

Madison Central High School SPEECH & DEBATE

Team Constitution



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COACHING STAFF

Mrs. Rachel Clapper-Davis

PREAMBLE

“As a member of the Madison Central High School Speech & Debate Team I understand that it is my utmost responsibility to represent my team, my school, and ultimately, my own personal character in all settings in a positive light. I understand that it is the responsibility of my parents and myself to read, acknowledge, and understand the rules set before us, and the consequences to any action that is deemed inappropriate by the terms of this contract.”

-TRUTH- -HONOR- -HUMILITY- -EQUITY- -INTEGRITY-

INTRODUCTION

It is the duty of each team member and the parents and/or legal guardian to read this contract and return the three documents that must be in place before membership can be finalized. These documents include:

1. CONTRACT AGREEMENT FORM – Parent and Student Signatures, **Notary Public Signature/Seal**
2. MEDICAL RELEASE FORM – (a copy of your current insurance card must be attached)
3. MEDIA RELEASE FORM

ALL TOURNAMENTS WILL HAVE PERMISSION SLIPS AND MONEY THAT NEEDS TO BE TURNED IN THE MONDAY BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT.

It is also the understanding of all those involved that a copy of this contract will stay on file and any disciplinary action taken will be based on the rules and regulations in this document. Failure to abide by these rules will result in a series of actions that can lead to expulsion from the team

I. TEAM DEFINITIONS

A. AUDITIONS

1. **New Member Auditions** – Potential new members to the team will audition by filling out an application provided by the coaching staff and prepare either a memorized monologue or brief speech to perform. Auditions will be in front of the coaching staff and the outgoing senior/upperclassmen of the team. New auditions are composed of a cumulative score amongst three categories: Teacher Recommendations, Coach Evaluation of Tryout, Senior Evaluation of Tryout
2. **Returning Member Auditions** – Potential returning members will be accepted based on the individual performance of that member in both competition success and team participation. Members may have to re-audition if the coach sees fit. Returning members auditions are composed of a cumulative score amongst four categories: Teacher Recommendations, Coach Recommendation, Outgoing Senior Recommendation, Audition (or supplemented ad sales)

B. OFFICERS

1. **Chapter President** – Must have completed two years of speech and debate, have a minimum of 500 NSDA points, a competitive knowledge of speech, debate, and interpretation events, and the approval of all members of the coaching staff. President is in charge of disciplining members of the team, keeping up with strikes, registration and overall team appearances. Works in direct correlation with the coach to implement orders to team. Automatic tournament director.
2. **Vice President** – Must have completed two years of speech and debate, have a minimum of 500 NSDA points, a competitive knowledge of speech, debate, and interpretation events, and the approval of all members of the coaching staff. Chief responsibility is to assist in coaching novice members during rehearsal time and at competition or take over for president when president is not available. Automatic tournament director.
3. **Novice Captain(s)**- Must have completed two years of speech and debate, have a minimum of 250 NSDA points, a competitive knowledge of speech, debate, and interpretation events, and the approval of all members of the coaching staff. Chief responsibility is to assist in coaching novice members during rehearsal time and at competition, as well as in taking care of “team items” at competition.
4. **Speech Captain** – Must be a member in good standing with the coaching staff and have a minimum of 250 NSDA points. Chief responsibility is to collect speeches with works cited pages before competition. Also, in charge of the Pocket filing system. Helps coach speaking events.
5. **Interpretation Captain** - Must be a member in good standing with the coaching staff and have a minimum of 250 NSDA points. Interpretation captain is in charge of collecting intros, copies of highlighted manuscripts and ensuring all members have access or copies of original sources. Will also be in charge of helping to prepare events for qualifiers. Coaches interp.
6. **Debate Captain** - Must be a member in good standing with the coaching staff and have a minimum of 250 NSDA points. Must keep up with submitted cases by the deadline of the Friday before competition and communicate with Mrs. Clapper-Davis those who haven't. Helps coach debate.

7. **Team Manager (s)** – This is an appointed position by the Coaching Staff. This person works with coach on organization of Decency Clause book, Permission Slips, Teacher Sign-Off Forms and any other issues that come. Team manager is also an automatic tournament director.
8. **Team Historian (s)**- In charge of the website, Social Media sites (including birthday announcements---all must be approved by coach) and photographing at tournaments.

