



# Nationals 2024

## Info Session



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  - Non-Qualifier Supplementals (IA)
- High School Nationals (IA)
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  - Registration/Sunday
  - Judging/Competition
  - Supp-only competitors
- Middle School Nationals (IA)



# Qualification Opportunities

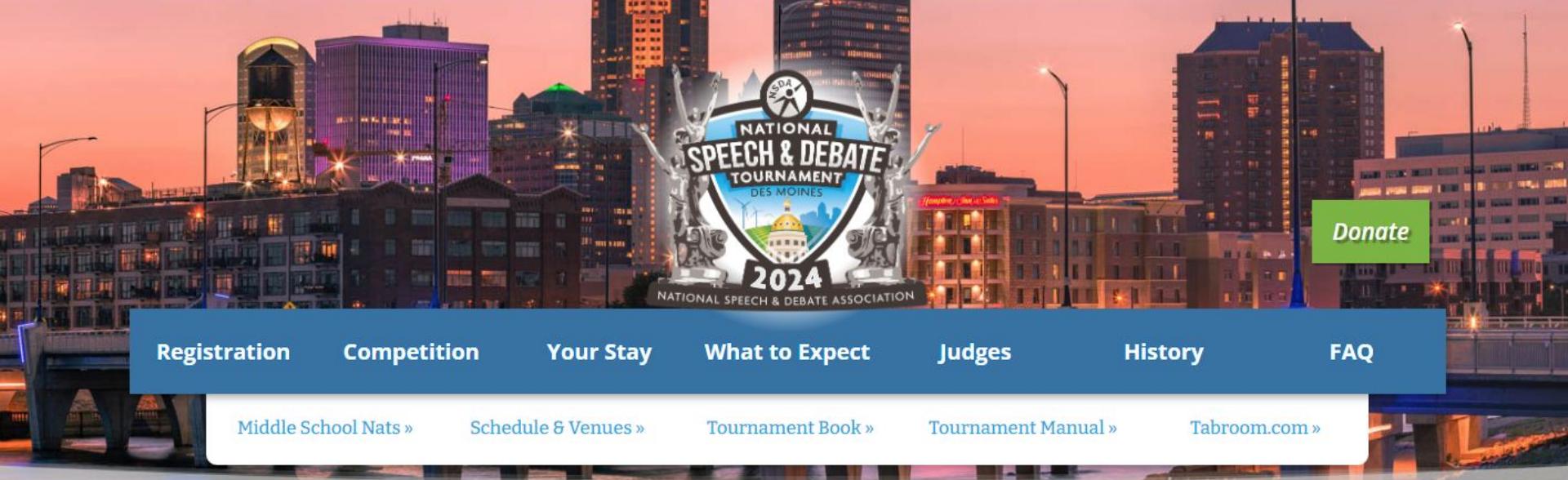
- **Last-Chance Qualifier: April 25-27**

- Registration due April 19
- No entry fees
- Schools must have attended districts, not students
- Students cannot be qualified in any event (except WSD)
- NEW: World Schools (school teams) + Judges meeting

[www.speechanddebate.org/nsdaqualifier](http://www.speechanddebate.org/nsdaqualifier)

- **Non-Qualifier Supplemental Participation**

- Two non-qualifiers per school
- Schools/students do not need to have attended districts

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# 2024 National Speech & Debate Tournament

