraiser for at least 2 approved and recorded full hours.
5. Only active members are eligible for graduation cords and support from the club.

TRAVEL TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Members must be respectful and responsible in order to attend.
2. Any misconduct in a hotel room, debate tournament, restaurant, etc. will result in immediate loss of travel privileges and parents/guardians may be called to retrieve student from whatever location the misconduct has taken place at their own cost or expense.
3. Students must be safe and follow all rules, laws, and guidelines set out by the coach, school, and state. The same loss of privileges and retrieval applies.
4. Final authority of all decisions made while traveling shall rest with the coach.
5. All other requirements apply and should any previous requirement fail to be met it will result in immediate drop from the tournament at student's own expense—no refunds will be given for things related to travel or tournaments.

FINES

1. Fines will be assessed to any team member who drops from a tournament after the coach's required deadline. Last minute drops will not be tolerated and may impact your ability to compete in the future.
2. Any academic, behavioral or other misconduct will result in being dropped from a tournament and assessed a fine for either one or both team members.
3. All fines must be paid in full by the end of the year and seniors with fines will not graduate. Students with unpaid fines are also not eligible to receive active membership benefits.

PARTICIPATION FEE INFORMATION

The participation fee for this activity is \$25 for the school year. ASB fundraising will be organized by the club.

The Wildcat Speech and Debate Boosters will be organizing and scheduling additional external fundraisers.

COMMUNICATION

The debate season is comprised of weekly practices, tournaments, community events, fundraisers, etc. The coaches will do most communication of the scheduling of these events, it will be announced during meetings, and any changes via email, at meetings, and/or Reminds will be sent out by the executive debate board, which will constitute official communication as well. It is imperative that the debater provide an email address AND sign up for the Remind AND be present and listening at meetings as well as checking daily for any updates and changes as tournaments, rules, and events can change at the last minute. Failure to read, listen, or comprehend the communications is solely the responsibility of the debater and will not reflect upon or be the responsibility of the executive board or the coaches.

Mount Si Debate also has a website and Instagram, which is used to provide event reminders, shout-outs, last minute volunteering opportunities, etc. Although debaters are not required to have an Instagram page, it can be useful because some non-mandatory opportunities, reminders, etc. will not be sent out via email.

Text messages will occasionally be used to send out reminders from the coaches or officers.

If you do not have texting capabilities OR Instagram, debaters and parents must be diligent about checking their email at least once a day.

LEADERSHIP

The Team President oversees the following responsibilities:

- Serving as the best possible representative of what this organization stands for and leading as a role model for all other members.
- Leading meetings for both club and officers: Managing club meetings in terms of structure and scheduling.
- Collaborating with the Advisor to create meeting plans and running team meetings in terms of content.
- Collaborating with the Advisor to manage the organization and ensure logistical requirements such as judging and carpooling are met.
- Assisting in the organization of all other team and Officer events.
- Managing team preparation and collaboration systems online and ensuring that all team members contribute equally.
- Maintaining good Public Relations (PR) for the organization and actively promoting the organization in our community.

The Vice President oversees the following responsibilities:

- Serving as a representative in public forums when necessary
- Filling the role of essential positions (President, Secretary, Captains, etc.) when necessary or officer is absent at meetings
- Working with President and advisor(s) to communicate with the club when necessary (via email, Remind, etc.)
- Assisting in coordinating club meetings and communication between Captains and remaining officers.
- Assisting President and advisor(s) in logistical coordination when necessary.
- Working with Treasurer/Outreach to plan and coordinate fundraisers and ASB communication, as well as outreach
- Coordinating with captains to communicate with the board and advisor(s) about the club/meetings to ensure needs of the club and its members are being met

The Secretary oversees the following responsibilities:

- Taking minutes at all Officer Board meetings and submitting them to both ASB and the Advisor. · Maintaining the organization's website.
- Taking attendance at all club and officer meetings—this means that the secretary must attend ALL meetings in a week, every week. In case of emergency absence, another board member must take attendance.
- Informing members of their removal from active status based on their attendance records, in collaboration with the Advisor.
- Drafting club and parent email updates with the Advisor.
- Keeping track of all club communications, receivables, and other information. · Work with the Boosters to plan and manage fundraisers.

The Treasurer oversees the following responsibilities:

- Tracking ASB funds to ensure the organization has enough for all planned tournaments and events.
- Arranging fundraisers both with ASB and Boosters to fund the organization.
- Logging and entering NSDA points with the Advisor the day following a tournament.
- Organizing and managing all club payments and accounting.
- Tracking volunteer, service hours, as outlined in the contract.

The Outreach Representative oversees the following responsibilities:

- Working on promoting the organization's community involvement through organizing fundraisers and service events throughout the Snoqualmie Valley.

- Coordinating attire, PR, and marketing for the organization.
- Assisting the Secretary in maintaining the organization's website.
- Organizing ASB fundraisers with the Treasurer.
- Organizing marketing for ASB, Booster, and other events for the club.
- Communicating with Freshmen and Freshman campus to make sure that events are duly publicized.

