



Fall 2018 San Diego Middle School and Novice Invitational

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Dear Colleague,

The San Diego Middle School Debate League takes pride in extending this invitation to your team for the [Fall 2018 San Diego Middle School and Novice Invitational](#), which will take place on **Saturday, November 10** at Canyon Crest Academy, San Diego, CA.

We will [offer](#) Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, and Parliamentary debate, as well as Duo, Original Oratory, and Expository for Speech. There will be **two** divisions for debate: a middle school division for Grades 6-8 and high school division for first year competitors (novices) only. Speech will only offer a middle school division.

All students **MUST** be accompanied by an adult chaperone/coach who is present on campus at ALL times. The chaperone can also be a judge. For safety and liability reasons, we ask all students to fill out the [forms](#) included in this invitation packet. There is also a mandatory [form](#) for all attending adults.

We promise to do our best to ensure that this tournament runs as smoothly and on time as possible. To do so, we ask that you observe all deadlines and [arrive on time](#) for registration in the morning of the tournament. We also ask that you arrive without any drops! This will help us run the tournament efficiently.

The details and tournament rules follow. If there are any questions for us, please feel free to email us at sdmsleague@gmail.com. We hope to see all of you next month!

Sincerely,

San Diego Middle School Debate League



THE FALL 2018 SAN DIEGO MIDDLE SCHOOL & NOVICE INVITATIONAL

THE EVENT

The Fall 2018 San Diego Middle School and Novice Invitational will take place on **November 10, 2018** at Canyon Crest Academy.

The address is: **5951 Village Center Loop Rd, San Diego, CA.**

This event is organized by the [San Diego Middle School Debate League](#), an initiative for middle school debate access that is created and run by high school students. There will be also be a coach on campus to supervise. We will do our best to ensure that the tournament runs smoothly.

EVENT RULES

To make this easier to read, we've bullet-pointed the important details:

Public Forum

- Topic: [NSDA November-December topic](#).
Resolved: The United States federal government should impose price controls on the pharmaceutical industry.

Lincoln-Douglas

- Topic: [NSDA November-December topic](#).
Resolved: In a democracy, the public's right to know ought to be valued above the right to privacy of candidates for public office.

Parliamentary

- Topics submitted by participating schools and chosen by directors.
- 20 minutes of prep before each round will be provided.
- Students may use computers during prep, but computers are prohibited in round.

Speech

- Original Oratory, Expository, and Duo Interpretation will be offered.
- **IMPORTANT:** Middle school speech can range from 6 (six) to 10 (ten) minutes. This differs from Novice Speech, which require 10 minute speeches.

Awards

- There will be **four rounds** for every event.
- Students who win three of the four rounds will receive a medal, while those who win all four rounds will receive a trophy.



- Awards will be given in the evening at the awards ceremony. Records will not be disclosed until after the tournament.

INTERNET/TECHNOLOGY RULES

- WiFi will be provided to students. Details are located on tabroom in the right hand tab "[Wifi Information](#)".
- Computers may be used in round for Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas, but internet must be disabled (unless being used to access cases, such as through Dropbox - refer to [Tabroom](#) for more specific rules on this). Judges and competitors are expected to report internet rule violations.
- Internet may be used during the 20-minute prep period given to Parliamentary teams.

LIMITS

Please submit all of your entries. We will try to accommodate as many teams as possible; we will double-flight rounds if necessary. There are no per team caps - we are operating on a first come, first serve basis.

Entries are submitted through [Tabroom](#). There is no cap/maximum for entries per school. Entries will be modified at the tournament directors' discretion if problems arise.

IMPORTANT: To be eligible as a Novice debater, one must be in their first year of high school Speech and Debate. Those who have competed on the National Circuit before are **not** eligible. In addition, in cases where partners are "mixed" (one Novice, one Varsity), that pair will not be allowed to compete.