Greater Des Moines National Tournament – June 16-21, 2024

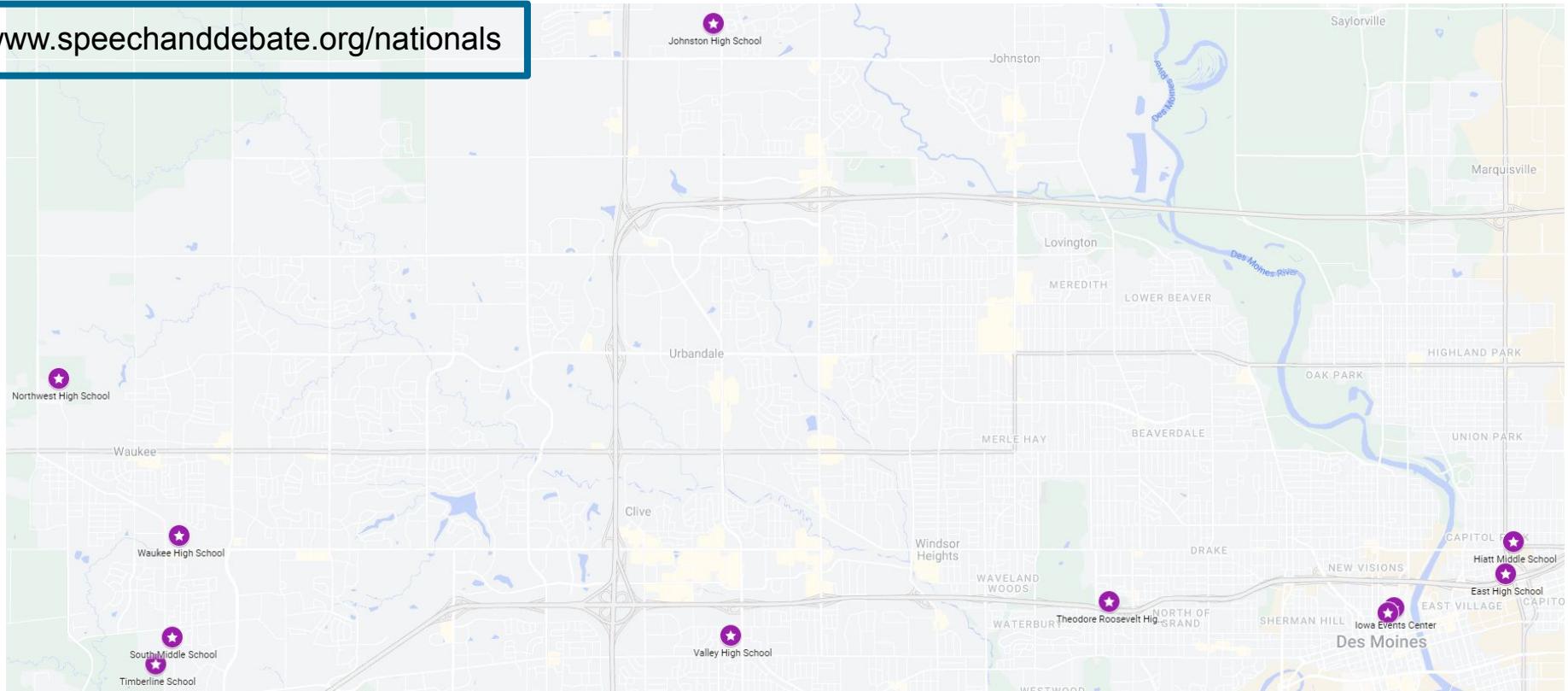
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# Nats24: Competition Venues

- **Each competition venue will have:**
  - Air conditioning
  - Free wifi for participants
  - Nurse/EMT and security
  - Lunch and concessions
  - Tournament office, Belonging and Inclusion Station, all gender restrooms, quiet room, lactation room
- **How do I request ADA accommodations?**
  - Adult should complete accommodations request form
- **Extemp Debate/Supplemental Speech**
  - Entries will be split into 2 groups in late May
  - All entries from a district will be together in the same group
  - Compete within groups at different locations until each group has their top 1 Extemp debater or top 3 speech entries
  - Extemp Debate: Top competitor from each group will debate in the final
  - Supp speech: Top 3 competitors from each group will compete in the final

