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Barkley Forum for Debate, Deliberation, and Dialogue

Dear Forensics Director:

It is our pleasure to welcome the member schools of the Barkley Forum for High Schools to the 65th Annual Barkley Forum for High Schools at Emory University in Atlanta, which will be held January 24, 25, and 26, 2020. It is an equal pleasure to invite applications from other schools to be with us in January. Emory University has a historic commitment to forensics, both high school and college. We look forward to seeing the member schools, and we anticipate invitations (which follow applications) for the interested schools with superior debate and forensic students.

Changes:

- We will have multiple judges' lounges with coffee and snacks spread throughout the campus.
- All events will be held on the Emory University campus. In Public Forum, LD, and Pelham Debates, all schools may apply for up to three teams/competitors.
- We will be doing background checks on all tournament-hired judges for the tournament, and all judges provided by the schools must have completed a successful background check conducted by the schools.
- Pelham Debates
 - We will once again have The Pelham Debates **starting at 1:30 on Emory's campus**. You will be responsible for paying for your parking on Friday, since this is earlier than we are able to gain access to the parking decks. We will have three rounds on Friday, four on Saturday, and start with octos on Sunday morning.
 - All rounds on Sunday will be centered out of the new Emory Student Center in lieu of starting the day in White Hall.
- Public Forum
 - After the 2019 tournament, we surveyed those with participants in Public Forum to see if they would prefer to return to the Emory campus with a firm 3-team cap or if they would prefer we hold Public Forum at Druid Hills High School again and allow schools the possibility of bringing up to four teams. The overwhelming preference was to be back on the Emory campus, so the Public Forum division will be held on Emory's campus. Member Schools will be guaranteed three teams, and non-member schools may apply for three teams.
 - We will be requiring all judges to submit a paradigm in tabroom.com. Please have all judges post their judge paradigm on tabroom.com under "paradigms."
 - We are using NSDA Pilot Rules for Public Forum. All rounds have 3 minute summaries. Each team will have 3 minutes of prep time.
 - All rounds on Sunday will be centered out of the new Emory Student Center, Alumni Memorial University Center, and the School of Medicine in lieu of starting the day in Candler Library.
- Lincoln Douglas
 - All rounds on Sunday will be centered out of the new Emory Student Center, Alumni Memorial University Center, and the School of Medicine in lieu of starting the day in Math and Science.
- Congressional Debate
 - We will use electronic ballots in Congressional Debate; please make sure all judges have access to a laptop or iPad on which they can enter comments.

- As a pilot for the NSDA, the Barkley Forum will (1) **limit debate** on any bill or resolution **to no more than one hour** and (2) allow Internet access during rounds per NSDA pilot rules.
- Speech
 - We would again like to showcase the final round of a speech event and highlight it in a way similar to what we have done for the Pelham Debates since the inception of the tournament. **This year, the finals of Original Oratory will be held at the same time as the finals for the Pelham Debates, with Key Coaches adjudicating both events.** After the final rounds, awards for all events will be held simultaneously in the new Emory Student Center.

Additional Information:

- We have immense respect for the educators who make speech and debate programs available in schools, the schools who support those speech and debate programs, and the students who have put in the hard work required to attend the Barkley Forum for High Schools. In order to respect all of these entities, we have these policies and procedures in place:
 - To stay true to the founding principle of the Barkley Forum for High Schools – to encourage the development of high-quality forensics programs at high schools around the country – the tournament will **only accept applications from students representing their high schools. No independent entries will be allowed, and no entries representing entities other than high schools will be allowed.** Rare exceptions to this policy may be made at the discretion of the tournament director. If you would like to request an exception, please email Ed Lee at emorybfhs@gmail.com to describe your situation.
 - If a student is not accompanied by his/her debate coach to the tournament, s/he must have a hard copy of a letter on school letterhead from the school's administration indicating the student has permission to compete on behalf of the school. If the student is not able to provide the letter upon request during the tournament, tournament administration reserves the right to remove the student from the competition and forfeit all previous rounds.
 - If students qualify to participate in the tutorials (i.e., clear), they are expected to be available through the final exhibition round to respect their opponents and the participants who will learn from their performance. If a student must leave the tournament and cannot participate in a tutorial or exhibition round for which s/he has qualified, s/he will forfeit his/her award and all rounds. Special circumstances may lead to rare exceptions to this rule at the tournament director's discretion. We are providing this information so you may make your travel plans accordingly.
 - Unless approved by the tournament director, if you choose not to participate in a tutorial or exhibition (outround), you forfeit all previous rounds. We will submit your results reflecting no wins/last place in each round to the TOC, NIETOC, and other entities to whom we provide results.
 - In order for the tournament to function effectively, if you know there will be circumstances that will require you to leave prior to the conclusion of the tournament, please let us know as soon as you are aware of these circumstances.
- Reminder that our mailing address has changed to:
 Barkley Forum
 Emory University
 Mailstop: 1022-001-1AC
 Atlanta, GA 30322

Please make sure your bookkeeper sends any checks (made out to Emory University) to the updated address. Our physical office location remains the same but has a new physical address: Alumni Memorial University Center, 630 Means Drive, Suite 135.

- Please note that Emory is a **tobacco-free campus**. For more information, please visit www.tobaccofree.emory.edu.
- **We will be using tabroom.com and electronic balloting for all divisions**. We require that all judges have an established, functional Tabroom account - including a cell phone number listed - prior to being registered as a judge. If there are any questions about this requirement, please feel free to let us know.
- For use while you are on campus, consider downloading [Emory Mobile](#). Under “Campus Connection,” there are maps, and there are also instructions for getting your wireless devices connected to WiFi, dining information, etc.
- We will give doubles awards in all debate events following rounds on Saturday night (after the First Tutorial in Public Forum, the Walter Alan Ulrich Tutorial in LD, and the Anne Douglas White Tutorial in Pelham), the semifinals awards in Congressional Debate on Sunday morning, and the quarterfinals awards (tutorial participants) in speech events on Sunday morning. We will also give all but the top 5 speaker awards in Pelham and Public Forum before doubles are announced and will give octofinals awards in LD, PF, and Pelham at the conclusion of octofinal rounds.
- It is an expectation of the tournament that students will accurately represent material read during speeches. In order to ensure compliance, students may record their opponents’ speeches. It is the responsibility of coaches to ensure that their debaters and parents understand this tournament requirement and complete the paperwork necessary to ensure compliance with applicable state laws.
- Please ensure your judges show up, particularly on Sunday. For judges that do not show for an assigned round, we will assess a \$50 per round fine to be added to your 2021 entry fee. In addition, it will endanger any Member Schools’ standing.
- Mavericks in 2-team events cannot clear or advance; they must have debated as a team collectively for at least 4 rounds in prelims to clear. In Pelham Debates, each debater has to give a constructive and a rebuttal to be considered having debated in a round (barring extenuating circumstances such as a mid-round forfeit); if both debaters have not done so during a round, they cannot advance.

