



August 1, 2019

Dear Forensic Coaches, Judges and Participants:

On behalf of the Duke Speech & Debate Team, it is our pleasure to invite you to the inaugural Duke Invitational at Duke University on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The tournament will consist of competition in a variety of events. Our hope is to give you an outstanding experience and atmosphere on our beautiful campus.

In debate events, we will offer Congressional Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate (both Varsity and Novice divisions), and Public Forum Debate (both Varsity and Novice divisions). In LD and PF, we will be offering four preliminary rounds and breaking to a Semifinal. In Congressional Debate, we will hold two sessions.

In speech events, we will offer Declamation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking, Informative Speaking, Oral Interpretation, Original Oratory, and Program Oral Interpretation. Each event will have four preliminary rounds, and will break to a Final round.

The 2019 Duke Invitational has been recognized as a qualifying tournament for the 2020 Tournament of Champions for speech events. Those will be rewarded in conjunction with the TOC regulations on bid levels for speech events.

For those students not clearing to elimination rounds, we are pleased to announce that we will host two supplemental events: Extemporaneous Debate & Mixed Impromptu Duo. These events will be rapid fire, single-elimination events held during the Semifinal and Final round timeslots of the main events.

Duke University is hosting the University of Pittsburgh for a football game on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, however, we do not foresee it causing any problem with hosting the tournament. Our academic buildings are far enough away from the athletic complexes that participants won't be anywhere close to the game's festivities.

This packet should answer any questions you may have about the tournament. If you need any additional information, please email us at [dukeuspeech@gmail.com](mailto:dukeuspeech@gmail.com).

Best,

Luke Truitt  
Class of 2021  
Tournament Director



## **2019 Duke Invitational**

Duke University • Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Important Numbers**

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### **Registration - Opens on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, and Closes on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00PM.**

All registration will take place on Tabroom at [www.duke.tabroom.com](http://www.duke.tabroom.com). We cannot accept email or phone registration, but we are happy to help you navigate the registration website. If you have questions concerning registration, please email us at [dukeuspeech@gmail.com](mailto:dukeuspeech@gmail.com).

### **Caps and Limits**

We have limited space on campus. In order to keep the tournament manageable, we will impose limits on registration. Schools will be limited to 10 entries in Congressional Debate, 8 entries in each division of debate events, and 12 entries in each speech events. Any entries beyond that will added to the waitlist. The tournament may impose caps on events given room constraints.

### **Eligibility**

Only teams representing degree-issuing high schools are eligible to register. We will not accept independent entries, camp entries, or for-profit club entries. Additionally, due to liability reasons, no teams will be accepted into the tournament without a responsible adult chaperone on the property for the duration of the tournament. An adult, for these purposes, is defined as someone twenty-one years of age or older, who is presumably an employee of the team's school or a parent. The contact information for this adult must be given to the Tab Room at registration.

### **Fees**

Each main event entry is \$15. Thus, a student entered in LD would be \$15, but a PF team would be \$30. Additionally, speech students who choose to enter multiple events will pay for the number of events they are entered in (two events is \$30, three events is \$45, so on and so forth). All supplemental events may be entered for \$5 per student. Students may not double enter in supplemental events.

### **All payment is due at registration. Please make all checks payable to: Duke University**

Please bring all checks and monies with you. Please do not mail any checks for payment before the tournament date. Please do not submit payments late. If you are having trouble submitting your payment on time, please email the tournament director.

If your team is experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the Tournament Director prior to September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Schools with unpaid fees or fines will not advance to elimination rounds, and will be noted for future tournaments.

## Judge Requirements

Teams should bring the following number of qualified judges:

Public Forum:	1 Judge for every 3 teams
Lincoln-Douglas:	1 Judge for every 3 entries
Congressional Debate:	1 Judge covers 5 entries
Speech Events:	1 Judge for every 5 entries

All speech & congress judges are obligated for all rounds of the tournament. Congress judges may be swapped into another judging pool. Please indicate when registering which other pool a Congress judge would like to judge if we cannot use them in Congress. Likewise, qualified Speech judges may also be asked to judge Congress.

