



THE
BYLAWS
OF THE
PINE VIEW SCHOOL
SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

MISSION STATEMENT

The Pine View School Speech & Debate Team seeks to provide students with opportunities to develop critical thinking, argumentation, communication, and leadership skills through participation in Forensics. Central to the accomplishment of this mission is the provision of instructional and organizational support BY THE STUDENTS FOR THE STUDENTS.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Qualifications

Students shall be considered members of Team if they fulfill the following membership qualifications: Students shall agree to abide by these bylaws; and, shall pay annual dues prior to attending a tournament; and, shall attend at least one tournament; and, shall regularly and sufficiently attend meetings; [and, shall maintain a minimum of a 2.5 un-weighted GPA in classes on a quarterly assessed basis (amended 1/18/12)]; and, demonstrate adequate contribution to team efforts including but not limited to fundraising. (1§1)

Section II: Entitlements

Members are imparted with the following entitlements: the ability to vote in team elections, the capacity to run for office, an invitation to the Annual Banquet, confections upon celebrations including but not limited to birthdays. (1§2)

ARTICLE II: LEADERSHIP

Section I: The Board

The Board shall be constructed by the appointed and elected officers including, but not limited to event captains, the team coach, and team officers. Each member of the Board will have a one academic year term, renewable upon reelection for elected officers and confirmed incumbency for appointed positions. (2§1.1)

Removal of a Board Member. If a Board member fails to fulfill her/his officer responsibilities or regularly attend a reasonable majority of meetings, she/he is eligible to be expelled from the board, after the Board completes an impeachment process. Impeachment can be proposed by any Board member, and will be pursued if two thirds of the Board quorum motion to impeach. After said motion has passed by two-thirds vote, First, a verbal warning shall be issued by the coach to the impeached; Second, if remediation has not occurred within a week after issuance of the verbal warning, a written warning from the coach and president is issued; Third, one week after issuance of the written warning, a Board vote of two-thirds at quorum shall remove the impeached from office. (2§1.2)

Section II: Leadership Collaboration

Team leadership shall be constructed by the Board. The Board shall spearhead team engagements and shall maintain all team obligations. (2§2.1) During the academic year, the Board shall have weekly meetings in order to collaborate on team policy and activities. A decision making quorum shall be set by two thirds presence of all Board members. (2§2.2)

Section III: Electoral Process

At the end of each academic year, elections shall be held to determine elected officials (2§3.1). Votes shall be allocated to team members as follows: four-year and three-year members shall receive two votes, two-year and one-year members shall receive one votes, and the coach shall receive a maximum of four votes as per the annual determination of the acting officers before ballot casting. (2§3.2) The ballots shall be independently counted by two committees comprised of acting officers NOT running in the election. (2§3.3) This will go into affect when elections take place at the end of the 2012-2013 competition year.

Special Provisions for Vice Presidential Election: The Speech Vice President and the Debate Vice President shall be elected by team members participating in their respective component of speech or debate. (2§3.4) Candidates for either vice presidency shall only seek election to one of the two vice presidential positions. (2§3.5) Each team member shall cast votes in the election for the vice president of the component they participate in the most; each member shall only cast one vote in the annual vice presidential elections. (2§3.6)

Section IV: Elected Officials

President: The President shall lead and conduct Board and General Team meetings; and, shall coordinate and execute team activities; and, shall act as the primary intermediary betwixt team members, the Board, the coach and parents/guardians. (2§4.1a) In order to be eligible for the office of President, the candidate running for the position must have served in one of Team's Elected or Appointed positions in any previous year. (2§4.1b)

Speech Vice President and Debate Vice President: The Vice Presidents shall assist the President in fulfilling presidential duties; and, the Vice Presidents shall coordinate activities relevant to their respective team components – speech or debate; and, shall perform the duties of the President if the President is incapacitated or absent from team functions . (2§4.2a) Special Provisions for Vice President elections are included in 2§3.3. This provision shall take effect in the 2012-2013 competition year. (2§4.2b)]

Secretary: The Secretary shall assist the President in fulfilling officer duties; and, the Secretary shall enter team member National Forensic League points on a timely basis; and, the Secretary shall maintain and publish minutes of Board meetings. (2§4.3a) In the Secretary's absence, any Board member shall maintain and publish Board meeting minutes. (2§4.3b)

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Treasurer: The Treasurer shall assist the President in fulfilling officer duties; and, the Treasurer shall monitor the Team budget in conjunction with the Coach; and, shall coordinate team fundraising; and, prepare team budgeting reports for the confidence of the Board. (2§4.4)