C. *NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE ASSOCIATION DEGREE LEVELS*

1.	Degree of Merit	1 st Level	25 NSDA Points
2.	Degree of Honor	2 nd Level	75 NSDA Points
3.	Degree of Excellence	3 rd Level	150 NSDA Points
4.	Degree of Distinction	4 th Level	250 NSDA Points
5.	Degree of Special Distinction	5 th Level	500 NSDA Points
6.	Degree of Superior Distinction	6 th Level	750 NSDA Points
7.	Degree of Outstanding Distinction	7 th Level	1000 NSDA Points
8.	Degree of Premier Distinction	8 th Level	1500 NSDA Points

D. *STUDENT OFFICER ELECTIONS*

1. The National Office provides coaches with two options of how to choose student officers.
2. OPTION ONE – Students vote based on the degree level (Level 1 = 1 vote; Level 8 = 8 votes)
3. OPTION TWO – Students wishing to be officers may sign up based on requirements given by the team, and the coaching staff chooses from those eligible.

II. **COMPETITION EVENTS/NATIONAL TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATIONS**

A. *EVENTS OF COMPETITION*

1. **DEBATE EVENTS**
 - a. Policy Debate (CX)
 - b. Lincoln-Douglas Debate (LD)
 - c. Public Forum Debate (PFD)
 - d. Congressional Debate (CON)
2. **FLIGHT A EVENTS**
 - a. Prose Interpretation (PR)
 - b. Dramatic Interpretation (DI)
 - c. Original Oratory (OO)
 - d. Impromptu Speaking (IMP)
 - e. Program Oral Interpretation (POI)
 - f. Duet Acting (DUET)
 - g. Expository (Supplemental) (EXP)
3. **FLIGHT B EVENTS**
 - a. Poetry Interpretation (PO)
 - b. Humorous Interpretation (HI)
 - c. Informative Speaking (INFO)
 - d. Extemporaneous Speaking (EXT)
 - e. Declamation (DEC)
 - f. Duo Interpretation (DUO)
 - g. Storytelling (Supplemental) (ST)

B. *NSDA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS*

1. The number of entries given to each school at the NSDA Qualifying tournaments is based on the number of degrees held by the entire team.
2. The chart of determination is located in the NSDA District Tournament Manual at www.speechanddebate.org
3. The Main Stage Events at this tournament are Senate (CON), House (CON), Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, Big Questions, World Schools Debate, International Extemp, United States Extemp, Original Oratory, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Program Oral Interpretation and Duo Interpretation. Supplemental and Consolation Events are also offered.
4. The number of students who qualify out of the Magnolia District to represent Mississippi in the National Championships is based on the number of students entering the event at the district tournament.

5. All students wishing to compete in Qualifiers will be chosen by the coach in a timely manner.
6. HOW QUALIFIERS ARE CHOSEN:
 - a. The coach will choose all those competing in Qualifying Tournaments with the input of officers.
 - b. The coach has the final say on all entries to Nationals. **Just because a student qualifies does NOT mean they automatically will go.**

C. *NCFL NATIONAL TOURNAMENT*

1. Madison Central is a member of the Jackson Diocese. This consists of schools north of Laurel.
2. The number of students who qualify for NCFL Nationals is determined by the number of schools that register as members of the Diocese (not how many compete in the tournament).
3. 2-6 students can qualify in each event.
4. Competition events at NCFL Nationals include CON, CX, LD, PFD, DEC, EXT, OI, DUO, OO and DP.
 - a. OI = Oral Interpretation = both prose and poetry performed together.
 - b. DP = Dramatic Performance = (HI and DI competitors competing in the same category)
5. A school may have up to 40 total entries, but no more than 6 in any one category.
6. One student may enter 1-4 events in the tournament (1 debate, 1 congress, 2 individual events)
7. The coach will decide with the input of officers all those who will be eligible to compete at JCFL.
8. The coach has the final say on all entries to Nationals. **Just because a student qualifies does NOT mean they automatically will go.**