Applications to attend (including the competitive records/qualifiers for each student applying) from non-member schools must be entered on the BFHS website no later than **December 2, 2019**. Indications of attendance from member schools must be entered on the website by the same date. Shortly thereafter, an email will be sent to all the schools that have been selected to attend.

In order to launch the tournament appropriately and celebrate the 65th anniversary of the tournament, we will have an **Opening Awards Assembly** for all students, coaches, and judges **from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 24th in the ballroom of the Marriott Century Center** during which participants will hear a keynote speaker, recognize the new Key coaches, and honor the winner of the Melissa Maxcy Wade Social Justice Award. We are honored that **Greg Varley**, Key Coach and retired speech and debate coach and teacher from Lakeland High School (NY), will be **our keynote speaker** this year. Also, **Ms. Sally Yates, Former U.S. Deputy Attorney General**, will receive the Georgia Speaker of the Year Award. We anticipate that **pairings will be available** at the end of the Opening Awards Assembly.

For guests wishing to use the **electronic registration/on-site check-in** alternative on January 24th in lieu of coming to registration at the Marriott, please note that your **entry fees must be received** by the Barkley Forum prior to registration and you must check in online by 11:00 a.m. (See FAQ section for more information on how e-registration works.)

Registering for and participating in the Barkley Forum for High Schools constitutes consent to use participants' image in promotional materials for the tournament/Barkley Forum. Participating schools assume any and all responsibility and liability for both student and adult participants from their schools **and by registering attest that an adult will be present at the tournament and will assume all responsibility for the school's students.** Additionally, while Emory will be conducting background checks on all judges we provide, all judges provided by the schools must have completed a successful background check conducted by the schools.

In **Public Forum Debate**, we are accepting three entries from Member Schools. We will accept three applications from non-member schools, and admission will be granted based upon space available. Teams will get three judge strikes for preliminary rounds.

In **Congressional Debate**, we are accepting ten entries from Member Schools. We will accept ten applications from non-member schools, and admission will be granted based upon the space available.

The Pelham Debates feature two-person, switch-sides debating using the cross-examination format. Member schools will send their most experienced teams since the FORUM IS NOT A PRACTICE-TYPE TOURNAMENT. This year we are accepting three entries from Member Schools. We will accept three applications from non-member schools, and admission will be granted based upon space available. There will be six preliminary rounds of debate. The top 32 teams will be asked to participate in five exhibition rounds. We will have a mutual **judge preference** system for the Pelham Debates (using an ordinal ranking system), so it is especially important that your judges are entered accurately in a timely fashion. **If your judges are not entered by the time prefs go up, you will be required to pay the full judge hire fee.** Please have all judges post their judge philosophy on tabroom.com under "paradigms." **You will not be allowed to enter prefs until all your judges have supplied a paradigm.** More details about prefs will follow via email closer to the tournament date. Please note that the judge preferences do not apply to The Thomas Glenn Pelham Silver Key Debate.

In **Lincoln-Douglas**, we are accepting three entries from Member Schools. We will accept three applications from non-member schools, and admission will be granted based upon space available. Up to the top 32 individuals (with a 4-2 record or better) will be asked to participate in the exhibition rounds. We will have a mutual **judge preference** system for the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, so it is especially important that your judges are entered accurately in a timely fashion. **If your judges are not entered by the time prefs go up, you will be required to pay the full judge hire fee.** Please have all judges post their judge philosophy on tabroom.com under "paradigms." **You will not be allowed to enter prefs until all your judges have supplied a paradigm.** More details about prefs will follow via email closer to the tournament date. Please note that the judge preferences do not apply to The Dale Lauder McCall Exhibition.

In **Speech Events**, four entries per school are permitted in any one event. No triple entries will be allowed.

The **Final Awards Ceremony will be held in the new Emory Student Center.** You will not want to miss the Presentation of the Silver Keys and supportive awards, as it is nationally unique.

If there are any last-minute changes, please notify us in writing at EmoryBFHS@gmail.com. During the course of the tournament, we will be posting updates on Tabroom.

We hope to bring you the best possible forensics experience we can offer. May we hear from each of you soon.

Sincerely,

Ed Lee, Tournament Director

Kara Grant, Tournament Administrator

HISTORY AND TRADITIONS

1956 - THE 65th ANNUAL BARKLEY FORUM FOR HIGH SCHOOLS - 2020

The Barkley Forum for High Schools is dedicated to those who have built the current tournament experience. The Barkley Forum for High Schools has several institutions dedicated to honoring excellence in forensics. The [listing of Member Chairs](#) honors schools with strong forensic programs of today and yesterday. Retired [Key Coaches](#) are recalled and honored. The Forum was in existence long before the birth of any contestant taking part in the 65th tournament. Thus, the tradition that built the 2020 Barkley Forum for High Schools is an integral part of the future.

The Forum salutes those who guide students in education, citizenship, character, creativity and recognition. The Forum congratulates those moderators who know how to teach students to motivate themselves and direct the necessary work to raise funds, to discipline young minds, to run interference where necessary, and to stimulate educational experience rather than pettiness. The Barkley Forum especially appreciates those coaches who can teach the value of vision beyond the trophy.

Your participation in the 65th tournament affirms the pride Emory takes in the efforts of the various schools that have built the Forum. Emory recognizes its debt to you. Thus, in a way thanking you and them, the 65th year will salute success.

BARKLEY FORUM MEMBERSHIP

Two hundred seventy-eight schools do hold or have held Chairs of Membership in the Barkley Forum for High Schools at Emory University. Click [here](#) for a full listing of member schools. The currently active schools, all reflecting quality performance of the past, have automatic reservations at the annual January meetings. Their memberships are valid for a minimum of two years. It is not necessary for the schools holding active Chairs to apply for participation in the current year. However, they should register their students online by the deadline to facilitate the acceptance of the maximum number of non-member schools. **Guaranteed reservations will only be held until December 2nd to maximize competitive opportunities for all schools.** After December 2, member schools may apply and will be placed on the wait list; at this point, records need to be entered for each student being submitted for consideration.

A member school may be absent for two years without endangering its standing. The third absence in succession vacates the Chair. Likewise, a member school may render an inferior performance at the Barkley Forum for one year without endangering its standing. Two successive years of substandard performance will question the membership. Guests are optional candidates for membership by three successive years of better-than-average performance. A number of schools are now under consideration.