ADULT SUPERVISION AND JUDGES

Each school must be accompanied by a supervisor- this can be a coach, teacher, parent, or high school junior/senior student (if no one else is available). Students should not leave campus at any time during the tournament. If emergencies occur, please have the student talk to his/her supervisor, who will then contact the tournament directors.

IMPORTANT: Schools must send 1 judge (4 rounds) per four entries (or any fraction thereof). Schools can send high school students as judges if they have circuit tournament experience.

If a school fails to provide judges for the required amount of rounds, they must hire a judge from the tournament to reach the required amount of rounds (\$10 per round).



It is the responsibility of the coach or the judge himself/herself to let the tournament directors know if they will NOT be judging for the entire day. Judges who will only be at the tournament at certain times of the day must contact Sai Gantla in advance (gantlasr@gmail.com). Otherwise, we will assume that you'll be available for judging for the entire day.

REGISTRATION

IMPORTANT: Every participant must sign **both** [signature forms](#) found in this invitation. Every adult must sign the [Judge/Chaperone agreement](#).

These permission forms are at the bottom of this packet. They can also be found on Tabroom.

Each school's supervisor must submit registration fees and all permission forms on the day of the tournament when checking in. Check in is from 7:00 AM to 7:45 AM in the tabulation room.

Registration will be completed on Tabroom through coaches' portals, but fees must be paid by check. See *Payment Process* for details regarding payment.

FEES

IMPORTANT: Entry fees have been cut in half! Please see the table below for new fees.

If you are financially unable to pay the full amount listed below, please talk to the San Diego Middle School Debate League (see *Contact*). We would be willing to waive or reduce entry fees.

Public Forum team	\$20	Parliamentary team	\$20
Lincoln-Douglas entry	\$10	Speech Entry	\$10
Hired judge	\$10 per round	Missing judge	\$10 per round

No school fee required. Invoices will be emailed to coaches after registration has ended.

See *Payment Process* for details regarding the payment process.



PAYMENT PROCESS

Fees should be paid before 7:45 AM on November 10, 2018. Unpaid entries will be dropped.

To pay entry fees, coaches should write **one check** for entry fees and judging fees (if applicable).

All checks should be written to "CCA Foundation", with "Middle School Debate Tournament" and your school's name in the memo. They can be mailed or given in person.

If your school chooses to mail the check, please send it to the following address:

Canyon Crest Academy Foundation
5951 Village Center Loop Road
San Diego, CA 92130