D. *NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL EVENT TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS*

1. Events include DI, HI, DUO, OO, and DUET.
2. Qualifying tournaments are determined by the NIETOC National Committee.
3. A determined number of bids are given out at each qualifying tournament based on the number of entries.
4. Qualification happens after an entry earns two bids.
5. **This tournament is OPTIONAL. This is a coach decision whether students will be sent to represent MCHS.**

E. *MHSAA SPEECH AND DEBATE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS*

1. Events offered at the State Championship include:
 - a. Congress (offered on a separate weekend)
 - b. DEBATE: CX, LD, PFD
 - FLIGHT A: Prose Interpretation, Impromptu, Original Oratory, Dramatic Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation, Duet Acting, Expository Speaking (Supplemental)
 - FLIGHT B: Poetry Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Informative Speaking, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Declamation, Storytelling (Supplemental)
2. **If a student qualifies for State Championships it is a REQUIREMENT to attend the state championship tournament. *The only acceptable reason for missing is a personal family emergency.*** Failure to attend State Championships will eliminate you from continuing with the team the next year, eliminate you from any national competition you are qualified for, or eliminate you from senior privileges (including banquet attendance).
3. Qualification procedures:

DEBATE:	Finals once, semifinals once, quarterfinals twice.
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:	FIRST PLACE once, 2 nd – semifinals twice. (Novice categories must FINAL twice)
CONGRESS:	Coach chooses ten representatives.
4. **MHSAA State Championship is APRIL 22-23.**

F. *ALL NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS*

The participation in all National Tournaments (Harvard, Emory, Berkeley, NIETOC, NSDA, NCFL etc....) is done at the discretion and decision of the coach. The coach MUST approve all national tournament participants. If a student would like to

attend a national with an approved guardian outside of their coach, the coach must also approve this BEFOREHAND and have the sign off by the MHSAA Coordinator. National tournaments are not offered to all team members. Those who are offered are ones that are excelling in events and/or display good behavior.

III. DISCIPLINE

A. *DISCIPLINE LADDER*

1. The Madison Central High School Speech and Debate Team has a “three strikes and you’re out” system. If a student has three strikes due to discipline, you will be off the team effective immediately.
2. The team president is in charge of counting strikes against students. The team president will also help the coach decide whether something is a strike or just a warning.
3. **ALL FINAL DECISIONS ARE MADE BY THE COACH. Discipline is ultimately decided by the coach with input from officers and advisement by the president. If the coach deems something a strike, it is a strike.**

B. *TOURNAMENT REHEARSAL RULES* (Strikes you will acquire if not followed are listed beside the rule) (1S)- One Strike, (2S)-Two Strikes

1. When students are in class, they are required to work on individual event selections and/or debate cases. Failure to comply with this rule negatively affects the grade of the student in the class. **THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED.**
2. Any competition selection must be given approval for being performed in a competition. Performing a selection in competition without the coaching staff’s knowledge will not be accepted. (1S)
3. **If a student is not a member of the Debate class, they must come to practice/make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Clapper-Davis after school one day a week or communicate via email all necessary information. This is a case-by-case scenario. (1S)**
4. Performance pieces must be seen before every tournament you attend. The selection can be passed off to Mrs. Clapper-Davis, Chapter President, Vice President, or a Captain/Varsity by the Monday before each tournament. (1S)
5. **Debate cases must be turned in on the Monday before a tournament if a debater/debate team plans to compete in the tournament. Copies must be sent to the coach and debate captain. You get 1 warning and then it is a strike. (1S)**
6. Intros must be turned into Interpretation Captain before a tournament. (1S)
7. Speeches must be turned into Speaking Captain with a works cited page before competition. (1S)
8. **Congress speeches must be turned into Congress Captain on the designated day by the Congress Captain. Failure to do so may cause lack of access to the drive. You get one warning and then it is a strike. (1S)**
9. **Decency Clauses must be turned into the Team Manager before tournaments. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A STRIKE. You get one warning and then it is a strike. (1S)**
10. The Monday before a tournament is when all materials for tournaments- including permission slips, money, and all materials are due. The officers will report the Friday before of any missing materials. Anyone who has not turned in money the Monday before, **without prior approval**, will be dropped.