Engraved plaques are presented to member schools. Membership recognizes high quality forensics performance resulting from commitments from the schools. Achievement First Brooklyn (NY), Berkeley Carroll (NY), Ovey Comeaux (LA), Durham Academy (NC), Lauren Christian School (MS), Niles North (IL), North Broward Preparatory (FL), Saint Mary's Hall (TX), Strath Haven (PA), and Success Academy High School (NY) are the 2019 member schools.

GOLD KEY AWARDS

The most prestigious presentation made by the Emory Barkley Forum is the presentation of the GOLD KEY. A select number of Directors of Forensics will be added in 2020 to this exemplary list of previous recipients. The recognition of those so named will take place at the Opening Awards Assembly on Friday, January 24th to which all participants, coaches, and judges are invited.

The complete listing of the notable coaches and honorary designees can be found [here](#). Invitation to the KEY Society is a lifetime designation as long as the KEY coach comports himself or herself with dignity and the high standards to which role models in the debate community are held.

In 2019, Josh Clark (Montgomery Bell Academy), Adam Jacobi (In honorarium), Roger León (In honorarium), Harriet Medlin (Brentwood High School), and Bob Shurtz (Hawken) were tapped into membership in the KEY society.

THE PAUL SLAPPEY AWARD FOR THE PROMOTION OF DIVERSITY

In March of 1995, the Barkley Forum created an annual award for the promotion of diverse participation in interscholastic speech and debate competition. We seek to advance the vision of promoting the recruitment and retention of traditionally underrepresented populations of both students and teachers. This effort has led to a true partnership between high school and college communities to develop curriculum, support teachers, educate administrators, and provide powerful opportunities for experiential education for socio-economically challenged students. In no individual is that partnership better expressed than in the leadership of the late Paul Slappey, Coordinator of Debate at the University of Iowa, the first recipient of this award.

A former high school forensics coach, Paul was reared in rural Georgia where he encountered poverty and the educational disparity that characterized rural school systems. He came to the University of Iowa with an understanding of the barriers faced by many students who could profit from participation in forensics. He developed high quality educational programs, workshops, and institutes for high school students and teachers at Iowa, recruiting the services of some of the best high school and college faculty in speech communications in the United States. Few realize the tireless efforts he dedicated to raising money and providing opportunities for those who faced seemingly insurmountable barriers to participation, for whom financial support was not, in the words of one Urban Debate League/National Forensic League Phillips Scholar, “an easy way out, but the only way in....”

The Barkley Forum hopes that in creating this award, we can recognize the efforts of those who have developed an educational mission to enfranchise all students in the rich experience of communications. The 2019 recipient was Ken Newby from Morehouse. Past recipients of this award include Dr. Larry Moss, Brent Farrand, Elizabeth Slagle, Angelo Brooks, and Dr. Alfred “Tuna” Snider.

AWARDS TO THE PARTICIPANTS

The SILVER KEY - In commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Barkley Forum in 1980, the Grand Championship was denoted by the SILVER KEY, a small sterling silver emblem duplicating the design of the prestigious Gold KEY awarded only to the KEY Coaches. The SILVER KEY indicates a Barkley Forum Champion and may be worn only by the first-place individual debaters in the Pelham Debates, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum and the first-place winners in the Pelham Debates, Lincoln-Douglas, Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Program Oral

Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Public Forum and Congressional Debate. The KEY has no written marking visible to the public and is a piece of fine jewelry suitable for any occasion. While trophies will be granted as usual for the appropriate victories, the SILVER KEY belongs to the Barkley Forum victors of the future.

The Trophy KEY - Uniquely, the Barkley Forum trophy is a larger KEY cast from an antique brass KEY hidden in Georgia from Sherman's March to the Sea in 1864. This original KEY was discovered and donated to the Emory Barkley Forum by Susan and Thomas Glenn Pelham. Nashville attorney Larry David Woods, a distinguished alumnus of Emory and former President of the Forum as well as National President of the Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha debate fraternity, gave a grant to have KEYS cast each year from the original.

MELISSA MAXCY WADE SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

Emory University forensics has a long history of encouraging students to use their forensics skills for the greater good of our society. Both as a collective and as individual members, the Barkley Forum encourages service to others. The Barkley Forum was at the forefront of the urban debate league movement to bring debate to disenfranchised students. When middle school students expressed a desire to debate in Georgia, the Barkley Forum formed partnerships to provide those opportunities to students. The Barkley Forum for High Schools itself was originally founded as a service to the forensics community in Georgia.

While we value and reward competitive success at the Barkley Forum for High Schools, we also value service to others, and we wish to reward and recognize a student competing in our tournament who has a passion for social justice work and a desire to continue to use his or her gifts and skills to serve others in his or her community.

The Barkley Forum established this award in 2013 as the Social Justice Award, and in 2016 we renamed the award the Melissa Maxcy Wade Social Justice Award in honor of Melissa's retirement after 43 years of service to Emory University. Melissa embodies the spirit of this award. She has always sought out ways to empower people from all walks of life to find their voices to make the world a better place.

Any forensics competitor who is active on his or her squad and who will be attending the 2020 Barkley Forum for High Schools may be nominated for the award. Nominations can be from coaches, judges, or other members of the forensics community who are familiar with the student's work.

Nominations should include:

- The name, school, and year in school of the nominee
- The reasons for the nomination, preferably including anecdotes and examples of the student's service
- The name and affiliation of the person submitting the nomination

Nominations should be emailed to emorybfhs@gmail.com using the form found [here](#) by January 6, 2020. Finalists for the award will be announced during the week prior to the tournament, and the award will be presented at the Opening Ceremony on Friday, January 24th at 11:00 a.m. in the Marriott Century Center Ballroom.

In addition to a framed award, the award recipient will receive a \$400 cash prize to be directed to the charitable organization of the recipient's choice and a \$100 cash prize for the recipient's/nominator's debate program. The 2019 recipient was Logan Shanks, Fayette County High School (GA).

TRAVEL AND LODGING

HOUSING

It is suggested that each school make its own arrangements for housing as early as possible. There are no rooms available on the Emory campus for guest accommodations. The Barkley Forum suggests that you contact one of the following unless you have other arrangements for the weekend:

SPECIAL TOURNAMENT HOTELS

Marriott Century Center (\$106/night; click [HERE](#) for online reservations; free WiFi in Guest Rooms; discount available until 1/6/20)
2000 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345
(404) 325-0000

Emory Conference Center (\$136/night; click [HERE](#) for online reservations) –
1615 Clifton Road, NE
(404) 712-6565
(800) 933-6679 (toll-free)

OTHER HOTELS NEAR THE CAMPUS

Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites (near Marriott)
2920 Clairmont Rd. (404) 248-1550

Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites
2183 North Decatur Rd. (404) 320-0888

LaQuinta Inn
2535 Chantilly Drive N.E. (404) 321-0999

Courtyard by Marriott
1236 Executive Park Dr., N.E. (404) 728-0708

Hampton Inn
I-85 and North Druid Hills Rd. (404) 320-6600

University Inn
1767 North Decatur Road (800) 654-8591

TRAVELING DIRECTIONS

Emory, in the Druid Hills section of Atlanta, is located on Oxford Road, N.E., and is bordered by North Decatur and Clifton Roads. It is suggested (if traveling by car) that, regardless of your point of origin, you travel to Emory from Interstate 85, take the Clairmont exit south (toward Decatur). Traveling south on Clairmont, turn right on North Decatur Road, then a right on Haygood. Continue through the light at Clifton Road (where the

road name changes to Asbury Circle). We are still in negotiations with the parking office, so further details about where to park will be sent closer to the tournament date.