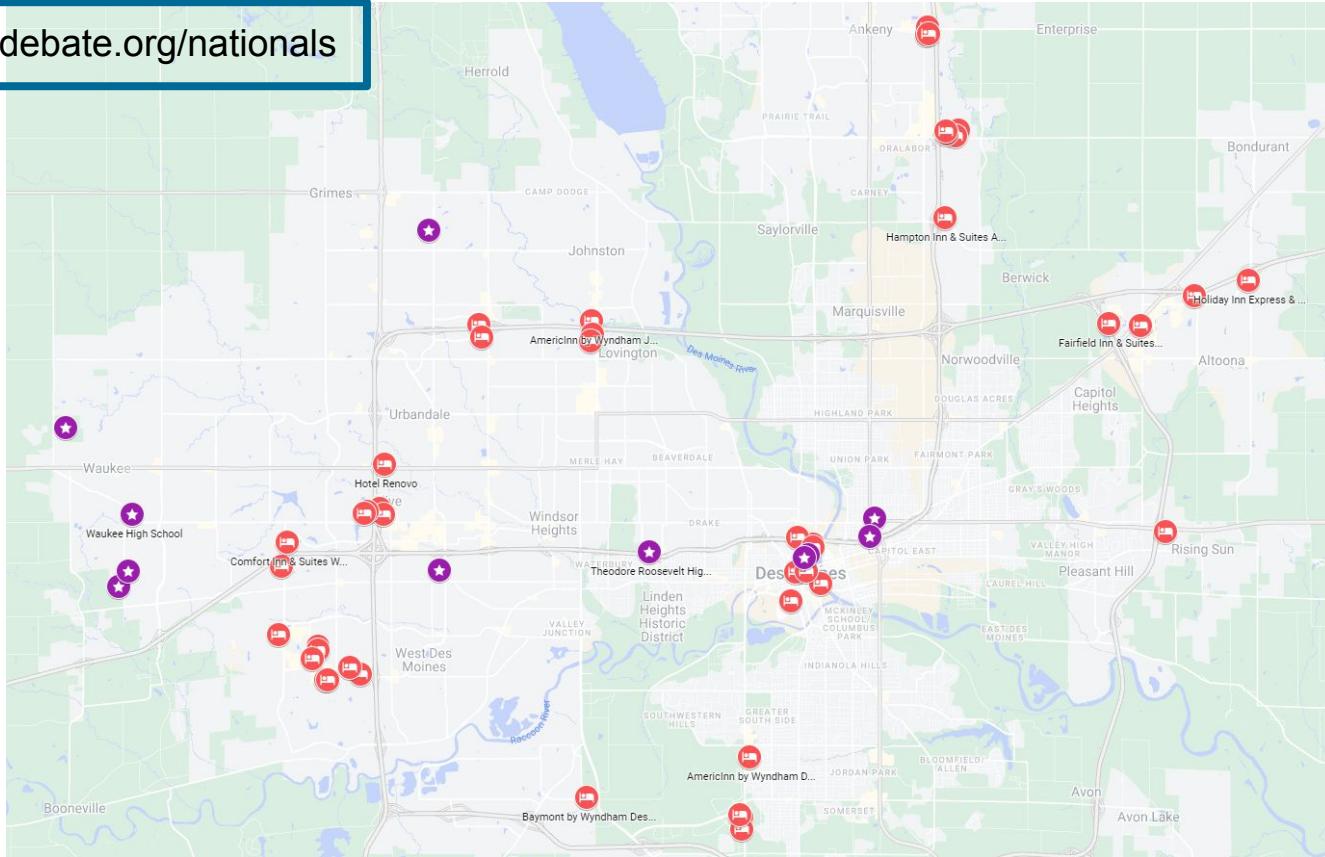
# Nats24: Venues

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# Nats24: Hotels

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# Nats24: Logistics

- **Hotel block**

- Open now! Use online booking site
- Select hotel during registration on Tabroom for 15% discount on all main/supp entry fees

- **Transportation**

- Up to individual programs
- Delta, United, and Hertz discount codes
- Iowa Events Center parking is \$12/day

- **Lunch and concessions** available at each venue



2024 NSDA - National Speech and Debate Tournament

Des Moines, Iowa  
Jun 16 - 21  
in 4 months

Welcome to the booking site for the 2024 National Speech & Debate Tournament!  
If your preferred hotel is not available, please adjust your dates for more results.

**Every hotel requires a credit card on file for incidentals and cancellation fees even if you are paying by check.** Some hotels are not able to accept check as a form of payment, so be sure to read the hotel information for clarification. If you are paying by check, please select "Yes" in the field under "Additional Information" on the "Guest Details" page and someone from the Speech and Debate Housing Bureau will follow up with you. Please note: if you are a no show, the credit card put on file will be charged for the fee.

**Please note NOT all hotels are able to accept checks.** If you need to pay any part of your stay by check, please use the filter on the next page that indicates which hotels allow check payment. It will also be noted in the reservation agreement.

**The Catch Des Moines Housing Bureau provides exclusive housing services for the 2024 National Tournament.** Reservations for the National Tournament hotel block can only be made by working directly with the Catch Des Moines Housing Bureau. If you are contacted by individuals claiming to represent block hotels or the NSDA "housing vendor," do not provide your credit card information. These are unauthorized vendors who may charge your card in exchange for hotel rooms that do not exist.