C. *TOURNAMENT DEPARTURE RULES*

1. Appropriate dress upon departure is expected. You will be given one of three options of how to be dressed when the team leaves Madison Central:
 - a. OPTION ONE – Fully dressed in competition suit.
 - b. OPTION TWO – Pants with team t-shirt
 - c. OPTION THREE – Casual dress (this will only happen if we don’t compete the day of departure or if there is time at the hotel before.) (1S)
2. Departure time will always be given for every location. The Bus/Parent Cars leave at that time. You should arrive at least five minutes earlier. The coach at the tournament will communicate hotel departure times. Being late is never acceptable. (1S)

D. *TRANSPORTATION RULES*

1. If travel is by bus, you will regard the bus driver’s rules as if they are directly from the coaching staff. (1S)

2. The bus will be kept clean. If a student leaves before the bus is cleaned after a trip that will be one strike. The president and vice-president must stay and make sure the bus is clean. (1S)
3. Disrespect of any kind will not be tolerated. (2S)
4. Feelings of mistreatment should be brought **directly** to the coaching staff, and not dealt with through other students, parents, and/or bus drivers. **Failure to include the coaching staff will not be tolerated.**
5. If travel by plane or train, specific instructions will be given for those trips and another travel agreement will be signed by the student and parent.
6. Any time a parent or guardian would like to take a student home from a tournament, the coach must **SEE** or be communicated with by the parent before the student leaves. Students will not leave unless approved by the coach. (1S)
7. Permission Slips **MUST** be turned into the coach the Monday before the tournament, along with money. Failure to do so will lead to being dropped from the tournament. Students will receive one warning, then one drop, then it will be a strike.
8. Students should not leave tournaments midday where there is self-travel in one's own vehicle, unless designated by coach. (1S)
9. If the coach designates assigned seating, you must sit where you are assigned the entirety of the trip.

E. HOTEL RULES

1. You will be assigned to a room by the coaching staff. **A student will be assigned as room captain** and given authority over that room.
2. Anything deemed misconduct by parent or room captain will result in immediate disciplinary action by the coaching staff.
3. A curfew will be given each night of a hotel stay. Failure to comply with the curfew will result in disciplinary action:
 - a. To the student caught out after curfew or allowing another student into their room. (2S)
 - b. If roommates choose not to inform coach about missing teammate (1S)
4. If a student leaves the hotel, for any reason, without permission:
 - a. The student(s) who commit this infraction will be immediately terminated from the team and sent home at their parent's expense.
 - b. If roommates have knowledge of this infraction and choose not to tell the coaching staff they will also face disciplinary action (2S)
5. Any complaints from hotel staff will face disciplinary action (1S)

F. TOURNAMENT LOCATION RULES

1. You must abide by the rules presented in the tournament handbook, which is given out at each tournament.
2. You are required to abide by all rules given to you by the Madison County School District and Madison Central High School. (Failure to do so will result in school disciplinary action).
3. Cell phones should not be on when in competition rounds. If caught on a cell phone in round, strikes will be given. **STUDENTS MAY USE THEM FOR TIME IF THE JUDGE ALLOWS.** (1S)
4. When you are done performing you should stay and watch your competitors perform and be a good audience. There are a few exceptions:
 - a. If you are cross entered, you should leave after finishing your first event, but after performing in your second event you should stay and watch the rest of the competition in that round.
 - b. You are not required to stay and watch in Extemporaneous Speaking.
5. Once a round is complete, you should report back to the student lounge and wait for postings for the next round.
6. The entire team is responsible for the Madison Central Section of the Student Lounge and Prep Room. **It is your responsibility to clean up after yourselves.** Complaints from the host school will result in disciplinary action for the entire team. (1S)
7. The team should sit with the team at the tournament. Of course, be friendly with other teams, but if it is noted that you are not sitting with the MC Team to sit with another team, you will be warned. If it happens a second time, a strike will be given. **Sit. With. The. Team.** (1S)

8. No Public Displays of Affection are permitted. (1S)
9. No outside food will be allowed in student lounges unless you are given permission to do so before the tournament begins. (1S)