Judges in Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas are obligated to stay and judge one round past any round in which their students are actively competing. This means that all debate judges are obligated for the Semifinal Round, but are not all obligated for the Final Round.

By registering a judge, a team is noting that the judge is qualified. Please keep in mind that a qualified judge understands that activity and is either experienced in sitting in the back of the room with a ballot and/or flow pad, or has been carefully trained by the team they are accompanying. A qualified judge knows how to assign ranks or wins/losses, speaker points, and knows how to fill out a ballot. Please do not try to sneak in an untrained judge. When you provide an incompetent judge, we usually find out only after a number of competitors have been unfairly adjudicated. **Judges cannot be current high school students.**

## Hired Judges

Duke University is able to offer a limited number of hired judges. Requests for hired judges must be made through the registration website. No school may hire out their entire judge obligation.

Public Forum:	\$100 per hired judge (covering up to 3 entries)
Lincoln-Douglas:	\$100 per hired judge (covering up to 3 entries)
Congressional Debate:	\$100 per hired judge (covering up to 5 entries)
Speech Events:	\$50 per hired judge (covering up to 5 entries)

## Fines

Unreported drops day of the tournament:	\$100 per drop
Arriving with fewer judges than registered:	\$250 per judge
Judge misses an assigned round:	\$50 per round

## Tabroom.com

All events will post updates on Tabroom. Please make sure that you have your notifications sent to your cell phones, and that all of your team, including students and judges, are correctly linked. Student and/or judges who miss rounds will not be forgiven because of “technical problems.”

## Food

None of the events schedule time for any meals. Food is available throughout day for purchase so that attendees may eat between rounds. Wandering off to eat is not an excuse for being late to a round.

## Event Rules

*Lincoln Douglas Debate* – Lincoln-Douglas will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format with 4 minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken based on record, points (drop high/low), total points, opponent's seed, and random methodology. Both divisions will break to a Semifinal. **Varsity LD will use the September/October topic from the NSDA. Novice LD will use Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified.** This event will follow NSDA rules.

*Public Forum Debate* – Public Forum will follow the 4-4-3-4-4-3-2-2-3-2-2 format with 2 minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken based on record, points (drop high/low), total points, opponent's seed, and random methodology. Both divisions will break to a Semifinal. **Both PF divisions will use the September/October topic from the NSDA.** This event will follow NSDA rules.

*Congressional Debate* – There will be a single, open division of Congressional Debate. Chambers will be composed of no more than 20 members, although 18 is the target. Competition will feature two preliminary sessions that are 2.5 hours long. We will clear to one Final Round chamber that will last 2.5 hours. No legislation will be accepted from participating schools; instead, the tournament will release a legislation packet on or around September 14<sup>th</sup>. All chambers will be designated as a Senate, and will feature direct questioning. This event will follow NSDA rules.

*Humorous, Dramatic & Duo Interpretation* – The time limit for all interpretation events is 10 minutes with a 30 second “grace period.” Selections used in these contests must be cuttings from a single work of literature. The same selection used in the first round of competition must be used throughout the entirety of the tournament. The presentation may not use physical objects or costuming. The selection must be presented from memory. A student entered in two events may not use the same selection of literature in both events. These events will follow NSDA rules.

*Program Oral Interpretation* - The time limit for all interpretation events is 10 minutes with a 30 second “grace period.” The same selections of literature used in the first round of competition must be used throughout the entirety of the tournament. The presentation may not use physical objects or costuming, but the binder may be used as a prop. This event will follow NSDA rules.

*Oral Interpretation* - Students present selections in two categories – prose and poetry. The time limit for all interpretation events is 10 minutes with a 30 second “grace period.” The student must hold a manuscript and appear to be reading. The students alternate between rounds of prose and rounds of poetry. This event will follow NCFL rules.

*Extemporaneous Speaking* - This is a mixed division of both United States and International topic areas. We will procure topics phrased for contest use and based on subjects discussed in standard periodicals during the current school year; Each topic will be in the form of a question. Contestants may make notes during the preparation time, but the use of notes, cards, briefs or other aids is prohibited during the speech. The time limit is 7 minutes with a 30 second “grace period.” The Final Round will utilize a 2-minute cross-examination period. This event will follow NSDA rules.