For those arriving by air, please be informed that Atlanta is one of the world's largest passenger airports and requires much time in moving from one place to another. Atlanta's mass transit train (MARTA) travels to the airport. The station closest to Emory (approximately 5 minutes) is the Candler Park Station on the East-West Line. If traveling to a hotel, ask the hotel which MARTA train station is closest to their location. Taxis are usually NOT waiting at the train stations. Taxis should be called in advance from the airport prior to boarding the train. It normally takes around 50 minutes to get to the north side of the city when boarding MARTA at the airport. There is a \$2.50 charge per person for riding the MARTA train plus a \$1 charge to obtain a Breeze Card on which to load fares.

Directions to the Marriott Century Center (where registration/opening assembly will be held): 2000 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345. From Interstate 85, take Exit 91 (Clairmont Road). Go North/Northwest on Clairmont, away from the Emory University campus. Proceed through the traffic light at the McDonald's/Sam's Club. At the next traffic light, turn right onto Century Boulevard. Follow the road around until you come to a 4-way stop, and the Marriott will be on your right.

PARKING

Special parking arrangements will be required due to the lack of parking on the Emory University campus. Special instructions will be emailed closer to the tournament date.

With the exception of those with participants in the Pelham Debates (who will need to pay for their parking on Friday), please do not arrive on campus until 4:00 on Friday, which is the earliest we can secure access to the parking decks.

DATES, CONTACT INFORMATION, APPLICATION PROCESS

IMPORTANT DATES

December 2, 2019: All entries and applications due online (Members and Non-members). On this date, Member Schools who are not entered will forfeit reserved entry. **For non-member school applications to be considered, each student's competitive record should be entered on Tabroom.**

December 6, 2019: All non-members will be notified about whether they have been accepted for entry into the tournament.

December 21, 2019-January 1, 2020: Barkley Forum office is closed. Please do not attempt to leave messages by voicemail.

January 6, 2020: Nominations for the Melissa Maxcy Wade Social Justice Award are due (fill out form [here](#) and email to EmoryBFHS@gmail.com)

January 7, 2020: Last day for drops without penalties in Congressional Debate.

January 7, 2020: Congressional Debate bills and resolutions are due (upload to tabroom.com) by 6:00 p.m. EST. Reminder: we will accept up to two per school, but no more than one per student.

January 10, 2020: Preliminary legislation and tournament-specific rules/procedures released for Congressional Debate. (Semis and finals legislation released by January 16.)

January 17, 2020: Last day changes can be requested without penalty fees (for all events except Congressional Debate, whose drop deadline is January 7th).

CONTACT INFORMATION

Barkley Forum Email Address (preferred method of contact): EmoryBFHS@gmail.com

Tournament Administrator Telephone (preferred phone contact): 678-205-6281

Barkley Forum Telephone: 404-727-6189

Tournament Website: <http://bfhs.tabroom.com>

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process at the Barkley Forum High School Tournament is required to accommodate an efficient registration process. Please review the following procedures. **These procedures apply to both member schools and non-member schools.**

Step 1

Enter students online, including student records and judges, which will automatically place them on the waitlist.

ALL entries—including students' competitive records ("qualifying information" when you click on the student's name on tabroom) for non-member schools—must be entered online by December 2, 2019. We will assume any MEMBER school not submitting entries will not be in attendance because they will not want to prevent the entry of worthy non-member schools.

NOTE for Non-Member Schools:

We ask you to provide records for each student who is being recommended for entry at the tournament.

Entry into the Barkley Forum High Schools Tournament for non-member schools is based on the student's record. Therefore, it is important that the student records be carefully completed. The records should be entered online ("qualifiers" on tabroom) by December 2, 2019.

Step 2

The Barkley Forum will first count the MEMBER entries for each event. Non-member applications will be considered based on available space and the student's record in each event.

Step 3

The Barkley Forum will email the coach listed in tabroom.com as the primary contact when students are admitted. When coaches look at their entry on tabroom.com, students who are admitted into the tournament will have "In" under "status" next to their names, and students who are still on the waitlist will have "WL" under "status" next to their names.

The Barkley Forum will continue to admit students off the waitlist until the tournament starts. If your student is accepted off the waitlist, tabroom.com will generate an email to the coach on record for the school. We expect that those students will attend unless you email emorybfhs@gmail.com to let us know they will not.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL SCHOOLS:

Once you receive the email confirming your entry into the tournament, we expect that you will attend. If you decide not to attend the tournament and do not drop your entrants by the January 17th drop date, you will be charged for your entries.

If students qualify to participate in the tutorials (i.e., clear), they are expected to be available through the final exhibition round to respect their opponents and the participants who will learn from their performance. If a student must leave the tournament and cannot participate in a tutorial or exhibition round for which s/he has qualified, s/he will forfeit his/her award and all rounds. Special circumstances may lead to rare exceptions to this rule at the tournament director's discretion. We are providing this information so you may make your travel plans accordingly.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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- What is the best way to contact the Barkley Forum if I have questions or need to make changes?
 - Email is the best way to reach us: emorybfhs@gmail.com
- To whom should checks for payment be made payable?
 - Emory University. Email emorybfhs@gmail.com if you need a current W-9.
 - Checks should be mailed to Barkley Forum, Emory University, Mailstop: 1022-001-1AC, Atlanta, GA 30322
- The website is telling me the application for one of my students is incomplete. What do I do?
 - You need to enter the competitive records/qualifiers for all your students so we can consider them for admission.
 - Member schools do not need to enter records if they are entering prior to the December 2 deadline, but after 12/2, Member Schools need to enter records for their students to be considered, as well.
- How can I tell if my students are admitted or on the waitlist?
 - After the December 6, 2019 admittance date, when you look at your squad on tabroom.com, the students who have “In” under “status” next to their names are ADMITTED. Students who have “WL” under “status” next to their names are WAITLISTED.
- How will I know if students are removed from the waitlist and entered in the tournament?
 - When students are removed from the waitlist, an email is automatically sent to the email address on record with tabroom.com.
- I would like to do electronic registration the morning of the tournament. What are the requirements to do so and how do I do that?
 - Your check for payment must be in the mail by January 10, 2020 to ensure we receive it in time for registration (make sure you use the new mailing address above!). Please also make sure you are familiar with all the information on Tabroom, as any changes to venues, etc. will be posted there.
 - On the morning of registration, log in to your tabroom.com account, and click on your login name/e-mail address in the top right-hand corner. Under the "tournaments" tab, click on the Barkley Forum for High Schools, and click the button that confirms you are here **by 11:00 a.m.**
- I don't have students debating in the Pelham Debates, but we have to wait until after the final debate in Pelham before the awards assembly is held. Why?
 - The Barkley Forum for High Schools is designed to celebrate all forensics events. The Awards Assembly celebrates speech and debate in all of its forms, and the tournament is one of the few tournaments that continues the tradition of recognizing that we are all part of a broader community celebrating the pedagogy of speech and debate that encourages students to critically engage their world and become part of a broader citizenry. We encourage everyone who is able to attend the final rounds of all events to celebrate the achievements in all divisions.
- The registration deadline has passed, and I just found out about your tournament. What do I do?

