

**Ridge High School  
Basking Ridge, New Jersey**

***The 2019 RIDGE DEBATES***  
**DECEMBER 13 & 14, 2019**

***Featuring***

***\*\*NEW – PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE – one division***

***(a second division will be added if the entry numbers warrant)***

***Lincoln-Douglas Debate -two divisions – TOC Finals Bids***

***Policy Debate - two divisions***

***Public Forum – two divisions – TOC Semifinals Bids***

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**11/1/2019 @ 3:00pm- Registration Opens**

**11/22/2019 @ 11:55pm - TBAs Cleared from Rosters. Waitlists opened as appropriate**

**12/6/2019 @ 11:55pm - Entry Fees Frozen**

**12/6/2019 @ 11:55pm - Judges Due**

**12/13/2019 @ 9:00am - Drop Fees assessed in addition to Entry Fee.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**David Yastremski – Tournament Director – [dyastremski@bernardsboe.com](mailto:dyastremski@bernardsboe.com)**

**Barbara Retzko – Financial Manager – [RidgeForensicsFinance@bernardsboe.com](mailto:RidgeForensicsFinance@bernardsboe.com)**

**Checks and Purchase Orders should be made payable to “RHS Student Activities”**

**School Mailing Address: Ridge High School, c/o Barbara Retzko,**

**268 South Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920**

**ENTRY FEES & REQUIREMENTS:**

**School Registration Fee \$25.00**

**Independent Entries are not allowed.** All students must have the explicit permission of their Board of Education, Headmaster, and/or any appropriate institutional authority. Mavericks and Hybrid Teams are not allowed in the tournament. Novice debaters must be in their first year of the activity and in grades 8-10. 11th graders, in their first year, will be allowed in CX with prior approval of tournament director. 8th grade students may compete in the appropriate division with the approval of their school districts.

**Each Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debater: \$60.00,**

**Each Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debater: \$40.00**

**Each Public Forum Team \$80.00 (initial limit of 5 teams per school; others can be waitlisted)**

**Each CX Team \$60.00 (reduced)**

**Each Parliamentary Debate Team \$40.00**

Checks should be made payable to "RHS STUDENT ACTIVITIES-FORENSICS."

A Friday dinner and Saturday lunch and dinner will be provided to all competitors, judges, and chaperones. In addition, we will be selling other concession items throughout the weekend.

All fees will be assessed on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:55pm. Any changes or drops will be assessed accordingly. No adds after the deadline will be permitted unless space permits. All payment must be made at registrations; purchase order forms are an acceptable form of payment.

**JUDGE REQUIREMENTS:**

Lincoln-Douglas: One qualified judge per three entered debaters.

Public Forum: One qualified judge per three Public Forum teams

CX: One qualified judge per two Policy teams. **There are no CX judges for hire.**

Parliamentary Debate: One qualified judge per two debate teams. Parliamentary Debate will be single flighted.

Junior/Senior Debaters with established experience/records may be used as 'novice' judges only in LD, CX, and PF. However, junior/senior debaters may only cover entries in novice categories. You cannot cover your open division obligations with student judges.

Hired Judging Fee \$200.00 per judge. There are no 'hired' judges available in CX. Please provide judges to cover your entire CX entry.

We ask that you supply as many 'qualified' judges possible. A qualified judge is able to clearly define his/her standards as a judge both before the round and during an oral critique. Please no novice/untrained judges. We want to ensure the students receive the highest quality of judging possible. Judges will be required to stay one round past elimination of their debater(s).

**CHAPERONE REQUIREMENT:** Every school must have a school-approved chaperone ON SITE for the ENTIRETY of the tournament.

**STRIKES**

**All Varsity LD and PF teams will receive five strikes.** All judge obligations must be satisfied in order to complete strikes. We reserve the right to assign Varsity judges to the Novice pool, as we see fit. We expect varsity judges to publish paradigms on their tabroom account.

THERE IS NO HOUSING OFFERED THIS YEAR. Sorry. Due to minimal participation, we will not have a shuttle to the hotel this year. There is no hotel within walking distance of the school. Schools are responsible for their own transportation to the hotel.

**WE HAVE TWO BLOCKS OF ROOMS AVAILABLE.**

HOTEL	RATES	BOOKING INFO
Courtyard Basking Ridge 595 Martinsville Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920	All rates and booking information can be found at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/debates19">https://tinyurl.com/debates19</a>	
Bridgewater Marriott 700 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ. 10-15 minute drive		

**MEALS**

Students, coaches, and judges will receive meals as part of their registration. Concessions will be available to purchase throughout the tournament

**ENTRY DETAILS**

Entries are due **Friday, December 6th**, at 11:59pm. Fees will be fixed on December 6th. Schools who drop after the entry deadline of December 6th but before December 13th will still be assessed the original entry fees. Judge/Student drops any time after 9am on Friday, December 13th will be subject to a \$40.00 fine in addition to entry fee and judge quotient responsibility.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:** Congress schedule may be adjusted pending entries.

**Friday, December 13**

1:00-2:00pm	Registration at Ridge High School Performing Arts Center
3:00-5:00pm	Round I: LD, CX, PF, Parli
5:00-7:00pm	Round II: LD, CX, PF, Parli
7:30pm – 9:30pm	Round III: LD, CX, PF, Parli

**Saturday, December 14**

8:00am-10:00am	Round IV – LD, CX, PF, Parli
10:30am-12:30pm	Round V – LD, CX, PF, Parli

Outrounds commence and proceed as quickly as possible.

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***The 2019 Ridge Invitational***  
**Speech, LD (3 divisions), Public Forum (3 divisions),**  
**Parliamentary, and Student Congress**  
***TOC Qualifier in Speech Events***

**January 25, 2020**