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## **Event Rules (continued)**

*Informative Speaking* - This contest comprises only memorized speeches composed by the contestants and not used by them during a previous contest season. Audio/visual aids may or may not be used. No electronic equipment is permitted. The use of live animals or any additional people is not allowed during the speech. The time limit is 10 minutes with a 30 second "grace period". Not more than 150 words of the speech may be direct quotation. This event will follow NSDA rules.

*Original Oratory* - The contest comprises only memorized orations actually composed by the contestants and no used by them during a previous season. No visual aids are permitted. The time limit is 10 minutes with a 30 second "grace period." Not more than 150 words of the oration may be direct quotation from any other speech or writing and such quotations must be identified in a printed copy of the oration supplied upon request of the tournament director. Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. This event will follow NSDA rules.

*Impromptu Speaking* - A judge in each room shall be provided an envelope containing a uniform set of topics, with a different subject area used for each round. Topics will include proverbs, abstract words, events, quotations, and famous people. Once the first speaker is called, the other speakers shall leave the room, and wait outside the door. Each speaker will draw three topics, choose one, and return the other two to the envelope. The speaker has seven minutes in which to prepare a response and present a speech without consultation of prepared notes. The maximum time limit is 7 minutes with a 30-second "grace period," which includes both preparation and speaking. No minimum time is mandated. This event will follow NSDA rules.

## **Time Violations in Speech Events**

Each speech event has a 30 second "grace period." If the judge in the round finds that the student has gone beyond the grace period, the student may not be ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, but need not be ranked last based on time. The ranking is up to the individual judge's discretion. No minimum time is mandated.

## **Supplemental Event Rules**

*Extemporaneous Debate* – Tournament officials will post the resolution that will be debate for each round 30 minutes prior to the start of Flight A. The Tabroom will assign sides for contestants. Students may conduct research, but aren't required to do so. The round will follow the 2-1-2-1-1-2-2-1-2-2 format. The judge(s) will determine which debater won the round, will not make any comments (oral or written). This event will follow NSDA rules

*Mixed Impromptu Duo* – Students will register individually. The computer will randomly place entries in Duo teams with other entries from other schools. A judge in each room shall be provided an envelope containing a uniform set of prompts. Topics will include scenes or situations. Once the first team is called, the other teams shall leave the room, and wait outside the door. Each team will draw three topics, choose one, and return the other two to the envelope. The team has seven minutes in which to prepare a response and present a performance without consultation of prepared notes. The maximum time limit is 7 minutes with a 30-second "grace period," which includes both preparation and performing. No minimum time is mandated.

**Awards**

Duke University will recognize students with the following awards:

- The Top 6 competitors in the Final Rounds of speech events
- The Top 6 competitors in the Final Round of Congressional Debate
- Final & Semifinal round participants in all debate events
- Non-Advancing competitors through 6<sup>th</sup> place in debate events
- The Top 3 overall schools will receive Sweepstakes Awards

**Bids to the Tournament of Champions**

The 2019 Duke Invitational is recognized as a qualifying tournament to the 2020 Tournament of Champions in speech events. Bids are awarded as such:

- For events with 24 or fewer competitors, the Top 3 contestants will receive bids.
- For events with 25 to 72 competitors, all Finalists will receive bids.
- For events with 73 or more competitors, all Semifinalists will receive bids.

## Schedule

7:30A	Registration Begins
8:15A	Registration Ends
8:30A	Extemp Draw for Round One
9:00A	Round One – All Speech Events Round One – All Debate Events Session One – Congressional Debate
10:00A	Extemp Draw for Round Two Round Two – All Debate Events
10:30A	Round Two – All Speech Events
11:30A	Round Three – All Debate Events
12:00P	Session Two – Congressional Debate
12:15P	Extemp Draw for Round Three
12:45P	Round Three – All Speech Events
1:15P	Round Four – All Debate Events
1:45P	Extemp Draw for Round Four
2:15P	Round Four – All Speech Events
2:30P	Semifinals – All Debate Events Round One - Supplemental Event
3:00P	Finals – Congress
4:00P	Finals – All Speech Events Finals – All Debate Events Round Two – Supplemental Event
6:00	Awards