

Benson Speech Team

2018 – 2019

Expectations, rules & consequences

Practice Requirements

- 6 practices (total) prior to Jan. 26th (one of which must be a “team” practice when your piece is evaluated by your teammates); starting Dec. 3rd, your first job is to find a piece to perform... or confirm your idea (with the coaches). You will not need to schedule any practices yet.
- After Jan. 26th, you will need to practice at least once per week. If you do not practice in a given week, you will not be allowed to compete at the next scheduled meet.
 - ☞ If you miss more than 1 meet, you will not be able to letter.
- We will schedule 1 “team” practice each week (Dec. 10-Jan. 11), at which time everyone is expected to attend. We will continue to have team practices until each performer has been evaluated by their teammates. These team practices are mandatory. Speechsters will pick the day.
- Be on time... and be prepared for practice
- Record yourself (at practice) at least twice during the season; and give an evaluation of it (done at home, as you watch it) to the coaches the following week.

Use “Signup Genius” to schedule- and/or reschedule- your practice times.

- www.signupgenius.com
- Practice times are in 30-minute slots from 3:30pm – 5:30pm (Monday-Thursday)

Compete in every scheduled meet;

- 1 “absence” is allowed (*but not necessarily encouraged*)
- An absence is only “excused”... if it is communicated to Coach Wolter at least 3 days in advance of a meet. Otherwise, it is expected that speechsters will compete at each scheduled meet. If you can’t make it, contact Coach Wolter ASAP:
 - ☞ (402-335-7518)
 - ☞ jwolter78@hotmail.com

Accept criticism along with praise & respect one another

- We are all in this together. The goal is to improve our communication skills AND to have fun.

Be good stewards of “our” room: White boards left CLEAN; TV un-touched; windows closed... leave undisturbed anything that doesn’t belong to us!

Maintain “good” grades (all C’s or above)

No discipline issues (*in school*).

- Any kind of school discipline issues may also result in Speech Team consequences (including losing the ability to letter)

No illegal activities (*outside of school*).

- If a speechsters is believed to have committed some kind of crime, they may be removed from the team.

Requirements for lettering

- Meet the practice requirements
- Compete at all scheduled meets (*allowing for one excused absence*)
- Place in at least one meet OR show demonstrable improvement throughout the season

Team Captains

- These will be named at the end of the season (prior to sub-sections) based on effort and performance up to that point. In other words, it must be earned.
- Those who wish to be considered for the position of “captain” will need to:
 - Take initiative in organizing and leading team activities (esp. at our meets)
 - Take the initiative of organizing and accomplishing things like locker posters, team T-shirts, etc...
 - Be willing to facilitate communications between speechsters and coaches
 - Meet the requirements for lettering

Tentative Schedule

- We will plan on attending 6 meets, prior to the start of sub-sections.
- **Sub-Sections will be March 29th** (*in Montevideo*)
- **Sections** (*if anyone advances that far*) **will be April 6** (*in Marshall*)

❄ **Jan. 26:** **Fergus Falls**
❄ **Feb. 2:** **Minnewaska**
❄ **Feb. 16:** **Morris**
❄ **Feb. 21:** **LQPV-DB (JH)**

❄ **March 5:** **Hancock** (*a Tuesday*)
❄ **March 9:** **Montevideo**
❄ **March 23:** **Melrose**