G. *AWARD CEREMONY RULES*

1. The team always sits together during awards ceremonies. No exceptions. (1S)
2. No food or drinks allowed inside the awards ceremony spaces. (1S)
3. Show respect for all awards recipients regardless of your personal opinions of them. Observe the one clap rule for every placement except for first. Each winner is given a standing ovation.
4. The entire team will stand for the announcement of each team sweepstakes placement
5. **There is no horseplay, loud talking, cell phone use or inappropriate noises during the ceremony. (1S)** Only photos should be taken during this time.
6. After the ceremony is over you will remain seated until the coaching staff gives you directions.
7. **You should not change into "STREET CLOTHES" before awards, unless permission has been granted by Mrs. Clapper-Davis. (1S)**

H. *TRANSPORTATION HOME RULES*

1. **THE WAL-MART RULE** – We do not speak about other competitors or express negative opinions about anything while attending a tournament. If you violate this rule you receive strikes.
2. Parents will be provided with an approximate arrival time before the trip begins. You will receive an update via text or Remind 101 once the team leaves the tournament.
3. **No one is allowed to leave until the Chapter President and coaching staff have checked the bus to make sure it is clean. (1S)**
4. Strikes will be assigned if a member of the coaching staff has to wait **more than fifteen minutes** for a student to be picked up by their parent/guardian. (1S)
5. During "in town" tournaments, students transportation to and from the tournament will be provided by parents/guardians. This includes any tournaments at Jackson Academy, St. Andrew's, Ridgeland High School, Murrah High School, Northwest Rankin High School, Millsaps, etc.... Permission slips still need to be turned in.

I. *DRESS CODE*

1. Rules for All Genders
 - a. Suits must be worn to every tournament.
 1. – If debating, the suit should be dark (black, brown, tan, gray, dark blue)
 2. – For individual events you may choose something with more color but it must be professional.
 - b. Hair must be neat and tidy. HAIR SHOULD NEVER BE IN YOUR EYES. -You will be spoken to if your attire is unacceptable. If you are having problems purchasing a suit, please inform coaching staff.
 - c. **All suits should be approved by the coach.**
 - d. **Maximum jewelry: one set of earrings, one ring, and one necklace. A lapel pin may be worn on your suit.**
2. Rules for Traditionally Feminine Attire
 - a. Heels or professional flats must be worn with your suit. They should be neutral tones and all shoes MUST be closed toe. Character/interview shoes are most appropriate. You may bring shoes to wear in between rounds. You must wear shoes the entirety of the tournament. You must have your heels on before entering any competition room.
 - b. Earrings should not be longer than one inch.
 - c. Skirts should always fall below the fingertip when arms are placed at your side. Please keep in mind that you SIT a lot at tournaments. Knee length is safest.
3. Rules for Traditionally Masculine Attire
 - a. Dark socks must be worn with your suit. **NO WHITE SOCKS EVER.** No ankle socks.
 - b. Ties must be worn and they must match your suit.
 - c. **Shoes should match your suit.**

- J. **SOCIAL MEDIA AND BEHAVIOR REGARDING SPEECH AND DEBATE OUTSIDE TOURNAMENTS**
 As a member of the Madison Central Speech and Debate Team, you are expected to have the utmost respect for your team, at tournaments and outside of tournaments. Obviously, disagreements and conflicting personalities may exist. However,
1. if you are **actively talking bad about MC Debate to other teams or students, you will earn a warning and then a strike. (1S)**
 2. Furthermore, if you **post negative things about your team members or the MC Speech and Debate Team on Social Media, a warning will occur and then a strike will be earned. (1S)**
 3. Any **divisions created on the team by mocking, bullying or talking bad about other team members or their success will be an automatic dismissal from the team.**
 4. **FURTHERMORE, behaving inappropriately in any team chat is unacceptable. (1S)** Petty gossip or slander is not allowed to pervade MC Speech and Debate.
 Any of these issues on the team should be brought to an officer who will then talk to Mrs. Clapper-Davis who will make a final decision on if something is a strike or not. If an issue is with an officer, please bring it up to Mrs. Clapper-Davis who will deal accordingly. **LACK OF COMMUNICATION WITH MRS. CLAPPER-DAVIS OR THE OFFICERS WILL NOT BRING A SENSE OF UNITY TO THE TEAM.**
 Problems should be dealt with quickly and efficiently. Untruthful slander or libel against other team members to administration will be met with automatic dismissal from the team.

