



Dear coaches and competitors,

The Ridge High School Speech and Debate Team would like to invite you to the seventeenth annual "Ridge Invitational." We welcomed fifty-seven schools in 2019, and we look forward to making 2020 the best event yet! Registration will open on December 16th at 3:00pm at www.Speechwire.com. See <http://tinyurl.com/ridge20> for more details.

We are offering all New Jersey speech events, Public Forum (3 divisions), Lincoln-Douglas Debate (3 divisions), and Congressional Debate. In addition, we will be featuring Radio Broadcasting and NEW THIS YEAR – 2 PERSON PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE. Details on events can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/ridge20>. Students in speech events may double-enter. **We will preliminarily have caps at 6 entries per event; however, as we ascertain how many teams will be attending, students will be removed from waitlists as space remains available. We plan on making the first waitlist releases on January 9th.**

As last year, awards will be presented to the top six competitors in each event and the top non-advancing novice(s) in each speech category. In many events, we will feature a full 'novice' pull-out final round in several speech events pending entry numbers. ***We will also be featuring our Ridge tradition of creative FINAL ROUND POSTERS for our champions (see examples from last year throughout this invitation!*** The top schools will be receiving Sweepstakes awards along with a sweepstakes award for the highest achieving school with less than fifteen entries. Please feel free to contact us regarding any clarification of rules or procedure.



Congress bills may be sent to dyastremski@bernardsboe.com by 3:00pm on **Friday, January 10th**. We will have legislation posted by the end of day on **Monday, January 13th**. Due to the size of this year's event, we would like all registrations by **Friday, January 18th at 11:59pm** to ensure a smooth and well-run tournament. Please see the invitation for information on add/drop deadlines, nuisance fees, and other tournament logistics.

Basking Ridge is located 30 miles west of New York City and 75 miles northeast of Philadelphia. We are located on two major NJ arteries: I-287 and I-78 with easy access to the New Jersey Turnpike, Garden State Parkway, and I-80.

Hope to see you in January!

David Yastremski

Director of Forensics - Ridge High School

IMPORTANT DATES:

12/16/2020 @ 3:00pm - Registration Opens.

1/8/2020 @ 11:59pm - All TBAs and blank entries will be deleted.

1/9/2020 – If space allows, first wave of waitlisted entries released (for schools with more than 6 in an event).

1/10/2020 @ 11:59pm – Legislation Due for Congressional Debate



1/17/2020 @ 11:59pm - Entries Due AND Fees Frozen. \$5 Nuisance Fees Begin for Adds. Any drops after this point will still be charged the initial entry fee.

1/22/2020 @ 11:59pm - \$5 Nuisance Fee Begins for Drops (in addition to entry fee). \$10 Nuisance Fee Begins for Adds (in addition to entry fee). All Judges and Emails are due. \$20 Nuisance Fee for a Dropped Judge Begins (in addition to hired judging fees).

1/23/2020 @ 11:59pm - \$10 Nuisance Fee Begins for Drops (in addition to entry fee).

1/25/2020 @ 9:30am - Any adds/drops after this point (after registration closes) result in a \$20 nuisance fee in addition to original entry fees. \$50 for dropped judges in addition to hired judge fee. \$25.00 fine for each judge missing/late for judge call.



CONTACT INFORMATION:

David Yastremski – Tournament Director –
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Checks and Purchase Orders should be made payable to “RHS Student Activities-Forensics”

School Mailing Address:

**Ridge High School-Forensics, c/o Barbara Retzko,
268 South Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920**

ENTRY FEES & REQUIREMENTS:

School Registration Fee \$20.

Speech Entries: \$12 per entry (\$24 for duo interpretation)

Public Forum & Parliamentary Debate Entries: \$24 each

Lincoln-Douglas Entries: \$15 each

Congressional Debate: \$12

Checks should be made payable to **“RHS STUDENT ACTIVITIES-FORENSICS.”**

Our district W-9 can be downloaded from the Speechwire site.

EVENTS

Lincoln-Douglas Debate (3 divisions, novice, JV, Varsity)

Public Forum Debate (3 divisions, novice, JV, Varsity)

Congressional Debate (1 open division with top novice competitors recognized)

Parliamentary Debate (1 open division (Novice division may be offered if entry numbers warrant)).

Speech Events:

Dramatic Interpretation (NSDA rules)

Humorous Interpretation (NSDA rules)

Extemporaneous Speaking (NSDA rules)

Impromptu Speaking (NJSDL rules)

Improvisational Speaking (NJSDL rules)

Radio Broadcasting (Ridge rules – see website)

Oral Interpretation of Literature (CFL rules)

Declamation (CFL rules)

Original Oratory (NSDA rules)

Informative Speaking (NSDA rules)

Programmed Oral Interpretation (NSDA rules)

Duo Interpretation (NSDA rules)



MAVERICK/HYBRID PF and Duo teams are not allowed in the tournament. All teams must have two students from the same school. If necessary, mavericks will be allowed to participate in Parliamentary Debate (however, they will be ineligible for awards/sweepstakes points).

