

2024 USAD Nationals Speech Format

At the 2024 USAD Nationals, all participants will present their speeches before a panel of two or three speech judges. Approximately five fellow participants will also be present in the speech room during student speeches. Participants will only receive scores from the official speech judges. The peer audience will not score the speeches.

Each group of approximately six students will be assigned a speech room and a session start time. Students are required to be present and check-in at their speech check-in location fifteen minutes prior to their session start time.

The head judge in each room will welcome the group of students and show them their seats prior to calling the first student speaker forward. Once a student has presented both of their speeches, they will join the peer audience, and the next student will be called by the head judge. The group of six students will be released from the speech room at the end of the session after all six students have presented their speeches.