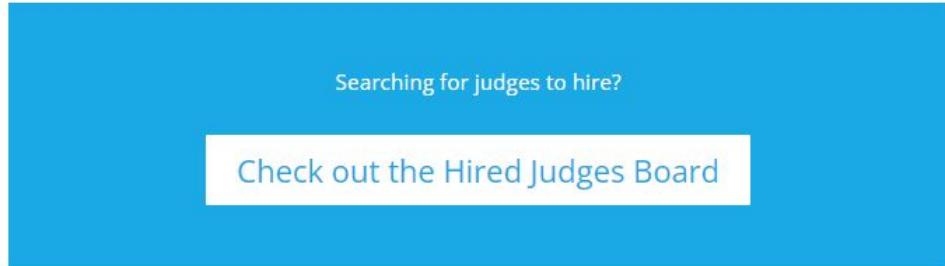
# Nats24: Registration & Sunday

- **Tabroom.com Registration**
  - Opens March 15, due May 15
  - Must register attendees on the “Judging & Attendees” tab
- **Sunday Registration**
  - Required identification
  - Sunday events
  - Late registration options



# Nats24: Judging

- Each school owes MINIMUM 2 days of judging
- More entries = more required days
- Speech, supplementals, and Congress judging can be purchased
- All judges must be at least 2 years out of high school



# Nats24: Judging

- **Judge Day System**
  - Judges will be assigned to events, venues, and days (Lauren judges Monday in Interp building and Thursday in supp speech building)
  - Events, venues, and days your school owes will be released June 13 and cannot be changed, but who covers them can!
  - **Be careful** entering judges and plan ahead for possibilities.
- **Remember:**
  - Judge swaps June 13-15 at 12p CT
  - A judge in for two events may be assigned to both
  - All speech/Congress/supp judges are eligible for Wed-Fri judging in supps...3 day judges will likely receive a supps assignment
  - Obligated for days even if students are out

# Nats24: Judging

- **Judging Process**
  - All assignments through Tabroom.com
  - May judge all rounds that day
  - Find out 30 minutes before each round
  - Email/browser notifications
  - Online ballots
- **Due May 15**
  - Certify completion of required training in Tabroom
  - Paradigm questionnaires for Policy and LD
  - Demographics questionnaire
  - Judge trainings on Sunday in person (optional except WS)

# Nats24: Supplemental Events

- **Supplements Registration**
  - Pre-register in unlimited events by May 15 in Tabroom
  - MUST re-register Tuesday between 12-9 pm in Tabroom
  - Re-register only in one speech event per pattern OR Extemp Debate
  - MS judging option
- **Schools ONLY bringing non-qualifiers in supplementals**
  - In Tabroom, will appear under “Existing Tournament Registrations”
  - Register in person on Sunday or on Tuesday
  - MUST re-register on Tuesday through Tabroom
  - Judges will only be used Wed-Fri

# Nats24: Recommendations for Your Week

- **Pre-Tournament**

- Try supplementals
- Drive your route in advance
- Bring water bottles, favorite snacks, chargers, power strips comfortable shoes, and layers
- Coordinate with other coaches from your district
- Road to Nationals Fund/Stay at Simpson

- **During the Week**

- Check out Sunday events
- Watch rounds and awards!
- HS students can judge MS
- Experience Des Moines
- Have fun and take care of yourself and your team!

# Middle School National Tournament



**June 18-21, 2024**

The 2024 Middle School National Tournament will be held in person in Des Moines, Iowa on June 18-21, 2024. This is an open invitational tournament, and all middle school NSDA members are welcome to compete for a chance to be named a middle school national champion!

Registration opens on March 15 at [msnats.tabroom.com](https://msnats.tabroom.com).

[Middle School Unified Manual](#)

[Middle School Schedules & Venues](#)

[www.speechanddebate.org/msnats](http://www.speechanddebate.org/msnats)

# Middle School National Tournament

- **Eligibility**

- NSDA member schools and students
- Finished their 5th-8th grade school year
- Open invitational; no qualification

- **Dates**

- Registration through Tabroom March 15 - May 15
- In-person registration, Tuesday, June 18
- Compete Wednesday-Friday



# Nats24: Asking for Help

- **In Advance**
  - Contact us Mon-Fri at [info@speechanddebate.org](mailto:info@speechanddebate.org) or (920) 748-6206
  - Check out FAQs and tournament info at <https://www.speechanddebate.org/nationals>.
- **On-Site**
  - Visit the Tournament Office
  - Stop an official in a staff shirt or with a tournament/national office ribbon
  - Email [info@speechanddebate.org](mailto:info@speechanddebate.org)