NOVICE, JUNIOR VARSITY, AND VARSITY DIVISIONS

Novices are designated as students in their FIRST academic year of any debate/speech activity (not a specific event) and in grades 8-10. 8th grade students may compete in the appropriate division with the approval of their school districts; however, they will be ineligible for state qualifications. Junior Varsity competitors are any students (grades 9-12) in their second academic year of speech/debate activities (not a specific event). Any student in their third academic year of the activity should be entered in Varsity.

NOVICE HONOR FINALS

We will hold a separate Novice Honor final for the top 3 novices who do not advance into the open division final in all speech categories except Declamation and Radio Broadcasting. The Novice Honor students will receive priority seating in the regular final round and will perform immediately afterwards with judging by varsity Ridge students and the finalists. In events with less than 3 novices, a Top non-advancing Novice award will be presented.

INDEPENDENT ENTRIES & CHAPERONES:

INDEPENDENT ENTRIES ARE NOT ALLOWED. All students must have the explicit permission of their Board of Education, Headmaster, and/or any recognized and appropriate institutional authority. Teams cannot be affiliated with debate camps, teams, or organizations that are not explicitly authorized and insured by their schools, Board of Education, or appropriate institutional authority.



CHAPERONE REQUIREMENT: Every school must have a school-sanctioned, adult chaperone ON SITE for the ENTIRITY of the tournament. This chaperone should be able to answer questions, contact students, handle emergencies and/or medical issues should they arise.



JUDGE REQUIREMENTS:

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

Public Forum: One qualified judge per three Public Forum teams

Speech & Congress Judges: One qualified judge per five entries

Parliamentary Debate: One qualified judge per two Parliamentary Debate entries.

Junior/Senior Debaters with established experience (2+ years)/records may be used as 'novice' judges only in PF and LD. However, junior/senior debaters may only cover entries in novice categories. You cannot cover your open division obligations with student judges.

Debate judges may elect LD only, PF only, or LD and PF (if they can judge either).

We will be soliciting judges from outside pools who are interested in being trained and judging one round of Parliamentary Debate!

AWARDS

Awards will be given to any elimination round participant. Team Sweepstakes Awards will be given to the top performing schools, and a Sweepstakes Honor award will be giving to a school with less than 15 entries at the tournament.

HOTELS:

If you need assistance with hotels in the area, please contact us at dyastremski@bernardsboe.com.

FOOD:

Breakfast and Lunch will be available a la carte for all students. Discounted Pre-purchased 'Express Lunches' are offered for students for \$7 via Speechwire and will be added to the school invoice. Express Lunches can be purchased on-site for \$9. Menu TBA, but will include a choice of entrée (including vegetarian), side, and drink. Head-coaches and all judges will receive a small breakfast, lunch, and afternoon refresher. If you have additional adults attending, there is a spectator 'judge lounge access' fee of \$10.00.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Schedule will be finalized once the entry deadline passes. We typically have started awards between 7pm and 7:30pm in the past.

Registration will take place between 8:00 and 8:45 in room 624 of the high school (near the cafeteria). Please ensure your team arrives by 8:45 so we may start the day's activities promptly. The first round will begin promptly at 9:30am, and awards are tentatively scheduled for 7:30pm.

8:45 AM – Judge Meeting – Room 624/630

9:30 AM - Round 1 Debate: Flight A

Round 1A: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF, PAR

9:45 AM - Round 1 Speech

Round 1: CON, DEC, DI, DUO, EXT, HI, IMP, IPV, INF, OI, OO, POI, RS

10:15 AM - Round 1 Debate: Flight B

Round 1B: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF

11:15 AM - Round 2 Speech

Round 2: DEC, DI, DUO, EXT, HI, IMP, IPV, INF, OI, OO, POI, RS

11:15 AM - Round 2 Debate: Flight A

Round 2A: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF, PAR

12:00 PM - Round 2 Debate: Flight B

Round 2B: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF

1:00 PM - Round 3 Speech

Round 2: CON

Round 3: DEC, DI, DUO, EXT, HI, IMP, IPV, INF, OI, OO, POI, RS

1:30 PM - Round 3 Debate: Flight A

Round 3A: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF, PAR

2:15 PM - Round 3 Debate - Flight B

Round 3B: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF

3:00 PM - Speech: Semi-finals: Debate 3B

Semifinal round: Events with more than 40

3:45 PM - Round 4 Debate: Flight A

Round 4A: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF, PAR

4:30 PM

Final round: CON, DEC, DI, DUO, EXT, HI, IMP, IPV, INF, OI, OO, POI, RS

4:30 PM - Round 4 Debate: Flight B

Round 4B: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF

5:00 PM - Debate: Semi-finals (TENTATIVE)

5:45 PM – Debate: Finals (TENTATIVE)

7:30 PM – AWARDS