Historian(s): The Historian(s) shall assist the President in fulfilling officer duties; and the Historian(s) shall photographically document team activities, with special emphasis on tournaments; and, shall make all photographs accessible to all team members; and, shall create an annual celebratory scrapbook to keep team archives; and, shall spearhead management of team celebrations. (2§4.5)

Section V: Appointed Positions

Appointed officer positions shall be created as the Board deems necessary and proper, as determined by a two thirds vote by the Board. Appointed positions shall necessarily include Event Captains and a Tournament Coordinator. (2§5.1)

Special Provisions for Team Captains: All event captains shall be appointed by their event's respective captain predecessor(s); all newly appointed captains are subject to confirmation vote of two thirds of the Board. (2§5.2) The responsibility of running event meetings, teaching and training event members is SOLELY relegated to the event captains; and, Captains shall specify their event's leadership in the captain's absence; and, shall recruit necessary judges in upcoming tournaments for their respective events. (2§5.3)

Section VI: Coach

The Coach shall assume the primary responsibilities of: administrative affairs, team tournament registration, management and balancing of the Team budget, parent relations, overseeing Board and General Meetings, allocating tournament fee scholarships to members. (2§6.1) The Coach shall attend all tournaments, unless extenuating circumstances prohibit said attendance. (2§6.2)

ARTICLE III: GENERAL AND EVENT MEETINGS

Section I: Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings shall be held every week during the academic calendar after the final school period of the day. Joint Meetings shall provide information to team members concerning tournament information, fundraising efforts, and any other subject pertinent to the team. (3§1)

Section II: Event Meetings

Directly after weekly Joint Meetings, separate Event Meetings shall take place. Event meetings shall be held in order to teach event members and communicate event-specific information and updates. (3§2)

ARTICLE IV: TOURNAMENTS

Section I: Team Conduct

At Tournaments, the Team shall conduct itself in accordance with Team and School rules. (4§1)

Section II: Tournament Slot Allocation

Event Captains shall allocate their respective events' slots for tournaments. (4§2.1) In the case of a conflict over allocation of event slots, any member can appeal an Event Captain's selection of slots to the Board; then, in a timely manner, a Board hearing shall be held in which the appellant and the Event Captain present their viewpoints to the Board; to override a Captain's tournament slot decision, a two thirds vote is required by the Board at quorum; otherwise, if a two thirds vote does not oppose the Event Captain's decision, the Captain's decision is not vetoed. (4§2.2)

Section III: Tournament Fee Refunds

Refunds for tournament fees shall be provided if a member seeks to drop from a tournament within a reasonable amount of time prior to a submission fee deadline, unless extenuating circumstances are approved by the Coach. (4§3)

ARTICLE V: RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS

These BYLAWS of the Pine View School Speech & Debate Team shall be ratified by a unanimous vote of the 2010-2011 Pine View Speech & Debate Board. All amendments deemed necessary and proper to uphold the Team's mission shall be ratified and incorporated into these bylaws upon two-thirds vote of the acting Board in full quorum. (5§1)

Amendment 1: Vote Reapportionment

Passed by the Board on the 16th of March, 2012. Vote: 8 for, 2 against.

Revises Section 2§3.1-2§3.3. New text incorporated.

Urtext: [Repealed March 28, 2012: Votes shall be allocated to team members as follows: four-year members shall receive four votes, three-year members shall receive three votes, two-year members shall receive two votes, one-year members shall receive one vote, and the coach shall receive a maximum of four votes as per the annual determination of the acting officers before ballot casting. (2§3.1) The ballots shall be independently counted by two committees comprised of acting officers NOT running in the election. (2§3.2)]

Amendment 2: Splitting and Revision of the Position of the Vice President

Passed unanimously by the Board on the 16th of March, 2012

Revises Section 2§3.4-2§3.5 and 2§4.2a-2§4.2b. New text incorporated.

Urtext: [Repealed March 28, 2012: *Vice-President*: The Vice President shall assist the President in fulfilling presidential duties; and, the Vice President shall coordinate tournaments in a joint effort with the appointed Tournament Coordinator; and, shall perform the duties of the President if the President is incapacitated or absent from team functions. (2§4.2)]

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Originally ratified by unanimous convention of the Pine View School Speech & Debate Board on the 26th day of May, 2011. Initially drafted by Faisal Sikdar and Luke Maier. Ratified by:

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