PARENT SUPPORT

Speech and debate is unlike other activities in that we **require** parent/member partnership. When registering teams for competitions we also need to register parent judges.

Judging requirements vary but on average the need is: for every 3 teams we register to compete we need one judge for each of the competition days. The only judge requirement is that you have graduated high school, so this means we can call on parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends and neighbors.

We will ask that for every competition your child signs up, that student will have to provide a judge for one of the two competition days. We ask that you check the schedule in advance and book which tournaments you can cover and add these to your personal calendars.

If the student is unable to find a judge and if the school team as a whole is unable to meet the judging requirement then that student may forfeit competing at that tournament.

The Mount Si Debate Program needs parent support to thrive. The first parent club meeting will be announced at the club meeting. During this time the Wildcat Speech and Debate Boosters will also be present. Please support the boosters in whatever way you can.

MOUNT SI HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH and DEBATE CONTRACT

1. I will remember, at all times, that I represent Mount Si High School students, faculty and staff, and that my behavior will be such that it will bring respect to the team, our leadership, athletics, the school, my family and myself. This also includes online behavior and images including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, etc.
2. I will follow the rules and regulations set up by the school and the individual team of which I am a member.
3. I will maintain good citizenship and academics according to the Mount Si High School athletic and academic policies.
4. I will behave in a respectful manner towards all administrators, faculty, staff, supervisors, coaches, chaperones, judges, parents, and community members and realize that my individual behavior can be viewed as a reflection of the entire team.
5. Any involvement with drinking, drugs, or tobacco could result in dismissal from the team. See Section IV in the Debating Constitution for clarification.
6. I will share equally in all duties of leadership, which includes attending activities, wearing uniform/debate wear on tournament days, and being a positive influence on and off campus.
7. My attendance will comply with the requirements, unless I am at home ill and a parent verifies it. I will be on time to practice, tournaments, and required activities, and I will come prepared. Failure to comply with attendance policy will result in consequences. Failure to communicate with the coach will result in increased penalties.
8. I will be open and honest with my coach in all matters. If something is bothering me, I will go directly to my Coach and not “cause waves” within the organization.
9. I will not discuss, outside of debate, any issues of concern discussed in meetings that are not for the general public.
10. I will meet new individuals on campus and broaden my friendships so I can truly represent my peers.
11. I will listen when others are talking and will practice good communication skills during practice, meetings, (and hopefully beyond...) so that we may accomplish as much as possible with few distractions.
12. I will not argue for argument sake. If I have a *real problem* with something, or someone, I will speak up!
13. I will make sure I take responsibility to be aware of meeting times, practices, activities, etc. Part of this responsibility includes checking my email for updates, changes, additions and cancellations daily. If I am unsure of what time to arrive, what to wear, etc., I will contact another debater, and as a LAST RESORT the coach, for clarification.

STEPS TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION BY OCTOBER 25th:

1. Read and sign this contract
2. Return both page 9 and 10 of this contract along with the Transportation Form to Coach McAlhaney
3. Parent must also complete the online registration on FamilyID
4. Pay the club fee on SVSD website

Acknowledgement and Acceptance of the Mount Si Speech and Debate Program 2021-2022

Student Name: _____

I have attended a meeting where the rules were explained and have read through the Program Guide. I've spoken with the coach/my parents about any concerns I may have related to the terms of this agreement. I agree to abide by all terms/conditions previously described for the duration of the 2021-2022 debate season.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

I have attended a meeting where the rules were explained and have read through the Program Guide. I have discussed any concerns/questions with my child and the coach. I agree to support all of the terms/conditions set forth by these terms and guidelines.

Signature _____ Date _____

If you have any questions regarding the Mount Si Debate Program, please contact **Ashley McAlhaney** to discuss the circumstances directly.

Ashley McAlhaney
mcalhaneya@svsd410.org

*****THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED AND TURNED IN WITH ALL REQUIRED PAPERWORK.**

	Name	Email	Cell phone
Student			
Mother/Guardian 1			
Father/Guardian 2			

MOUNT SI HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FORM

Name of Athlete _____

Sport _____

Mount Si High School provides one-way transportation for high school student-athletes to away contests. Parent carpools may be needed to transport students home afterwards. Please indicate whom you will allow to drive your student home, your availability to drive others, and information about your vehicle.

Please initial ALL that apply and sign below.

_____ Yes, I can provide transportation for the following number of students _____ and have provided my vehicle information below.

_____ No, I will not be able to provide transportation and will need assistance providing transportation for my student.

_____ I give my permission for my student to ride home with the following adults (please list):

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

_____ I give my permission for my student to ride home with ANY parent(s) available to provide transportation.

(Signature)

(Date)

Automobile information:

Notice: **By signing below, I certify that:**

I have automobile liability insurance and understand that such insurance is primary before any other collectible insurance. My vehicle is in safe operating condition, is equipped with seat belts that will be used by each passenger, and that I drive in a safe manner and in accordance with state laws.

Registered Owner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Vehicle License # _____ State: _____

Driver License # _____ Expires: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Agent: _____

Limits of Coverage: _____

(Signature)

(Date)