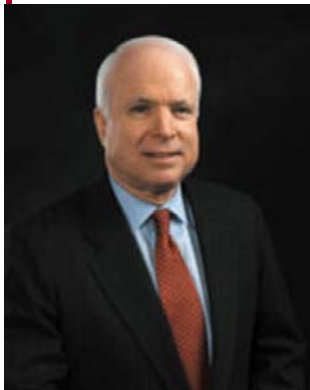




COMMISSION ON PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

Commission on Presidential Debates Announces Sites, Dates, Formats and Candidate Selection Criteria for 2008 General Election:



First presidential debate: Domestic Policy

Friday, September 26

University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

Vice presidential debate: Domestic and Foreign Policy

Thursday, October 2

Washington University in St. Louis, MO

Second presidential debate: Audience participation and questions

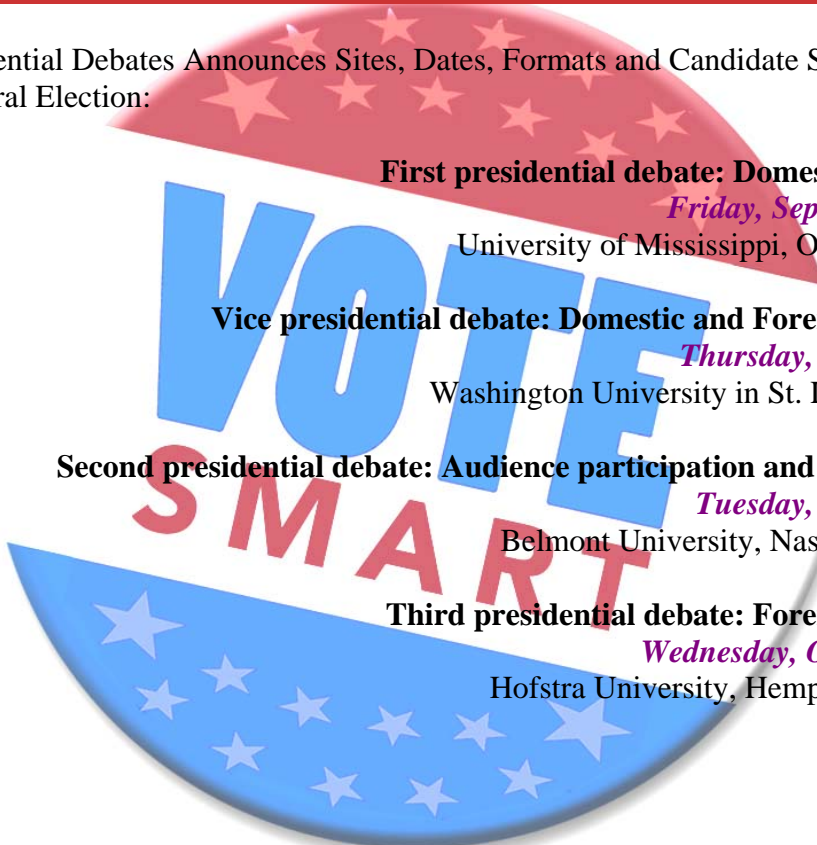
Tuesday, October 7

Belmont University, Nashville, TN

Third presidential debate: Foreign Policy

Wednesday, October 15

Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY



The two backup sites are Centre College in Danville, KY and Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC. The Commission also announced formats for the debates. All debates will be ninety minutes in length and start at 6:00 p.m. Each debate will be administered by a single moderator.

In each debate except the town meeting format, the candidates will be seated at a table with the moderator. Each of those debates will be divided into 8 ten-minute issue segments; the moderator will introduce each segment with an issue on which each candidate will comment, after which the moderator will facilitate further discussion of the issue, including direct exchange between the candidates, for the balance of that segment. Time will be reserved for closing statements by each of the candidates in each debate.

There will be internet access to the presidential town meeting debate. Questions solicited by Internet will be included with those from citizens on the stage with the candidates.

For more information please see: Commission on Presidential Debate

