

Don Tyson School of Innovation Debate and Forensics Present:
The 1st Annual Phoenix Fire Open
Debate and Forensics Tournament

October 18-19, 2019

at Lakeside Junior High School
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The Don Tyson School of Innovation Debate and Forensics Team is excited to invite you to the first Phoenix Fire Open Debate and Forensics Tournament on Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th, 2019 in Springdale, Arkansas.

Please read this invitation *carefully* to be familiar with the aspects of this tournament and avoid any or all confusion prior to the start of the competition.

Events Offered and Sweepstakes Calculation Information:

The Don Tyson School of Innovation Phoenix Fire Open Tournament will be held at Lakeside Jr. High (across the street from our school location) due to a lack of necessary classrooms at our home school. The address of Lakeside Junior High School is 3050 Hylton Rd, Springdale, AR 72764. We will offer the following events in an Open Format (there will be no Novice distinction for debate events.) Events include: Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum, Big Questions, World Schools, Student Congress, Domestic Extemp, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking, Duet Improv, Duo Interpretation, Original Oratory, and Oral Interpretation as qualifying events for the ACTAA State Tournament in Fayetteville, April 2019.

We will be offering first through third place Sweepstakes using the team efficiency method based off of a minimum squad size of 7 competitors for a team to be eligible. If you have specific questions about this method, please contact spetersen@sdale.org

Registration:

We will be using Tabroom for registration and tabulation purposes. Tabroom will have public access to tournament related documents, pairings, and results for the tournament. The Phoenix Fire will also have an open paper tabulation for coaches to come and view. Your students, coaches, and judges will be able to sign up for "live updates" so they know any information relating to them. Search "Phoenix Fire" on Tabroom. The deadline for entries is FRIDAY, October 11th at 5:00pm.

Changes to Registration:

There will be fees for registration changes made after the deadline. Additions and/or drops made after 5pm on Friday October 11th will have a \$10 fee per change. It's SO much easier to do a simple name change. Even if you have already requested your check, you WILL be required and contacted to pay for these fees. Even if you request the PO before changes are made, you will still have to pay these fees later or with cash at the tournament. If you have any drops/adds/name changes, you will need to email these directly to spetersen@sdale.org ASAP.

Judge Requirements: One qualified judge must be provided for every ten IE/Congress entries and every four debate teams. Students may enter multiple events in a given round, but rounds will not be held late to accommodate students with multiple entries. Refunds will not be granted for students who miss rounds due to multiple entries.

Stylistic Debating Prohibition (Spreading Clause): As a team, the Don Tyson School of Innovation is opposed to the stylistic form of debating known as Spreading (speed recitation and reading). The upper end of average conversational speed is 135 wpm (words per minute), with accelerated speech approaching 150wpm. Spreading increases this speed to higher than 150 wpm, all the way up to 300+ wpm. It is the belief of the hosting team that this choice in style harms equal competition and is **STRONGLY** discouraged by the tournament director and his team. Teams will not forfeit rounds of Spreading but opponents within rounds can inform judges that Spreading is against the wishes and expectations of fair play presented by the tournament director and hosting team.

Congressional Debate:

For congressional debate, we will utilize the TFA Fall 2019 docket. The docket order for Session 1, Session 2 and Super Session will be released before the entry deadline.

Topics Used:

As we are running an Open Debate format, **Lincoln Douglas Debaters will use the NSDA VARSITY Topic.** Public Forum Debaters will use the October NSDA Topic. Big Questions Debaters will use the 2019-2020 NSDA Topic. Impromptu and Extemp will use topic categories to be released several weeks prior to the tournament.

Inclusivity Statement:

We will be providing a gender neutral bathroom and the location will be sent to coaches and updated in our invitation ASAP. Also, if anyone needs handicap accessible rooms, please reach out so we can make our tournament as accessible to everyone as possible! Lakeside is a one level school so stairs will not be a problem.

Basic Rules:

We will be utilizing the new updated rules by NSDA. This includes the rule about internet usage in debate rounds and extemp prep. Be sure to be aware of the new ACTAA and NSDA rules and times regarding certain events such as Duet Improv. If you have any questions about these rules, please email spetersen@sda.org

Tabulation Notes:

Tabulation will be open for all coaches to review should they want to. Ballot binders will be kept and will be available for pick up on stage after awards in the Lakeside Commons. Sweepstakes will be calculated based off team points for teams that have a minimum of least seven total tournament entries entered for that school. If you have any questions regarding this distinction, please email spetersen@sda.org

Arrival at LJHS:

Due to planning and the Springdale Public Schools calendar, the tournament will be held on days where there will be no school in session at Lakeside Junior High. Due to this fact bus parking will be easier but we would request that all students unload via the North Doors. Students will be present to assist as buses arrive. Once you arrive please check in with the Registration Table in the Gym where we will release to the Lakeside Commons before Round One is slated to begin. Please note that competitors entered in Domestic Extemp will need to leave for draw BEFORE the rest of their team is released to the Commons.

Food Policy and Concessions:

We would like to support teams that are coming to the Phoenix Fire with their food needs. Please note that Lakeside Junior High School is not an easy distance from off-campus food. As a result, we will be offering concessions both days and would invite schools who desire to do so to abide by ACTAA's new Brown Bag Policy that allows discrete and small quantities of food to be brought by teams. Bringing in large amounts of food and drink are highly discouraged.

We look forward to seeing you at the Phoenix Fire at Lakeside Junior High this October!