

Stoa USA Minimum Tournament Standards & Application

Stoa USA hosts only one tournament per year (NITOC), but individual tournaments are run throughout the country as "Stoa Tournaments." This means they utilize tournament aids, ballots, rules, orientation slides, and other resources.

The following information is required for posting to the Stoa USA Calendar and uploading to Speechranks:

Date

- October 1st through April 30th
- All tournament results must be uploaded to Speechranks by May 1st.

Tournament Application

- Submit application to Stoa Calendar Administrator no later than six weeks prior to tournament.
 - *If the 6 weeks' deadline can't be met, please contact us to request an extension*

Participation

- Age - Competitors shall be ages 12 to 18 on October 1st
- Open to participants from across the country.
- Must involve at least two clubs.

Speech Events

- When speech is offered, at least three rounds must be completed at the tournament. All students do not need to compete this many rounds as some students may be eliminated during the course of the tournament.
 - *Students in the top 40th percentile will earn a Green Check Mark on Speechranks*
 - *Three students are required for one student to earn a Green Check Mark; five students are required for two students to earn a Green Check Mark, etc.*
- Follow Stoa event rules. <http://www.stoausa.org/speech-events>
 - *Only exception* - Script Submission requirement is under local control.
 - *Script submission is required at NITOC*

Debate Events

- When debate is offered, at least six rounds must be completed. (Minimum of four preliminary rounds).
 - All students do not need to compete this many rounds as some students may be eliminated during the course of the tournament.
 - No student/team should receive more than one bye in prelims recorded as a win.
 - Byes should be determined by the tabulation software. *This means the tabulation software will assign byes to both the random and power-matched rounds.*
- Follow Stoa event rules. <http://www.stoausa.org/debate-events>
- Use Stoa resolutions.
- Minimum number of 7 debate teams participating day(s) of tournament
 - *Teams = students in LDV debate.*

Tabulation

- Stoa Transparent Tabulation Policy.
- Inform tournament attendees in writing on the tournament registration site of any variation from published Stoa tabulation recommendations before registration opens.
Read this document for recommendations: [Stoa Joy of Tournaments Tabulation Instruction Manual](#)
- A representative from at least two clubs must staff tab room.

Judges

- Must be physically present in the room.
- A student may not compete and judge within the same competition season.
 - *Judges at NITOC shall be age 19 or older on October 1st*

To submit your tournament, complete the tournament application, scan and email it to the following address.
calendar@stoausa.org



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Tournament Application

The Tournament Director must be a Stoa Member.

To the best of your current knowledge, please provide the following tournament details to help the Stoa Calendar Administrator easily post your basic information to the calendar:

1. Tournament Name:

2. Dates:

3. Facility Name & Address:

4. The following Stoa debate events will be offered:

5. The following Stoa speech events will be offered: *(place an X in the box)*

No speech events Some speech events All speech events

**Additional instruction for speech & debate events should be included on registration website.*

6. The following other events will be offered:

Other Event Information: _____

7. Contact information for Tournament Director

- Director's name
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- Hosting Club

If this is your first time to host a Stoa tournament, or you are hosting with a new approach and would like a Stoa board member's input, please email us. We would love to provide help and encouragement:

<http://www.stoausa.org/about/leadership>

8. Link to Registration:

(or submit asap to Stoa Calendar Administrator for inclusion on tournament entry)

I agree that the above information is correct and this tournament will be in compliance with the minimum standards listed on page 2 (copied from the Stoa USA website). I understand that failure to abide by these guidelines can result in the loss of privilege to post to the Stoa USA tournament calendar and/or Speechranks.

Tournament Director's Name

Date

*****Email completed application to calendar@stoausa.org*****