LODGING

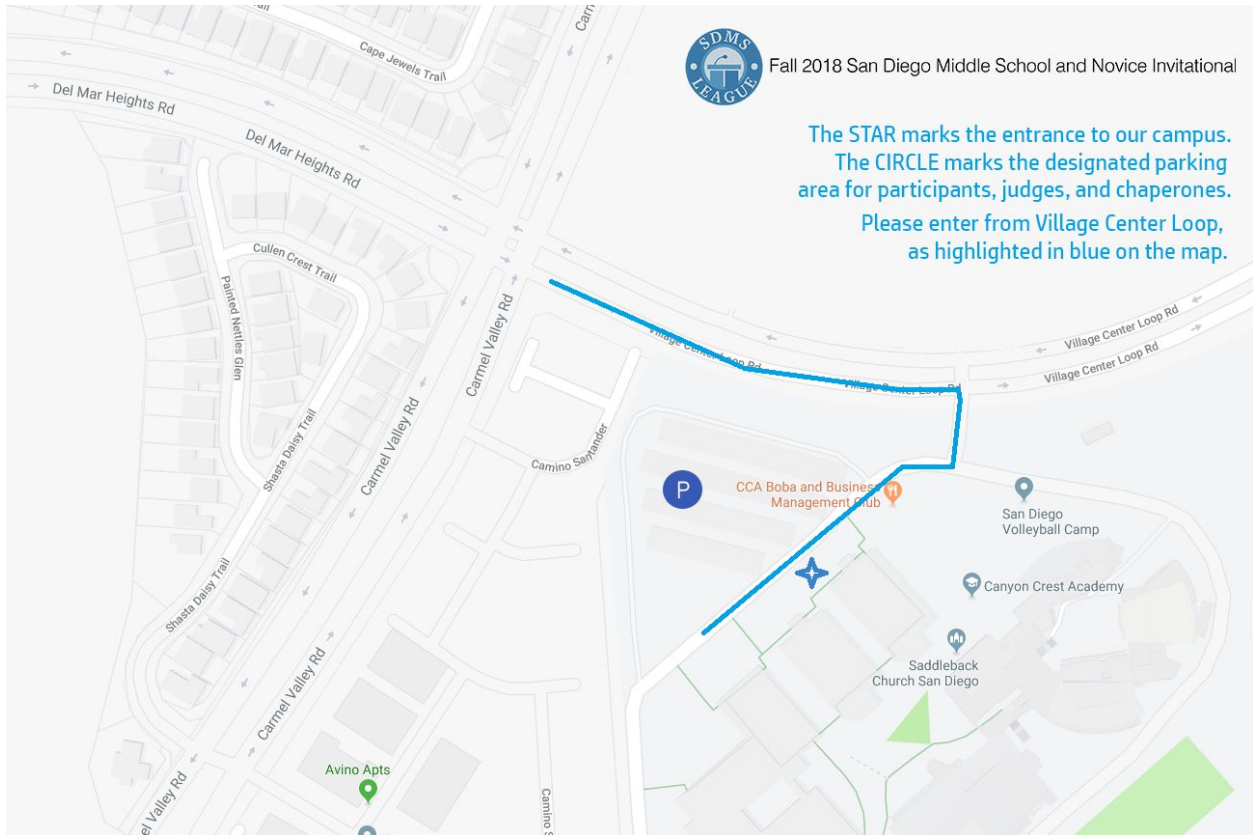
The tournament will not provide accommodations for hotels and transportation. The school's team supervisor is responsible for both.



ARRIVAL & PARKING

Our campus map is attached on Tabroom. Please give students and judges copies of this map; it will help them navigate our campus.

IMPORTANT: Please remind students to enter from the FRONT of the campus, from the intersection between Village Center Loop Road and Canyon Crest Academy Pointe. The back entrances (Community Park Pointe and Edgewood Bend Court) may be closed.



This map is also on Tabroom.

CONTACT

All questions should be directed to the San Diego Middle School Debate League. Our email is sdmsleague@gmail.com.

Our Tabroom site is: www.sdmsl.tabroom.com

On the day of the tournament, the directors will provide their phone numbers in case emergencies occur.



FALL 2018 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

Saturday, November 10, 2018 Rounds will be double-flighted.

IMPORTANT: All students must arrive by 8:00AM at latest.

All Events

On-Site Registration	7:15 AM - 8:00 AM
Judges Meeting	7:40 AM - 8:15 AM
Awards Ceremony	5:45 PM - 6:30 PM

Public Forum, Lincoln-Douglas, Parliamentary*

Round 1	8:30 AM - 10:15 AM
Round 2	10:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Round 3	1:30 PM - 3:15 PM
Round 4	3:30 PM - 5:15 PM

*Parliamentary prep period begins 30 minutes before listed times and lasts 20 minutes

Speech

Round 1	8:30 AM - 10:15 AM
Round 2	10:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Round 3	1:30 PM - 3:15 PM
Finals	3:30 PM - 5:15 PM

Concessions will be provided during the tournament for students (see map). No specific time will be set aside for lunch, as we are running on a tight schedule. Students usually buy food either after their round has finished or while waiting for their upcoming round.

Judges and coaches will be provided with complimentary food in the tabulation room.



