Ziegelmueller Awards

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The George Ziegelmueller award is presented to the best overall Debate programs in each respective division. It uses a mathematical formula compiling credits for all debates won and lost at both the Varsity and Novice State Debate Tournaments (Policy and Public Forum) as well as those participating in Legislative Debate in each school year. In 2013-2014 the Tier 1 Ziegelmueller award is presented to Petoskey High School. The Tier 2 recipient is Midland H.H. Dow High School. The new rules applicable to the Debate Sweepstakes Award are here:

DEBATE SWEEPSTAKES AWARD

MIFA distributes the Zigelmueller Award at the State Debate Varsity Tournaments. Named after George Ziegelmueller, the distinguished former director of debate at Wayne State University, the award recognizes outstanding performance by a school in MIFA throughout the debate styles. Traveling trophies are awarded on an annual basis to honor schools in Class A and Classes B/C/D. The school recipients shall maintain possession of the award until the next State Debate Varsity Tournaments. Points are awarded as follows:

Team debate (policy and public forum) = 6 points for a win, 3 points for a loss, 4.5 points for a preliminary split decision with two judge ballots, and 6 points for a win and 3 points for a loss, regardless of a split decision in each elimination round.

Points are accumulated in both novice and varsity of both team debate styles, however, if multiple entries are allowed in any of the team debate divisions, the best overall unit for a school will count toward the prelims (not the entire school entry), while elimination rounds will be assigned same as single school entry points.

In individual debate (legislative), each school may earn points for their 5 best students by division (varsity and novice). In all rounds, regardless of number of judges, each judge assigns 0.5 of a point per student for participation in the round. If the judge scores the student with a rank of 1-10, the student received a second 0.5 point from that judge for that round. Additionally, the top the scorers in a division also receive the following: 3rd place gets 1 additional point, 2nd place gets 2 additional points and 1st place gets 3 additional points.

All scores are added together by school to determine the winners of the debate sweepstakes awards.

The Zigelmueller Award is presented at the Varsity Debate State Tournament.