



MANCHESTER ESSEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
DEBATE & SPEECH TEAM
36 Lincoln Street
Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944

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Dear Colleagues,

Manchester Essex Regional High School is pleased to invite you to the Tim Averill Invitational Debate Tournament to be held at Manchester Essex Regional High School in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts, on Friday and Saturday, **October 26 –October 27, 2018**. We will be working hard to make the tournament enjoyable, affordable, and accessible for all. We are pleased to announce that our director of tabulation will again be our coach *emeritus*, Tim Averill. Our tournament will feature high quality competition and judging in the following events:

Open Public Forum Debate

- **The Averill is a TOC qualifying tournament in Public Forum at the Semifinal Level.**
 - PFD will use the NFL's September/October Topic, "***Resolved: The United States should accede to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea without reservations.***"
- There will be six preliminary rounds in Public Forum Debate. PFD will break to octo-finals.

Varsity and Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate (Saturday Only)

- Varsity LD will use the NFL's September/October topic, "***Resolved: In the United States, reporters ought to have the right to protect the identity of confidential sources.***"
- Novice LD will use the Modest Novice topic, "***Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified.***"
- There will be five preliminary rounds in LD. An appropriate number of elimination rounds will be scheduled.
- A Novice debater is a debater who is in their first year of high school debate (having competed in Speech in a previous year does not disqualify a debater as a novice in debate). Competing in two or more High School tournaments in a previous school year removes a debater's novice status.

Open & Novice Policy Debate (Saturday Only)

- Each two-person team must be prepared to debate both sides of the 2018-19 national resolution, "***Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce its restrictions on legal immigration to the United States.***"
- There will be five preliminary rounds in Policy Debate. An appropriate number of elimination rounds will be scheduled.
- A Novice team is defined as one in which both of its members is in its first year of policy debate.

Additional Tournament Information

Registration

- Registration and details for the tournament can be found on the appropriate tabs at our tournament site on www.tabroom.com.
- If you have questions or need assistance registering, please contact Yvonne Robbins at robbinsy@mersd.org.
- **Registration will open at 8:00 AM on September 15 will close once building capacity is reached or at 5:00pm on Thursday, October 18th.**

Judging Requirements

- We are lining up a well-qualified judging pool in all divisions. Students with 200+ NFL points may judge in the novice divisions.
- A judge is required for every 3 LD debaters, 3 PFD teams or fraction thereof. A judge is required for every 2 Policy teams or fraction thereof. We regret that we cannot hire fractions of judges.
- All judges are reminded that you are obligated for one round beyond the elimination of your highest achieving team. Every judge is obligated for the first elimination round.
- Hired judges will cost \$150 for each obligation. **Requests for hired judges cannot be honored after October 12th.**

Fees – covering both tournament registration and food (see meal schedule, below)

- Public Forum Debate – \$35.00 per team
- Lincoln-Douglas (both Novice and Open divisions) – \$15.00 per entry
- Policy (both Novice and Open divisions) – \$35.00 per team

Housing

- Housing slots are available for competitors as well as a limited number of college judges. All hosting households will be CORI-checked per Massachusetts law.
- **Requests for housing cannot be honored after October 12th.**

Travel Information

- Directions to Manchester Essex Regional High School via motor vehicle

Custom directions created by mapquest.com or maps.google.com are advised. To assist you in any event:

Approaching Boston, Massachusetts on the Mass Pike or I-95 South, **(1)** take Route 95/128 North (128 North will split from 95, continue on 128) to the second Manchester exit – Exit 15 for School Street. **(2)** Turn right off the ramp. Proceed through the flashing lights. **(3)** Take the second left after the flashing lights onto Lincoln Street. The high school will be on your left, 300 yards down Lincoln Street. Use the driveway in front of the school – the main entrance is closest to the street.

Again, there may be other routes more convenient for you. Please consult the website of your choice.

- **Directions via Public Transportation from Logan International Airport**

After arriving at Logan, **(1)** take the free shuttle bus service to the MBTA “T” Airport Station on the Blue Line. **(2)** On the Blue Line, proceed *inbound* to the Government Center stop. **(3)** Transfer to the Green Line towards Lechmere. **(4)** At the North Station stop, exit the Green Line and proceed to the commuter rail station. **(5)** Take a Rockport bound commuter train to the Manchester stop (about a 50 minute ride). **(6)** After exiting the station, walk up Summer Street and turn left onto Lincoln Street. The high school will be on your right.

We look forward to seeing you on October 26th!

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2018 Averill Invitational – Tentative PF Schedule

Friday, October 26, 2018

When your team begins traveling to the tournament please check in by phone by calling Yvonne Robbins at (978) 790-3304. You must call by 3:00 PM to participate in Round One.

2:30 – 3:15	Registration – front school hallway. All debaters report to the auditorium and adult coaches, chaperones, and hired judges all check in. Please be in the building by 3:15.
3:30 – 3:40	Opening meeting in auditorium
3:45 – 5:30	Round One
5:30 – 7:15	Round Two
7:15 – 8:00	Dinner – cafeteria
8:00 – 9:15	Round Three
9:30	Return to cafeteria for dinner

Saturday, October 27, 2018

7:15 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast in High School cafeteria. Schematics will be released.
8:00 – 9:30	Round Four
10:15 – 11:45	Round Five
11:45 – 12:30	Lunch in cafeteria
12:30 – 2:00	Round Six in PFD.
2:00 – 3:00	Octa-finals in PFD.
3:30	Awards ceremony, followed by remaining elimination rounds

Packets and ballots will be released at the completion of the awards ceremony.

2018 Averill Invitational – Tentative LD and Policy Schedule

Saturday, October 27, 2018

7:15 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast in High School cafeteria. Schematics will be released.
8:00 – 9:30	Round One – LD and Policy
10:15 – 11:45	Round Two- LD and Policy
11:45 – 12:30	Lunch in cafeteria
12:30 – 2:00	Round Three – LD and Policy
2:00 – 3:00	Round Four – LD and Policy
3:30	Awards ceremony, followed by remaining elimination rounds