SDMSI PARTICIPANT PERMISSION FORM

School: _____ Grade: _____

This letter is to inform you that I would like my child, _____, to attend the Fall 2018 San Diego Middle School and Novice Invitational (SDMSI), and that he / she does so with my full consent and permission. I understand that transportation and chaperoning is not the responsibility of the tournament directors and organizers, but rather mine or my school's. I accept full responsibility and liability for our child during the entire course of the event. We understand and agree that the San Diego Middle School Debate League and its member schools provide no chaperones for the event, and further agree that all representatives and members of the San Diego Middle School Debate League and Canyon Crest Academy are hereby relieved of any responsibility or liability of any sort for the supervision of my child.

By signing this , I am certifying that I am a legal guardian of the listed child, and have full legal authority to act on the listed child's behalf.

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

Parents' contact information: _____

Cell Phone Number

Email



SDMSI PARTICIPANT RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

1. DO NOT ENTER TAB ROOM. Tab is for judges, and we lack the space to accommodate that many students within such an enclosed space. Students are free to roam around anywhere else on campus while exercising caution and respect.
2. PROPER CONDUCT, meaning no verbal, physical, or cyber harassment. This also includes a prohibition of violent language, drugs, alcohol, and any illegal substances.
3. PARTICIPANTS MUST DRESS APPROPRIATELY. This generally means a suit jacket, dress shirt, nice shoes, and dress pants for guys, and a dress shirt, blazer, skirt/pants, and nice shoes for girls.
4. ALL **HIGH SCHOOL** NSDA RULES APPLY, regardless of type of debate/speech. Also, internet will not be allowed *during* rounds (unless to access specific materials outlined by rules included within this packet and on Tabroom), and no flowing or note-taking by spectators of a round. All other rules listed in the NSDA Unified Manual (link below) will be strictly enforced as well. <https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/High-School-Unified-Manual-2017-2018.pdf>
5. PROPER TREATMENT OF CLASSROOMS, meaning no changes to classroom layout without permission from the tabulation room and event organizers. If anything is moved during the round, it must be moved back to its original location before all teams leave the room.
6. SDUHSD ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY, if the internet provided by the school is used. You will be held responsible for any searches conducted with your account.
7. YOUR SAFETY IS NOT OUR RESPONSIBILITY. Your school's chaperone is responsible.
8. ALL SCHOOL RULES ARE ENFORCED. You are expected to adhere to standard school rules.

By signing this paper, I agree to follow all rules listed above. I understand that violating these rules *can* lead to consequences such as (but not limited to): disqualification of my team, disqualification of my entire school, monetary fines, police involvement, and repercussions from my own school.

Participant's Signature

Date

Participant's Name (legibly)



SDMSI JUDGE/CHAPERONE AGREEMENT

All judges and chaperones shall abide by the following:

1. BE RESPECTFUL TO STUDENTS. Please avoid vulgar language or rude remarks towards participants– remember, they are middle schoolers.
2. WATCH OVER STUDENTS. Please make sure you watch over your students at all times. The San Diego Middle School Debate League is not responsible for students' safety; that responsibility lies in the chaperones for each school. Judges should also watch over students with a keen eye; all suspicious behavior or accidents must be reported to the tournament directors.
3. JUDGE APPROPRIATELY. If you are judging, please do not vote based on school affiliations. If there are any personal conflicts, you are expected to report this to the tournament directors before round. Please do not vote based off of factors other than speaking and argumentation skills.
4. PLEASE ARRIVE TO ROUNDS IN A TIMELY MANNER. If you do not show up, you/your school will be fined.
5. DO NOT GIVE FOOD THAT WE PROVIDE FOR JUDGES TO THE STUDENTS. We're running on a tight budget and are trying to make sure we have enough food for all the judges.
6. DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS. If anything seems odd, an NSDA rule has been violated in round, or you have witnessed an accident, please contact the tournament directors immediately.
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By signing below, I agree to represent my school, _____,
as a chaperone / judge (circle one).

Name

Signature

Date