



Arise

Speech & Debate

Handbook

2019-2020

ARISE SPEECH AND DEBATE CLUB MISSION

Arise Speech and Debate Club is devoted to empowering Christian, Homeschooled, Youth to arise to their full potential through the study and competition of various forms of speech and debate to reach their culture for Christ.

**“Arise,
raise up the youth and
support him with your hand,
for I intend to make him
a great nation. “**

Genesis 21:18

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Participation in Stoa's National Invitational Tournament of Champions (NITOC) – *if invited*
- Participation in any tournament requiring Stoa membership
- Upload of results from Stoa tournaments to Speechranks
- Qualification for optional liability insurance for clubs and tournaments
- Vote for debate resolutions
- Vote for Wildcard speech events
- Vote on key organizational decisions
- Periodic news updates (StoaBytes) from the Stoa Board
- No curriculum required
 - Curriculum is provided with your membership for the 3 main areas of content study (apologetics, speech, and debate) and 14 different competitive events
 - An additional book list for specific events might be suggested, but is not required
- **Access to LexisNexis® research database for only \$40 per student per year** (usually costs \$2400 per year for a single user license.) Recommended for competitive extemporaneous and debate events.



STOA COMPETITIVE SPEECH & DEBATE LEAGUE

Arise Speech and Debate Club currently participates in the Stoa Speech and Debate League. Students can compete in other leagues as well.

Stoa is organized to serve the privately educated, Christian homeschool community. Stoa recognizes and accepts that homeschooling families use a wide variety of homeschooling strategies and supports the parental right to direct the education of their children.



CLUB ELIGIBILITY

It is expected that a student registering for a tournament is able to compete the entire tournament season, barring any unforeseen unavoidable circumstances. Competitors joining Stoa shall meet the following criteria:

AGE

Competitors shall be ages 12 to 18 on October 1st of the current season.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The parent member(s) must agree with the following:

1. There is one God eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. (*Matthew 3:16, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30, 2 Corinthians 13:14*)
2. Man is sinful and therefore separated from God, who is holy and perfect. (*Isaiah 53:5-9, Romans 3:23, 1 Peter 1:15-16*)
3. Jesus Christ paid the eternal penalties for our sin through His death on the cross (*Luke 24:46, 1 Peter 2:21*)
4. Jesus Christ also resurrected bodily and ascended into heaven and will return one day to fulfill His kingdom. (*Matthew 28:6, Revelation 19:11*)
5. Only through Jesus Christ and the grace of His provision of salvation, may we be saved from eternal punishment, enter into God's family and receive eternal life. (*Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:23, Romans 8:11, 1 John 1:9*)
6. The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible and authoritative Word of God and the truth for Christian faith and practice. (*2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, John 17:17, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Psalm 19:7-11, John 6:67-69*)
7. We believe in the Scripture of the Old and New Testament (66 books) as being verbally and completely inerrant in the original writings and of supreme and final authority in faith and in life.



HOME EDUCATED

If the following statements can be affirmed with a yes, the student shall be deemed privately home educated for Stoa purposes:

- 1) Parent or legal guardian(s) direct the educational choices for the student, including the use of dual credit, online/ offline courses, cooperative courses, private tutored courses, and other parent directed methods that support the student's educational plan; **and**
- 2) Parent is the authority to award the Stoa competitor junior high or high school credits and grades; **and**
- 3) Under the laws of your state, if your state defines home schooling, the student is classified as legally "homeschooled"; **and**
- 4) Student is not enrolled full-time in a public charter school or public school independent study program.

LEVEL OF EDUCATION:

Stoa student is classified as actively homeschooling as a junior high or high school student, and:

- 1) not previously graduated,
- 2) nor in a full-time college-level degree program (students using dual-enrollment or college credit by exam methods are eligible as long as they are not enrolled full-time in college).



STOA LEAGUE COSTS

Register before December 31st:

\$75.00 for families with at least one 12-18 year old student competing at tournaments, **regardless of the number of children**. Early registration saves you \$20.

Register January 1st or later:

\$95.00 for families with at least one 12-18 year old student competing at tournaments, regardless of the number of children.

ADULT/MINOR MODELING PARTICIPANT RELEASE

In consideration of my membership in Stoa, I hereby grant to Stoa and to its sponsors, and those acting with Stoa's authority and permission, the irrevocable and unrestricted right and permission to take, use, reuse, publish, and republish photographic portraits or pictures, videos or recordings of me or of my minor children, or in which I or my minor children may be included, in whole or in part, made through any and all media now or hereafter known. I also consent to the use of any printed matter in conjunction therewith or the use of my name and/or the name(s) of my minor children, in connection therewith if Stoa so decides.