- Email the Tournament Administrator at emorybfhs@gmail.com and indicate which events you have students interested in entering. Any schools (Member schools or non-member schools) must enter records for each student applying for the tournament if it is after the December 2 application deadline.
- How do I hire a judge?
 - If you are not able to provide a judge in an event, tabroom.com will automatically charge you for a judge hire, and the Barkley Forum staff will make sure a tournament judge covers your obligation.
- Where do I find schedules?
 - All events have a separate schedule under the “schedules” tab on tabroom.com; they will be posted closer to the tournament date when rooms are finalized with the university.
- Why can’t you publish the building locations for all events until so close to the tournament date?
 - Since our tournament falls very close to the beginning of the semester, we have to wait to get final confirmation from the university about rooms and buildings until after classes are underway
- On the schedule, I see “tutorials” and “exhibitions” listed on Saturday and Sunday. What are those?
 - When the Barkley Forum for High Schools began, the state of Georgia did not allow competition on Sundays. In the spirit of the educational aims of the tournament, the “rounds” were renamed “tutorials” and “exhibitions.” No competition there; just education! Tutorials are any outrounds up until the final round, and the exhibitions are the final rounds in all events. You will notice that many of those rounds have been named for influential and impactful forensics educators.
- I would like to be hired as a judge for the tournament. How do I do that?
 - Email the tournament administrator at emoryBFHS@gmail.com and indicate what event you are interested in judging. All judges hired by the tournament will need to complete a background check.
- Do you have a judges’ lounge?
 - Yes, we will have a few centrally located places on campus where judges can congregate and will provide coffee and snacks.

JUDGING AND FEES

JUDGING

Each school will be responsible for furnishing competent judges in each event in which they participate. In an attempt to discourage hired judging, schools not furnishing a judge will be charged a fee. Judging requirements pertain to preliminary rounds. All judges are expected to judge in elimination rounds. **All entered judges are expected to be available unless the tab room has been informed otherwise.** If you are in the judging pool and fail to show up for your judging commitment, there will be a penalty assessed by tournament administrators.

Placing judges in elimination rounds becomes more difficult each year because judges leave once their school's competitors are eliminated from the tournament without fulfilling their commitment to adjudicate one round beyond their school's last outround. **Directors are responsible for making sure that their school's judges are available to fulfill their ENTIRE judging commitment, including making appropriately timed airplane reservations.** We always try to release individuals as quickly as possible, but the tournament requires the highest quality judging pool possible even after any particular school is finished competing. Also, under no circumstances may a judge give his/her ballot to another judge without notifying the tabroom. **Schools who have judges that do not meet their judging obligations may not be invited to return and/or will have their membership suspended, and they will be assessed a \$50 per round fee on their 2021 entry fee.**

Judging Requirements:

Pelham Debate	3 rounds per team. An individual judging Pelham cannot judge anything else during the preliminary rounds. Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy on tabroom.com
Lincoln-Douglas	3 rounds per entry. The preliminary rounds are flighted, and one round consists of two flights. An individual judging Lincoln-Douglas cannot judge anything else during the preliminary rounds. One judge can fulfill this requirement. Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy on tabroom.com
Speech Events	Minimum 1 full-time judge for every eight (8) entries or fraction thereof.
Congressional Debate	Minimum 1 full-time judge specifically designated to judge Congress. Please let us know (via email at emorybfhs@gmail.com) if your judge can serve as parliamentarian.
Public Forum	3 rounds per team. An individual judging PF cannot judge anything else during the preliminary rounds. We strongly encourage citizen judges (parents or administrators), not specialized judges. Please have all judges post his or her paradigm on tabroom.com

FEES

**Please make all checks payable to Emory University and either bring to registration or mail to
Barkley Forum
Emory University
Mailstop: 1022-001-1AC
Atlanta, GA 30322**

Event Fees:

Pelham Debate	\$110 per team
Lincoln-Douglas	\$75 per singleton
Speech Events	\$65 per entry slot
Congressional Debate	\$65 per entry slot
Public Forum	\$85 per team

Judging Fees for Hiring Judges:

Pelham Debate	\$200 per uncovered team
Lincoln-Douglas	\$300 per uncovered participant
Speech Events	\$150 per uncovered judge (per eight entry slots or fraction thereof)
Congressional Debate	\$200 per one to ten uncovered Congress entries
Public Forum	\$200 per uncovered team

Penalty Fees:

In an effort to control delays in a tournament this size, we are being forced to impose a penalty for last minute changes. Last minute changes are those made after January 7, 2020 in Congressional Debate and January 17, 2020 in all other events. Hopefully these penalties will not be imposed. The Barkley Forum feels that we must impose these so that the timely entrants are not penalized by those less organized.

Pelham Debate Cancellation	\$110 per team
Lincoln-Douglas Cancellation	\$75 per singleton
Speech Events Cancellation	\$65 per entry slot
Congressional Debate Cancellation	\$65 per entry (any drops after 1/7/20)
Public Forum Cancellation	\$85 per team

REGISTRATION

To prevent tournament delays we must INSIST that registration be completed (either in person or by e-registration the morning of the tournament) by 11:00 a.m. on Friday.

SCHEDULES

2020 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Schedules will be posted closer to the tournament date.

Registration will be from 9:30-11:00 at the Marriott Century Center on January 24th, and the opening awards assembly will be from 11:00-12:00 at the Marriott.

Pelham Debates ONLY will start on campus at **1:30**; they will be responsible for paying for parking.