IV. **FUNDRAISING**

- A. **This team cannot survive without fundraising. If students do not participate in fundraising activities, they and their families are 100% responsible for paying for everything the student does.**
- B. **Fees for a tournament must be paid on the Monday before the tournament. Not paying will result in dropping from the tournament. Any student with outstanding charges will not be allowed to attend the next tournament.**
- C. MCHS Speech and Debate Booster Club will be in charge of all fundraising upon the coach's approval. A Booster Meeting will be held in AUGUST for the 2019-2020 Speech and Debate Team.

V. **TEAM COSTS**

- A. The following team fees are due by the end of August.
 1. \$300.00 **Team Dues.** Must be paid by the end of August 31. A payment plan is a possibility if parents contact the coaching staff. These cover entry into the NSDA, JCFL, bus driver money, and the start for fundraising.
 2. \$15.00 **Tournament T-shirt**
- B. **If we do not fundraise,** the following amounts will be due two weeks before every tournament
 1. **\$10-25 Entry Fees.** Cover the cost of entering the tournament.
 2. **\$35-50 X #of Nights Hotel Fees.** This covers the cost of the hotel.
 3. **\$30 Judge Fee.** If a parent does not come to judge, a \$30 judge bond must be paid to pay uncovered judge fees and the cost for the chaperones lodging that give up their time to help. Once a student has had a judge for four judging assignments, the judge bond will be waived. **JUDGE BOND WILL NOT BE WAIVED FOR ANYONE NOT JUDGING AT MHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. FURTHERMORE, WE REQUIRE PARENT PARTICIPATION AT THE MC SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT.** Both MHSAA State and the Madison Central Tournament require parent judges.
4. Fundraising that students **and parents must** participate in: Basketball Concessions, MC Speech and Debate Tournament (December 17-18), Football Parking, Ad Sales.

National Tournaments

1. The cost of going to a national tournament is determined by the length of stay, the distance from Madison Central, the number of students and parents attending, and the type of transportation to be taken.
2. Possible National Tournaments:
 - Holy Cross Tournament- New Orleans, LA
 - Isidore Newman Tournament- New Orleans, LA
 - Emory Barkley Forum- Atlanta, GA

- Sunvitational-Florida
- Glenbrooks- Chicago, IL
- Berkeley Tournament @ UC Berkeley- San Francisco, CA OR Harvard University-Boston, MA
- Tournament of Champions @ Univ of Kentucky- Lexington, KY
- NIETOC National Tournament- ???
- NCFL Grand National Tournament- Chicago, IL
- NSDA National Championship- Birmingham, AL

VI. STUDENT EXPECTATIONS AND DISCIPLINE

- Each team member must compete in at least four tournaments** during the year. Failure to do so will eliminate you from senior privileges (banquet) or the ability to audition for the team for the next year.
- Attendance is mandatory for all tournaments hosted by the Madison Central High School Team. The MC Speech and Debate Tournament is December 17-18. ALL STUDENTS AND A PARENT REPRESENTATIVE IS REQUIRED TO BE THERE.**
- Attendance to team showcases is mandatory. We will hold at least one in the spring.**
- Attendance at MHSAA State Championships is required** if you qualify for any events into the tournament.
- Each student and his/her parent must sign and return the contract form, media release form and the medical release form. A notary must sign the Contract Agreement Form.
- All students must make sure to attend AT LEAST two days of camp** this summer. Camp Dates will be announced by the end of May. Camp is held in July.
- All Members of the MCHS Speech & Debate Team represent the Madison County School District and Madison Central High School and must follow **all rules** mandated in the Madison County Schools Student Handbook.
- Automatic Dismissal- Students will receive automatic dismissal from the team if they are found out to have participated in sexual harassment or inappropriate personal behaviors at a tournament (ask if you need it defined), use of drugs or alcohol at tournaments, lying about other team mates to the coach or officers to get another member in trouble, or anything that is considered a major infraction by the school. All concerns should be brought to the coach in a timely manner so they can be resolved in a timely manner through administration and MHSAA. All members of the team are NOT privy to the disciplinary actions of a teammate, only the coach, president and the teammate involved, along with the proper administrators at Madison County Schools.**

