

## TOURNAMENT RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

The *2nd Annual MCP Speech Tournament* for SLO 6-7-8<sup>th</sup> grade students is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 9:00am-4:00 pm at Mission College Prep High School, 682 Palm St, SLO.

*This tournament is a unique opportunity for SLO County students of all academic levels to practice the art of public speaking. We encourage you and your wonderful and talented students to participate in this invitational tournament.*

Each student may enter up to three events, choosing from:

- DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION
- DEMONSTRATION\*\*\*(This category replaces IMPROMPTU)
- ORIGINAL PROSE & POETRY
- PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

Descriptions of the events are attached. Each student will be assigned to a room in which they will present their speech before a panel of judges. First, second and third place standings are determined by the ranking in each room. There are no semifinal or final rounds. Students are expected to commit to the events they select by paying a minimal registration fee of \$5.00 and filling out a *Statement of Commitment* requiring signatures from the student, parent and teacher. Changes or withdrawals seriously inconvenience all participants and tournament organization. A photo release form must also be submitted, indicating parent choices.

**FEES:** \$25/school and \$5/student (Scholarships available)

**JUDGES:** Each participating school must provide a 2 JUDGES—usually parent or teacher volunteers. This is a requirement for your school participation, as your help is essential to the success of the tournament. Please contact Gina if you are unable to provide volunteers for this purpose.

**AWARDS:** All students receive a *Certificate of Participation*. *1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Medals* are awarded to the winners from each classroom contest. Ties are possible. A *Grand Champion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Champion and 3<sup>rd</sup> Champion* trophy will be awarded for each grade level. *Grand Champion* is based on cumulative points achieved in the tournament. Entering two or more events (up to 3 events permitted) enhances a student's chances of winning a Grand Champion trophy.

## **SCHOOL/TEACHER/MODERATOR CHECKLIST**

- *Copy the Speech Rules and Instructions for parents and students.* Please discuss all rules and instructions with your students.
- *Complete Application Forms: School Participation Form and Student Application and Statement of Commitment Form (one per student).* Forms are to be reviewed by the teacher/advisor
- *Enter Dramatic Interpretation selection (title, chapter, verse, etc.) for each student to the application.* It is not necessary to include the entire speech. This is to ensure that we do not schedule the same speech/ passage/ grade to the same room contest.
- *Enter titles/subjects for each category selected on each student application.*
- *Enclose \$25.00 per school entry / \$5.00 per student*
- *Include Judges' information on School Participation Form.* We require a minimum of 2 volunteers per participating school.
  
- ***APPLICATION DEADLINE:***  
***Friday, March 3 , 2023 at 4:00 pm***
- Deliver or mail applications to:

Attn: Gina Pierucci  
MCP Speech Tournament  
Mission College Prep High School  
682 Palm St.  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023**

Completed applications along with the \$25 admin fee due and \$5 per student fee are due at MCP by the registration deadline which is set early to allow ample time to register entrants, plan room assignments, and to avoid duplication of selections and topics.

Please make sure that each student's application includes:

- *Application form* completed by teacher
- Signed *Permission to Share Photographs* document
- *Statement of Commitment* signed by student, parent, and teacher
- Title of the selections chosen for *Dramatic Interpretation, Demonstration, Original Prose & Poetry, and Persuasive Speaking*
- \$5.00 commitment fee for each student

### **LOGISTICS:**

**Dress Code:** Students are proud representatives of their school and must be attired to address an audience. Generally, no shorts, flipflops or tank tops. Dress to impress.

**Photography or Recording:** Photography, recording or videoing are **strictly prohibited** during presentations, as this is disruptive and disrespectful to other students, parents and tournament officials.

**Access to Event Rooms:** **Once the Room Moderator has closed the door to an event room, no participant or spectator will be allowed to enter or exit the room.** This rule is to prevent disruptive distractions that directly affect a speaker's performance or the focus of the judges. If a speaker is late to an event; they will be counted as a no show and not admitted.

### **Registration opens 8:45 AM**

Location: Mission College Prep High School, 682 Palm St, SLO. (Across from Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa). Students should be at Registration no later than 15 minutes before their first event. Please register early. There will be a separate Judges' Registration, Room Moderators' Registration, and Hospitality Room. (Judges are invited for refreshments.)

