

## Congress 1 Invitation

Below you will find the invitation for the first Congress tournament of the year with entry instructions. ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ON TABROOM.

**Location:** Miramonte High School, 750 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563

**Date:** Saturday, September 21st, 2019

**Legislation:** House will debate all 5 bills/resolutions in the order they appear. If the house finishes all 5 bills they may reopen them. Senate will debate 3 of the 5 decided by school vote. Legislation is posted at [www.joyoftournaments.com](http://www.joyoftournaments.com) and has been emailed out to all coaches.

**Coaching requirement:** In order to make this tournament work we will need ALL COACHES WILL HELP ADMINISTER THE TOURNAMENT. All chambers will close no later than 3:00 pm sharp. Schools with over 20 entries combined should have two coaches helping. Please specify coach(es) to be used on your congress entry—and if you have no entry let me know if you can score!

**Judging requirements:** JUDGES MUST HAVE A TABROOM ACCOUNT UNIQUE TO THEM. One judge for every 15 entries in House; one judge for every 5 entries in Senate. Judges will be pre-paneled. Extra judges or judges not entered in advance will be placed in a “reserve pool.” Judge names must accompany entry. If your judge has a different last name than their child please note that in your judge entry notes.

**Presiding officer requirements:** Each school must provide one presiding officer for each 10 students—submit names of all PO’s in entry. There will be a mandatory meeting for PO’s at 8:30 am. Presiding officers for the senate will be chosen based on both experience and an effort to balance schools.

**Entry Deadlines:** Please submit your entries on Tabroom by 5pm on Friday, Sept. 13th, at which time all fees will be assessed. All drops entered by 5pm on Wednesday, Sept. 18th will earn a credit of 50% of the entry fee for those drops. Drops entered after 5pm on Wednesday, Sept. 18th will receive no credit (which means that the full entry fee will apply).

**Registration and fees:** Coaches and judges must sign in between 8:00-8:30 am. Entry fees are \$10.00 per student; checks should be made out to GGSA and given to the Treasurer the morning of the tournament.

**Food:** The tournament will provide complimentary lunch and snacks for coaches and judges and for the students at a reasonable cost.

**House or Senate?** Remember that students who qualified to the Senate in the past will remain in the Senate this year. Varsity debaters should also be entered in the Senate. House should be reserved for novices and less experienced competitors. Students who qualified to the Senate as a speaker may not remain in the House as a presiding officer.