VII. MCHS Booster Club

- FUNCTION:
 - The Madison Central Speech and Debate Booster Club is run by four positions (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary). Nominations for those positions will occur during the first week of school.
 - Booster is responsible for raising money for tournaments to be distributed as seen fit by the **COACH**. The booster officers will have a say in the distribution, but the coach must approve all final decisions. This includes which tournaments to spend the money, which fundraisers to host, etc....
 - When booster has money, it will be used to help alleviate costs at tournaments. Students may still have to pay a small fee to make up the difference.
- RESPONSIBILITIES:
 - Parents and students are in charge of raising money for booster. Fundraising opportunities may be brought to the officers.
 - Basketball concessions** will be signed up for as soon as we get the basketball schedule. Each game needs two parents and four students to work. **Each parent is required to sign up for AT LEAST one game.**
 - Football parking** will be signed up for in August. **All teammates and a parent representative should work at least one game.**
 - Each member of the team must sell \$200 worth of ads or else they will have to re-audition for the team.** Ads are due by September 15th to the Booster Treasurer. All checks must be made out to MCHS Speech and Debate Booster Club.
- CONSEQUENCES IF LACK OF BOOSTER SUPPORT:

- a. If booster is left solely to be run by the coach, MCHS Speech and Debate Booster Club will cease to exist and money and all expenses will be done through the school on the school's schedule. Payment of cost will be left to the parents.
- b. Furthermore, **any money not raised by booster for speech and debate will have to be paid by parents and students.**
- c. Booster Club is a privilege of the district. **Booster can be dissolved if considered ineffective or extraneous.**

VIII. All final decisions about the Madison Central High School Speech and Debate Team are left to the discretion of the Coach (Mrs. Rachel Clapper-Davis).

CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE FORM

I, _____, have read the procedures, policies, dress code, discipline ladder, and all other obligations governing the MCHS Speech & Debate Team and agree to abide by the stated and implied information. I understand that any infraction of the rules shall and will affect my position on the team. I also understand that more than one infraction will lead to team fines and possible removal from the team and the National Speech and Debate Association.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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I, _____, the legal guardian of _____, have read the contract and understand the expectations for my child and agree with the coaches and chaperones that any infringement of the rules should result in disciplinary action.

I have also read and agree with these rules. I also agree with the punishments that are set forth in this contract. I understand that rules set forth in the Madison County Handbook are not written in this contract but are understood to be rules included because my child is a student at Madison Central High School.

I have read and understood the requirements of the parent organization. I understand the participation that must be given on my part. I understand that if this participation cannot be given there is a financial obligation to pay in order that my child may still be an active member of the team.

Having read all this, and understanding each and every word, I agree to the guidelines set forth for both my child and my involvement with Madison Central Speech & Debate.

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Sworn to and subscribed this _____ day of _____

Witness my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____

MCHS SPEECH & DEBATE MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

I give the coaching staff permission to seek any emergency medical aid necessary for my child, _____.

My child has permission to take the following over the counter medication if needed, and give permission for chaperones to supply them. (Please circle any that apply)

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| Ibuprofen | Tylenol | Mylanta | Tums |
| Pepto-Bismol | Pepcid AC | Benadryl | Aleve |
| Zyrtec | Claritin | Midol | Dayquil/Nyquil |

Please list any pertinent medical information (including any allergies) as well as insurance information regarding your child **(please attach a copy of your insurance card)**.

Please list your work, home, and cell phone numbers to be used in case of an emergency.

Cell: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____

List two people (and contact information) that can be used as contacts in the event of an emergency situation.

CONTACTS

1. _____
NAME RELATIONSHIP PHONE #
2. _____
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STUDENT NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

MHSAA STATEMENT OF PERMISSION AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

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Student's Signature: _____

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Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____
