



## 2021 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska DDF State Championship Policies & Procedures

**Date:** Thursday, February 11 - Saturday, February. 13, 2021

**Location:** Virtual via Yaatly

**Hosted by:** ASAA, ASD & UAA Seawolf Debate

### ENTRIES:

- Students must meet all ASAA and school district eligibility standards.
- Students must be entered on the School Activities Reporting System (SARS).
- Students must qualify in every event they enter. They may enter up to 3 events (See DDF Handbook)
- Schools may enter up to 15 students. Only 3 entries per non-debate event, except Reader's Theatre and Extemporaneous Commentary, which are limited to 2 entries. No more than 9 total entries across all debate events.

**CATEGORIES:** The following events will be included, with awards going to the first 4 places

- Lincoln/Douglas Debate
- Policy Debate
- Public Forum Debate
- Original Oration
- Extemporaneous Speaking Domestic
- Extemporaneous Speaking Foreign
- Extemporaneous Commentary
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Duo Interpretation
- Humorous Interpretation
- Informative Speaking
- Duet Acting
- Solo Acting
- Pantomime
- Reader's Theatre

**READER'S THEATRE & MIME:** These events will be offered as asynchronous events. The events should be recorded in advance of the competition using the video recording software/hardware of your choice. Then, you must upload a link to that recording within Speechwire by Sunday, February 7 at 11:59pm. The first [6 ½ minutes of this video](#) walks you through the process from a coach's perspective. There is no requirement that they be captured in a single, "one chance" recording.

### REGISTRATION:

- SpeechWire: will be used for this year's registration. Registration is now open and must be completed by **11:59 PM February 1<sup>st</sup>** <https://www.speechwire.com/c-info.php?tournid=10909>
- Yaatly: Build an "organization" on Yaatly. A Yaatly organization is the way in which your school coaches, judges and competitors will gain access to the platform on which the State DDF Championships will be held. <https://info.yaatly.com/user-guides/guide-for-organization-managers>

**RULES:** Detailed information on DDF can be found in the ASAA Drama, Debate & Forensics Handbook at <https://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/handbook/ddf/complete/ASAA-2020-2021-DDF-Handbook.pdf>

**FORMS:** All ASAA forms must be completed by Thursday February 4, 2021. They are the State Championship Entry Form, Photo Upload Form, Code of Conduct Form and Academic Award Entry Form. The forms can be found at [asaa.org](http://asaa.org/activities/drama-debate-forensics/ddf-coaches/ddf-forms/) on the DDF coaches page <http://asaa.org/activities/drama-debate-forensics/ddf-coaches/ddf-forms/>

**SCHEDULE:**

- Detailed tournament schedule is posted on the ASAA website on the DDF page
- DUE MONDAY FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>  
Speechwire Registration
- DUE THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>  
Eligibility roster finalized on Arbiter Athlete (SARS)  
State Entry Form  
Photo Upload Form  
Code of Conduct Form  
Academic Award Entry Form (4 or more students)
- DUE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup>  
Reader's Theatre and Mime recordings

**LOCATION:** We encourage all teams to follow the guidance of their local districts regarding the location from which students participate in the state tournament. Duo and duets can perform from the same room or separate rooms.

**JUDGES:** Schools are required to provide judges to cover their entries. We're requiring this for two reasons. First, we want to encourage you to recruit judges who have experience judging an online tournament. Familiarity with the Yaatly platform and Speechwire balloting system will make the management of the tournament far more effective. The second reason is to take advantage of the lack of travel requirements to promote diversity in the judging pool.

Your school must provide 1 judge for every 6 (or fraction thereof) forensic or drama entries and 1 judge for every 2 (or fraction thereof) debate entries. These requirements may be met by the same judge. For example, a school with 10 drama and forensic entries and 3 debate entries would be required to provide 2 full-time judges, available for all rounds of drama, debate and forensics events.

You will need to register your judges on our judge registration form and to indicate any additional conflicts they have with other schools or competitors.

Please keep in mind that to meet this requirement, a judge must be available for all rounds for which they are covering entries. We strongly prefer full-time judges who will remain available for all days; our second preference is for judges who will be available for an entire day's events.

**COACHES:** You need to ensure that a coach will be present each day to fill your standby judging obligations (at least 1 judge per school per day) and chaperone duties (virtually within Yaatly). Please e-mail ([shawn.debate@gmail.com](mailto:shawn.debate@gmail.com)) the name of the coach that will be on site during each day of the competition

**OBSERVERS:** Observers are welcome to attend the online tournament, but due to security concerns must be affiliated with a school. To allow observers access, each school must make that observer a member of their school's organization on Yaatly. More information on inviting people to affiliate with your Yaatly organization is available at [info.yaatly.com](http://info.yaatly.com).

**PARTICIPATION FEE:** The Board of Directors has authorized the assessment of a participation fee for all state championships and festivals. The fee for DDF is \$20 per student participant.

**AWARDS:** Awards are presented at the end of the tournament.

Team Awards: For Division I & Division II

1st and 2nd Place Team Trophies

1<sup>st</sup> place trophy in Debate, Drama, & Forensics

Academic Award

Individual Awards:

Medals for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place in each event.