### **Parking**

Limited judges' parking is available in the MCP garage. Parents, teachers and all others please use street parking. Please observe posted parking signs on town streets. Thank you.

## **APPROXIMATE Schedule**

<b>8:45 AM 9:20 AM</b>	<b>Registration Opens *Arrive early WELCOME!</b>	<b>MCP Café Principal Susank</b>
<b>SESSION I 9:30 AM- 10:45 AM</b>	<b>Dramatic Interpretation</b>	<b>Various Rooms as Assigned and Posted</b>
<b>SESSION II 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Demonstration</b>	<b>Various Rooms as Assigned and Posted</b>
<b>12:30 PM-1:00 PM</b>	<b>Morning Awards Assembly</b>	<b>MCP PAC</b>
<b>1:00 PM-1:45 PM</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>MCP Campus</b>
<b>SESSION III 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Original Prose and Poetry</b>	<b>Various Rooms as Assigned and Posted</b>
<b>SESSION IV 3:15 PM-4:15 PM</b>	<b>Persuasive Speaking</b>	<b>Various Rooms as Assigned and Posted</b>
<b>4:30 PM-5:00 PM</b>	<b>Afternoon Awards Assembly</b>	<b>MCP PAC</b>

**\* Students may check in 15 min before their first scheduled event.**

**MCP INVITATIONAL SPEECH TOURNAMENT**  
**SCHOOL PARTICIPATION FORM**

This form is to be completed by a TEACHER please.

Please print clearly:

NAME OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #'S OF CONTACT PERSON:

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL # of students participating \_\_\_\_\_

\*One application per student must be attached w/ Student Participation Fee of \$5.00/each student (Scholarships available)

\*School ENTRY FEE \$25 enclosed

**JUDGES**

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL SCHOOLS PROVIDE THE REQUIRED 2 JUDGES. THE TOURNAMENT REQUIRES MANY VOLUNTEERS AND CAN ONLY SUCCEED IF ALL SCHOOLS ASSIST IN STAFFING THE EVENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

We are honored to have teachers and/or parents participate. Note: No one will judge or moderate for their own child or student. All judges will receive a confirmation with a copy of the judging guidelines & procedures well before the event. There will be an orientation & training session at the tournament just prior to the event.

**Judge #1**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First**

**Last**

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation/Affiliation for tournament program** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent** \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**Name of your child if competing and grade level :**

\_\_\_\_\_

**or**

**Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Level Currently Teaching** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Judging Preference : Please check one or both sessions**

**Morning Session** \_\_\_ (8:45 am-12:00 pm)

**Afternoon Session** \_\_\_ (1:15 pm-4:15 pm)

**Judge #2**



(One form per student)

Deadline: Friday, March 3, 2023, 4:00 pm  
(Please print clearly)

**STUDENT'S NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Best email to relay information to student:

\_\_\_\_\_

Student may enter a **maximum of three events.**

**Please check and identify your events:**

- **Dramatic Interpretation**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Demonstration**

What will you demonstrate? \_\_\_\_\_

- **Original Prose and Poetry**

Prose \_\_\_\_\_ Poetry \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

- **Persuasive Speaking: Title**

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## STUDENT STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print student's name), have read the rules and instructions for participation in the MCP Speech Tournament. I promise to participate in each event entered on my application to the best of my ability. I understand changes and withdrawals seriously inconvenience all participants, my peers, and tournament organization.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed Student Participation Fee: \$5.00 (Scholarships available)

**\*\*\*It is also important for each participant to understand and acknowledge the rules for access to event room: Once the Room Moderator has closed the door to an event room, no participant or spectator will be allowed to enter or exit the room. If a speaker is late to an event, s/he will be counted as a "no show" and not be admitted.**

STUDENT INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### PHOTO RELEASE

Parents: Please indicate your preference, and sign this release to allow sharing of your student's photo with participating schools and teachers at the tournament

- Yes, my student's photo may be shared
- No, my student's photo may not be shared

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent

Date \_\_\_\_\_