All other events (besides Pelham Debates): **please do not arrive on the Emory campus earlier than 4:00** on January 24th, when we have permission to park on campus. Rounds for all other events will start at 4:30 on the Emory campus.

Final rounds for all speech events except Original Oratory will be at Rollins/Nursing School, the final round of Congressional Debate will be in the Candler School of Theology, and final rounds for all other events (LD, Public Forum, Pelham Debates, and Original Oratory) will be in the new Emory Student Center. The final awards assembly is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 26th in the Emory Student Center.

EVENT INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PELHAM DEBATE

For 31 years, Mr. Thomas Glenn Pelham presided over the Barkley Forum for High Schools. As the winning coach at the tournament in 1959, he appreciated the difficulty of competition. As Director of Forensics at Emory from 1960-1972, he was the architect who crafted the traditions of the tournament and of the Barkley Forum organization. His death in April 1987 created a void in national forensics, which simply cannot be filled. In recognition of his striking achievements, the Barkley Forum honored him by naming the policy debate competition The Pelham Debates.

The Barkley Forum for High Schools will use the National Speech and Debate Association topic for the current year. **A member school is guaranteed entry for three teams** of varsity strength composed of two speakers each. The Barkley Forum tournament is highly competitive. In fairness to your debaters, we recommend that you only bring students fully prepared for experienced level debate.

Non-member schools will be granted admission on the basis of applications that speak to the varsity experience of debaters. Substitutions will be discouraged. The Barkley Forum will designate a swing team should it be necessary to even the number of participating teams.

Each team will debate both sides of the proposition, three rounds affirmatively and three rounds negatively in a cross-examination (8-3-5) format with eight (8) minutes of preparation time. All teams will debate the six preliminary rounds. There will be five exhibition tutorial rounds for the thirty-two teams that are invited to participate.

We will have a mutual judge preference system for the Pelham Debates, so it is especially important that your judges are entered accurately in a timely fashion. **If your judges are not entered by the time prefs go up, you will be required to pay the full judge hire fee.** More details will follow via email closer to the tournament date. We will be using an ordinal ranking system. Please note that the judge preferences do not apply to the Thomas Glenn Pelham Silver Key Debate. Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy at tabroom.com under “paradigms.” **You will not be allowed to enter prefs until all your judges have supplied a paradigm.**

Judges will be assigned by mutual preference in all preliminary rounds and in the tutorials up to and including The Richard B. Sodikow Tutorial. The exhibition rounds in all divisions will be evaluated by a panel of judges from the Key Coaches of the Barkley Forum.

Judges are required to vote for one and only one team and to make their decision within 2 hours and 15 minutes from the posted start time of the prelim debates, and 2 hours and 30 minutes for elimination debates. This time limit will be strictly enforced by the tournament. Participants in the Phyllis Flory Barton Tutorial (octos) must flip for sides on Sunday morning by 7:15 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

The purpose of Lincoln-Douglas debate is to provide a public forum for issues of value. Thus, arguments should be constructed using sound and ethical rules of persuasion. Clash is required. Affirmative teams must support the resolution and negative teams must oppose the resolution. The affirmative position must be fully

developed in the first speech. Cross-examination is to be emphasized in the evaluation process. The time limits for the contest will be as follows:

Affirmative Constructive	Six minutes
Negative Cross-examination	Three minutes
Negative constructive	Seven minutes
Affirmative Cross-examination	Three minutes
Affirmative Rebuttal	Four minutes
Negative Rebuttal	Six minutes
Affirmative Rebuttal	Three minutes

Four minutes of preparation time will be assigned to each speaker to be allocated as the speaker chooses. The topic for debate will be the national topic debated during the months of January and February.

A member school may enter three debaters of varsity strength. A non-member school may apply for three slots. Up to the 32 individuals (with a record of 4-2 or better) with the highest win-loss records will be selected for exhibition tutorial performances.

We will have a mutual judge preference system for the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, so it is especially important that your judges are entered accurately in a timely fashion. **If your judges are not entered by the time prefs go up, you will be required to pay the full judge hire fee.** More details will follow via email closer to the tournament date. Please note that the judge preferences do not apply to The Dale Lauder McCall Exhibition. Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy on tabroom.com under “paradigms.” **You will not be allowed to enter prefs until all your judges have supplied a paradigm.**

Judges will be assigned by mutual preference in all preliminary rounds and in the tutorials up to and including The Patricia Bailey Tutorial. The exhibition rounds in all divisions will be evaluated by a panel of judges from the Key Coaches of the Barkley Forum.

Debates should start as soon as all participants and the judge are in the room. All decisions must be entered by one hour and fifteen minutes after the announced start of the flight or tab will flip a coin to decide the winner of the round.

Participants in outrounds during Flight A should flip 15 minutes before the announced start of the round in the assigned room (or outside the room, if a round is still going on). Participants in outrounds during Flight B should report to the tab room 15 minutes before the announced start of the flight for the flip. If you are not present for the coin flip, the other debater will pick her/his side, and you will be assigned the opposite side.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Entry: Each member school is invited to enter ten delegates. Non-member schools will be granted admission of up to ten delegates on the basis of applications that speak to the delegates’ level of experience. No Pelham debater, Lincoln-Douglas contestant, Public Forum debater, or Speech Events entrant may enter Congressional Debate at the Barkley Forum for High Schools. **The last day for drops in Congressional Debate is January 7, 2020.**

Judges: One qualified judge must be provided exclusively for Congressional Debate by any school who has entries in this event.

Legislation: Each participating school may submit up to two items of legislation of serious nature and national scope (no more than one per student) by January 7, 2020 using official templates (available [here](#)) by uploading them through Tabroom.com's registration system. The complete docket of accepted preliminary legislation and tournament-specific rules/procedures will be released by January 10, 2020. Semis and finals legislation will be released January 16.

Rules: Unless otherwise stipulated in materials released January 10, procedural rules and time limits will be those set forth by National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) rules (<http://www.speechanddebate.org/>). As a pilot for the NSDA, the Barkley Forum will: (1) limit debate on any bill or resolution to no more than one hour; and (2) allow Internet access during rounds per NSDA pilot rules.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE

Public Forum Debate was added to the events at the Barkley Forum for High Schools in honor of the 50th anniversary of the tournament in 2005. Public Forum Debate is designed to engage students in debate about current, controversial issues in front of community audiences.

Each member school is invited to enter **three teams** in Public Forum Debate. Non-member schools will be granted admission of up to three teams on the basis of applications that speak to the level of experience of the teams. The 32 teams with the highest win-loss records (provided that record is 4-2 or better) will be selected for exhibition tutorial performances, depending on the number of entrants. We will have a partial triples out round to make sure that all teams with a winning record clear. We plan on clearing all 4-2 or better teams. Teams will get three judge strikes for preliminary rounds.

