

The Deering High School Team is pleased to invite you to the Harvest Hoorah Congress and Debate Tournament on November 10, 2018.

Registration deadline: 11:55 p.m. Wednesday, November 7

Judge hire request deadline: 11:55 p.m. Wednesday, November 7

Judge entry deadline: 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 9

Fees and judge obligations frozen (nonrefundable): 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 9

Drop deadline: 8:00 a.m. Saturday, November 10

Any questions, please contact Brian Dodge, Tournament Director, by email, phone, or text: dodgeb@portlandschools.org, 207-607-2524.

Registration

Registration must be completed through [Tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com) by 11:55 p.m. Wednesday, November 7.

Entry Fees

- \$7.00 per entry (New schools \$3.50)
- Teams (PF) are two entries (\$14)

Entry fees will not be capped for this tournament.

Drops

Drops and changes will be accepted until the Saturday of the tournament at 8:00 a.m. Invoices will be prepared at that time. Late add requests are not encouraged and will be accepted only at the discretion of the tournament host. Drops after this time will be assessed an additional charge of \$10 per entry.

Call or text the MFA hotline (207-370-4632) Saturday morning once you are en route to the tournament to confirm your team and judge attendance. Drops communicated prior to arrival will be waived the \$10 penalty.

Events

- LD: 3 levels, if numbers allow
- PF: 2 levels, if numbers allow
- Congressional Debate: Senate and House, as needed

Event/division definitions

Novice level is for students competing in their first year of high school forensics (i.e. first year competitors). Note that Oratorical Declamation is limited to freshmen and sophomore students only.

Junior varsity level is primarily for second-year competitors, but also first year competitors who have enjoyed success.

Varsity level is for competitors with more than one year of experience who wish to try a higher level of competition.

Debate Topics

LD resolution

Resolved: In a democracy, the public's right to know ought to be valued above the right to privacy of candidates for public office.

PF resolution

Resolved: The United States federal government should impose price controls on the pharmaceutical industry.

Congress

The docket will be posted no later than one week prior to the tournament.

Judge Requirements

Help the meet run smoothly and fairly by supplying your required, trained judges, including unaffiliated, in accordance with MFA rules.

Note judge conflicts or shadow needs in your judge registration on Tabroom.com. Email the tournament host for any complex judge situations. Remember a parent cannot judge the category in which their child is competing.

Fractional entries round up (i.e. three LD entries = 2 judges). Third, fifth, and seventh judge must be neutral/unaffiliated for Speech, LD, PF.

- LD: one judge for every 2 LD entries
- PF: one judge for every 2 teams

- Congressional Debate: one judge for every 5 entries

Judges are expected to be available for ALL rounds of competition. Fines will be assessed for judges departing early unless cleared through Tabulation.

Hiring Judges

There will be a limited number of extra judges available for hire. Fees for purchasing judges will be \$60 per judge.

Have all your judges finalized by 8:00 p.m. the night before the tournament. Submit requests to hire judges via Tabroom.com by Wednesday, November 7.

If you have extra judges, have them enroll in the judge hire exchange or contact the Tournament Director so the judge can be added to the judge hire pool. The host will release any unhired judges by 8:00 p.m. the night before the tournament.

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Online balloting

While paper ballots will be available, we are encouraging all judges to participate in online balloting through Tabroom.com. To participate, judges must:

- Have an [account on Tabroom.com that is linked](#) to your school's judge list.
- Bring their own device for indicating their adjudications and comments.

To read ballots at the end of the day, students should also have an account linked to your team on Tabroom.com.

Food

Students: Breakfast items, lunch and snacks will be on sale for students in the cafeteria. Students should not leave the school at any point during the tournament day.

Coach and judges: Complimentary breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks will be provided for coaches and judges.

Awards

Sweeps: Top three places in Debate and Congressional Debate

Individual awards for first through third in each category, and honorable mention as determined by Tab.

Note that ties in record will be broken first by MFA guidelines.

Tabulation of awards follows standards adopted by MFA.

Schedule

8:00-8:30 Registration (arrive early, please)

8:35 Judges meeting in judges' lounge; student meeting in cafeteria

9:00 Rounds begin following briefings

4:00 Awards (sooner if possible)

Accommodations

We aim to make competition accessible and welcoming to all who wish to participate.

Tournament participants can find gender-neutral accommodations in room 214 or 218.

Coaches or students should reach out to the tournament host to request gender-neutral or ADA accommodations.

Directions

[Use Google Maps](#) to get to 370 Stevens Ave. Portland, ME 04103.

From Falmouth High School to Deering High School

It takes approximately 15 minutes to travel between Falmouth High School to Deering High School. [View directions here](#). We recommend the Allen Avenue route:

Exit FHS by taking a right. At the stop sign, turn left onto Falmouth Rd. At Falls Rd, turn right, then take the next right onto Allen Ave. In approximately 3 miles you'll run into a light at Forest Ave; take a left. Shortly after joining Forest Ave take a right onto Stevens Ave. Deering High School is a little more than a mile down on your right.

From Deering High School to Falmouth High School

[Returning to DHS after competing at FHS](#), we recommend the Allen Avenue route:

Exit DHS left onto Stevens Ave. Stevens Ave ends at a stop light on Forest Ave; take a left. In 350 ft (through a jumble of lights), bear right onto Allen Ave. Proceed for approximately 3 miles and take a left onto Falls Rd. At the stop signs, turn left onto Falmouth Rd. In approximately a mile, turn right onto Woodville Rd. FHS is about a half mile down on your left.