I consent to the use of my name or the name(s) of my minor children for the purposes of posting tournament results and point accrual to a Stoa designated online database. I understand that I/they may opt out at any time, after the fact, via a mechanism on the website, but that this will irrevocably remove my/their name(s) from consideration for an invitation to the Stoa National Invitational Tournament of Champions for the current and future seasons.

I hereby waive any right that I or my minor children may have to inspect or approve the finished product or products.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to save harmless Stoa and its sponsors and all persons acting under its permission or authority from any liability including any claims for libel or invasion of privacy, rights of publicity, copyright or otherwise. I hereby warrant that I am a legal competent adult and that I have every right to contract for myself and/or the minor in the above regard. I state further that I have read the above authorization, release, and agreement, prior to its execution, and that I am fully familiar with the contents of it.

EMAIL PERMISSION

I give my permission to use my email address to send me Stoa-related information. It is expected that this would include both general information about the organization and specific information such as tournaments, meetings, voting issues, etc.

I understand that my email will be posted to the National Christian Homeschool Speech and Debate Rankings (Speechranks) by Stoa tournament administrators. My email will not be visible to the general public. I will have access to my own email on the site as part of the registration and log-in process on the site. I understand and accept that Stoa may use my email to send me tournament invitations and to send me information about the National Rankings website. I understand that I may opt out from the National Rankings site at any time, after the fact, via a mechanism on the website, but that this will irrevocably remove my name from consideration for an invitation to the Stoa National Invitational Tournament of Champions for the current and future seasons.

TOURNAMENTS

Participation

Students are expected to compete in a minimum of two tournaments and two events throughout the competitive season. Students are responsible for registering for any tournaments they wish to compete in.

Tournament Costs

Each club hosting an event sets its own fees. **All costs associated with the tournament registration are in addition to club dues.** Most competitions start at approximately \$25 for the student's first event category. If a student wants to participate in more than one event category, then there is typically a reduced additional charge for each event. To get specific costs for an event it is necessary to visit that event's sign-up page for details.



Because of insurance requirements for facilities many events require Stoa membership to register for the tournament. Many events have limited space registration, cancellation deadlines, or dropped event fees. Some events offer catered meals due to tight competition timelines. Generally, registration is not complete until your fees have been paid. Check the event's specific details and make sure you understand them prior to registering. Students are encouraged to compete in as many tournaments as possibly in a given season. This will sharpen their skills and increase their chances of being invited the NITOC National Championship.

Dress Code

Club Meetings

Dress at club meetings is casual, modest dress.

Tournament Competition

During competition, students must dress in professional business attire.

Gentlemen

Suits or slacks and a sports coat, with a shirt and tie, and dress shoes.

Ladies

Skirt or pant suits; slacks, skirts or dresses with jackets, and professional dress shoes. Hemlines are to be at least to the knee. Nylons are not required.

Awards Ceremony

Students must attend the awards ceremony in full competition attire.

Violations

If the competitor's attire at any time during the tournament is deemed a violation of the dress code, the competitor will be asked to come into compliance with the dress code. A student will not be allowed to participate in competition or awards without compliance.

Other Tournaments

Tournaments are being held nationwide all season long leading up to the National event NITOC. Their dates and links to their info are available on the stoausa.org website under the members tab.

NITOC

This event is by invitational only from scores derived from Speechranks listings. Typically held in May or June, this event is held in a different location every year. Attendance as an observer is encouraged, even if not invited to compete. Winners of these events become the yearly national champions for their event. We might organize an extended field trip to attend this event in the spring. If so, attendance would be strictly optional for this event.

Calendar

Season: 8/19/2019 to 4/30/2020

Club Times: Mondays, 1-5pm

Holidays (No club scheduled):

-Labor Day: 9/2

-Fall Break: 9/30

-Veteran's Day: 11/11

-Thanksgiving: 11/25

-Winter Break: 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30

-President's Day: 2/17

-Tournament Rest: 3/23

-Easter/Passover: 4/6

-Tournament Rest: 4/20

Tournaments

Mars Hill Speech & Debate will be hosting the following AZ tournaments:

Cactus Clash – November 15 & 16, 2019
(Fountain Hills)

Camelback Classic – March 19 – 21, 2020
(North Phoenix / Glendale)

Arise Speech & Debate will be hosting the following AZ tournament:

Arise & Shine – April 25, 2020
(Buckeye)

Students are required to compete in at least 2 tournaments and 2 different type of events during the season.

Opportunities to compete are nationwide. Check the Stoa calendar for other tournament opportunities.

Judges

We need judges! If you have an alumni hanging around the house, please bring him or her along! **Parents, please plan on judging three rounds minimum.**

Please consider having family / alumni / friends come and judge a round. We will have training available for community judges. There will be judge training before each speech and TP/LD debate round.

*For more info check out: <http://ifyhomeschool.com/category/clubs/arise/>
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