Unless otherwise stipulated by tournament officials, rules for procedure will be those contained in the National Speech and Debate Association's Public Forum Debate manual. A Public Forum round begins with a flip of a coin between the competing teams to determine sides and speaker position.

We are using NSDA Pilot Rules for Public Forum. All rounds will have 3 minute summaries. Each team will have 3 minutes of prep time.

The time limits for the contest will be as follows:

First Speaker – Team A	Four Minutes
First Speaker – Team B	Four Minutes
Crossfire	Three Minutes
Second Speaker – Team A	Four Minutes
Second Speaker – Team B	Four Minutes
Crossfire	Three Minutes
Summary – First Speaker – Team A	Three Minutes
Summary – First Speaker – Team B	Three Minutes
Grand Crossfire	Three Minutes
Final Focus – Second Speaker – Team A	Two Minutes
Final Focus – Second Speaker – Team B	Two Minutes
Preparation Time (per team)	Three Minutes

The topic for debate will be the national topic debated during the month of January.

Once confirmed, decisions are final. To encourage the pedagogical aims of the tournament and to avoid any confusion with ballot entry, we encourage judges to disclose their decisions but only *after* they have entered their decision on Tabroom.

No Pelham debater, Lincoln-Douglas contestant, Congressional Debate contestant or Speech Events entrant may enter Public Forum Debate at the Barkley Forum for High Schools.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEECH EVENTS

Each school may have up to four entries in any event at the Forum. No extra entries are allowed due to space limitations. No triple entries will be allowed. No Pelham debater, Lincoln-Douglas contestant, Public Forum debater, or Congressional Debate participant may participate in Speech Events.

SCORING

Each student will be ranked by the judge from 1st place to 7th place. Students participating in the Lanny Dean Naegelin rounds will be selected in the following manner:

The top 24 performing speakers in each event after 5 preliminary rounds will be invited to participate on the basis of:

- 1) Total number of ranks. In case of a tie:
- 2) Reciprocal fractions. In case of a tie:
- 3) Drop lowest rank.

To determine which students will advance in elimination rounds, we will use 1) ranks, 2) judge preference, and 3) reciprocal fractions. Should the number of entries in any given event not warrant breaking to quarterfinals, the tab room staff will make that determination during the course of the tournament.

TIMING

For each Speech Event, there is a 30-second grace period for going over the time limit. Violations of time limits, including the grace period, may be penalized at the discretion of the judge for the participant. However, unless clear time signals are given throughout the performance, a student should not be penalized for going over time.

JUDGING

All judges should report to the ballot table no later than fifteen minutes prior to the round's scheduled start time in order to facilitate remaining on schedule. **If you are bringing inexperienced judges, please have them review materials and take the judge training (if available for the event they will be judging) on the [NSDA website](#) and make sure they understand the event rules.**

We expect all judges' comments to be **constructively** critical and never demeaning to students and for judges to understand that by judging at the tournament, they are accepting the role of **encouraging educator**.

PATTERNS

Most likely, the events in Pattern A will be Extemporaneous Speaking, Dramatic Interpretation, and Informative Speaking. The events in Pattern B will be Original Oratory, Duo Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation, and Humorous Interpretation. The pattern designation (Pattern A or Pattern B) for each speech event is subject to change based on available competition spaces for the number of entries in each pattern.

Dramatic Interpretation

Dramatic Interpretation is NOT an acting contest. No props, make-up or costumes will be allowed. This event stresses the value of the presentation of the written word and the contestant's ability to interpret the author's meaning. Does the contestant appear to have a thorough understanding of the work he or she is presenting? Character development is a key component in the evaluation of a performance. Does the contestant differentiate between characters and capture the essence of the relationship and interplay between them? As well, has the contestant chosen an appropriate selection for the time allotted? Does the selection form a coherent presentation, one that gives the judge and audience an adequate understanding of the total work?

Contestants will present a cutting from published plays, screenplays, fictional or non-fictional work that is dramatic in nature. **Manuscripts will not be allowed in the 2020 Forum.** Time Limit: 10 minutes, inclusive of introduction and transitions, with a 30-second grace period for going over time. The cutting should not have been used by the contestant prior to the 2019-2020 school year.

No Dramatic Interpretation contestant will be eliminated before performing five times. Those reaching the final exhibition round will have performed eight times.

* Any contestant whose material is challenged and who cannot **produce** an appropriate bibliographic reference and a manuscript is subject to disqualification. The Barkley Forum strongly discourages anyone making an unfounded challenge. The Barkley Forum stresses education over unfettered competition.

Humorous Interpretation

This is an individual category in which the selections are humorous in nature. All other rules are the same as Dramatic Interpretation.

Duo Interpretation

This is a two-person category in which the selection may be either humorous or dramatic in nature. No touching or eye contact is allowed other than in the introduction and/or transitions. Contestants must remain in a general upright position and have off-stage focus. All other rules are the same as Dramatic Interpretation.

Program Oral Interpretation

1. **Purpose:** POI is a program of oral interpretation of thematically-linked selections chosen from two or three genres: prose, poetry, drama (plays). At least two pieces of literature that represent at least two separate genres must be used. Unlike the other interpretation events, Program Oral Interpretation may use multiple sources for the program. The title and author of all selections must be verbally identified in

either the introduction and/or transitional phrases. Competitors are encouraged to devote approximately equal times to each of the genres used in the program. This distinction pertains to these two or three genres as a whole, not types of literature within a genre (such as fiction/nonfiction). Prose expresses thought through language recorded in sentences and paragraphs: fiction (short stories, novels) and non-fiction (articles, essays, journals, biographies). Poetry is writing which expresses ideas, experience, or emotion through the creative arrangement of words according to their sound, their rhythm, their meaning. Poetry may rely on verse and stanza form. The piece should not have been used by the contestant prior to the 2019-2020 school year.

2. **Contest:** The use of a manuscript during the performance is required. Common practices include the use of a binder or folder. Reading from a book or magazine is not permitted. The intact manuscript may be used by the contestant as a prop, so long as it remains in the contestant's control at all times. No costumes or props other than the manuscript are permitted. The contestant must address the script; however, introduction and transitional material may be memorized.
3. **Length:** The time limit is 10 minutes with a 30-second "grace period." If there are multiple judges in the round, all must agree that the student has gone beyond the grace period. Should a student go beyond the grace period, the student may not be ranked 1st. There is no other prescribed penalty for going over the grace period. The ranking is up to each individual judge's discretion. Judges who choose to time are to use accurate (stopwatch function) timing devices. No minimum time is mandated.
4. **Publication Rules:** All literature performed must meet the publication rules of the NSDA. Any contestant whose material is challenged and who cannot **produce** an appropriate bibliographic reference will be subject to disqualification. The Barkley Forum strongly discourages anyone from issuing a frivolous or unfounded challenge. The Barkley Forum stresses the value of education over unfettered competition.
5. **Adaptations** may be used only for the purpose of transition. Any word changes (to eliminate profane language) and/or additions (for transition) must be indicated clearly in ink. Failure to clearly indicate the addition of words will be subject to disqualification. Changes to the script may only be used for the purpose of transition or to eliminate profane language. Transitions may be used to clarify the logical sequence of ideas. They are not to be used for the purpose of embellishing the humorous or dramatic effect of the literature.

