

# Pine Tree High School 2019-20 Debate Constitution

## I. MEMBERSHIP

Entry into the Pine Tree High School Debate Team will be granted to students who are enrolled in the debate class or who attend enrichment in the debate classroom. Members will be expected to attend a **minimum of two tournaments per semester**. Debate I students who are not ready to compete in a tournament may serve as a support team member at one tournament in the fall semester. (This is at the discretion of Mr. Stokes) Debate II-IV students must compete in a minimum of two tournaments per semester. Failure to attend the required tournaments will result in points deducted from the six weeks grade.

## II. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Each member is expected to uphold an exemplary standard of conduct during travel, school activities, as well as time spent away from school.

General rules include but are not limited to the following:

1. Debaters are expected to behave themselves while in school. Repeated offenders are subject to probation, loss of travel privileges, or expulsion from the squad.
2. Disrespect toward a faculty member, coach, judge, or opponent is not allowed.
3. The theft of cases is not permitted.
4. While at a tournament each member is expected to win or lose with dignity. Berating a judge or opponent shows very little class and reflects poorly on the Pine Tree High School Debate Team.
5. Overnight Trips-
  - a. No debater will leave his or her room after curfew
  - b. The use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs will result in expulsion from the squad.
6. After a debater has committed to compete at a tournament, he or she will be expected to pay entry and drop fees if he or she does not travel to the tournament. Fees will be waived only under the discretion of Mr. Stokes. If for some reason you cannot make it to the morning of the meet you have committed to compete, you must call Mr. Stokes or ten points will be deducted from your grade.
7. Squad members are expected to remain academically eligible for all of their classes. If a student becomes ineligible during a six-weeks period, the student will be placed upon probationary status. Repeated academic ineligibility is justification for expulsion from the squad.
8. Each student will be expected to complete assignments or duties assigned by Mr. Stokes

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## III. TOURNAMENT DRESS

Debaters competing in tournaments must adhere to the following dress code.

Girls: Business dress- dresses, skirts, or business pant suits. No flip flops.

Boys: slacks, dress shirts, ties are recommended

## IV. VIOLATION OF RULES

Violation of squad rules will result in a conference with Mr. Stokes.

## V. TRAVEL SQUAD

Not every student can compete at every tournament. Selection of competitors will be chosen by Mr. Stokes based on ability, work ethic, behavior, cost to compete, room in school transportation, and availability of judges.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, promise to follow the rules and expectations set forth by the Pine Tree High School Debate Constitution. I understand that failure to follow such rules and procedures could lead to disciplinary action from Mr. Stokes and/or Pine Tree High School.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Date