Original Oratory

All oratory must be written by the contestant. Oratory is an event of polished speech art and persuasion. A message should be conveyed by the speaker. Oratory for persuasion with a solution, such as that intended for civic groups, is the intention of this contest. Judges will be instructed to favor the subtle approach. No visual aids are permitted.

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 prior to registration. Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited.

The orator's script must identify the quoted materials, state the number of quoted words, include a work cited page in APA or MLA format, and both the orator and the coach must attest by signature that the oration is the original work of the contestant. It is the responsibility of the contestant to have a script ready upon request should the speech be challenged.

The speech must be memorized. It should not have been used by the contestant prior to the 2019-2020 school year. The speech must be no more than ten minutes in length with a 30-second grace period for going over time.

No orator will be eliminated before performing five times (see section about cumulative scoring). Those reaching the final exhibition round will have performed eight times.

Extemporaneous Speaking

Speakers will draw current interest news topics. They will have a choice of three topics in each round. Topics in each round will, generally, revolve around a theme or topic area. For the 2020 tournament, the themes for each round will *tentatively* be as follows:

Round 1:	The 2020 Elections
Round 2:	Middle East and Africa
Round 3:	The Americas
Round 4:	Domestic Social Issues
Round 5:	Eurasia
Quarters:	U.S. Foreign Policy
Tutorial:	Economy
Exhibition:	Potpourri

Speakers will be given thirty (30) minutes of total preparation time before presentation before a single judge and will be asked to leave the preparation room and to proceed to their rounds twenty-five (25) minutes after drawing their topic. Speakers will be graded not only on speaking qualities, but also on their aptitude for outlining new ideas and interpretations of current events. They should demonstrate knowledge of contemporary history.

The contestant should receive no coaching help in the preparation time before his or her speech. No pre-written speeches or notes will be allowed in the preparation room.

The tournament will follow the National Speech and Debate Association rules concerning the use of electronic retrieval devices.

Each speech must be a maximum of seven minutes with a 30-second grace period for going over the time limits. A speaker will be penalized for failing to observe time limits, although individual judges have absolute discretion on the quantity of the penalty. No contestant will be eliminated before performing five times.

Those selected for the final exhibition round will perform eight times. Those selected for the final exhibition round will also be subject to cross-examination by another round participant for three (3) minutes after completing their speech.

Informative Speaking

1. **Purpose:** An informative speech is an original speech designed to explain, define, describe, or illustrate a particular subject. The general purpose of the speech is for the audience to gain understanding and/or knowledge of a topic. Any other purpose such as to entertain or to convince shall be secondary. The use of audio/visual aids is optional. (See # 4 on Aids.)
2. **Contest:** This contest comprises only memorized speeches composed by the contestants, and speech should not have been used by the contestant prior to the 2019-2020 school year. No participant will be eliminated before performing five times (see section on cumulative scoring). Those reaching the final exhibition round will have performed eight times.

3. **Subject:** Effective speeches provide new information or perspectives on a topic, including those that are widely known. The responsibility for choosing a worthwhile topic rests with the contestant. A fabricated topic may not be used. Any non-factual reference, including a personal reference, must be so identified.
4. **Aids:** Audio/visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. If used, the audio/visual aids should enhance or support the message rather than distract from the overall effectiveness of the presentation. During the presentation, no electronic equipment is permitted. Electronic equipment is defined as any object requiring an electrical cord, battery, or solar power to operate it (projectors, cell phones, radios, iPads, computers, etc.) The use of live animals or any additional people as visual aids is not allowed during the speech. Items of dress put on and/or removed for illustration during the course of the presentation are considered costumes and may not be part of the contestant's presentation. Visual aids may not violate policies as dictated by local and state law (weapons, drugs, etc.). Contestants may not distribute items to the judges or audience before, during, or after the round. This includes but is not limited to food, objects, handouts, flyers, and promotional merchandise. The Barkley Forum is not responsible for providing any facilities, equipment, including tables, chairs, or easels, or assistance in a contestant's use of visual aids. Expedient set up and take down of aids is expected. If a visual aid displays published pictorial material, the source must be included in the work-cited page but does not need to be cited orally.
5. **Length:** The time limit is 10 minutes with a 30-second "grace period." If there are multiple judges in the round, all must agree that the student has gone beyond the grace period. Should a student go beyond the grace period, the student may not be ranked 1st. There is no other prescribed penalty for going over the grace period. The ranking is up to each individual judge's discretion. Judges who choose to time are to use accurate (stopwatch function) timing devices. No minimum time is mandated.
6. **Quotation:** Not more than 150 words of the speech may be direct quotation and such quotations must be identified orally and in a printed copy of the speech supplied prior to registration.
7. **Script:** Manuscripts must be available in the event of a protest. The script must identify the quoted materials, state the number of quoted words, include a work-cited page in APA or MLA format, and both the speaker and the coach must attest by signature that the speech is the original work of the contestant.

2019 RESULTS

64th Annual Barkley Forum for High Schools Tournament 2019 Listing of Silver Key Winners*

2019 Silver Key Award Recipients:

Pelham Debates Champions: Aden Barton & Julian Habermann, *Montgomery Bell Academy*

Pelham Debates Speaker: Giorgio Rabbini, *North Broward Preparatory*

Congressional Debate Champion: Nathan Felmus, *Bronx Science*

Lincoln Douglas Champion: Anna Myers, *Greenhill*

Public Forum Champions: Daniel Fernandez & Noah Kaye, *Poly Prep Country Day*

Public Forum Speaker: Albi Manfredi, *Lake Mary Preparatory*

Dramatic Interpretation: William Lohier, *Stuyvesant*

Duo Interpretation: Jacob Foster & Rashon Leday, *Comeaux*

Extemporaneous Speaking: Christopher Maximos, *Delbarton*

Humorous Interpretation: Claire Douglas, *Laurel Christian*

Informative Speaking: Ian Chiu, *Riverside*

Original Oratory: Avi Gulati, *Harker*

Program Oral Interpretation: Rashon Leday, *Comeaux*

**for full listing of results, view them on tabroom.com*