



Dear Colleagues,

The Mountain View and Los Altos Speech and Debate team cordially invites you to the 1st annual Karen Keefer Invitational, which will take place on **October 5th, 2019** at the Los Altos High School campus. Mrs. Keefer is a former speech-parent-turned-Diamond-coach who volunteered with MVLA and the Coast Forensics League for over twenty years.

The tournament will run from **8:30 AM to 5:30 PM on Saturday**. There will be **5 rounds of novice Lincoln-Douglas, Parliamentary, and Public Forum debate**, with Parliamentary debate guaranteed to be single-flighted. Awards for those with undefeated records will be announced and presented at the end of the tournament.

The tournament will utilize **tabroom.com** for entry, pairings, and results of all events.

Middle and high school students are welcome, but students should be registered under the school they attend and must be accompanied by a school-approved chaperon. We encourage all debaters to be respectful of their peers and judges, in order to maintain a safe and welcoming debate environment.

Tournament Director
Julie Herman

Student Director
Kiefer Tierling

Tab Director
Mariel Cruz



Events, Divisions, Entries & Judging

Entry Fees

Each LD entry must pay a fee of \$30, and each Public Forum/Parliamentary entry must pay \$45. In the cases of Public Forum and Parliamentary, one team will constitute a single entry. Teams must complete registration by September 25. Entry fees should be paid on site on the day of the event. Checks should be made out to “MVLA Speech & Debate Boosters.”

Who is a Novice?

A novice is any high school student who has been in debate for less than one year, and has not broken at any tournaments. Alternatively, a novice may also be any person currently attending grade 8 or below with less than two years of experience.

Parliamentary

Novice parliamentary debate will follow the 7 - 8 - 8 - 8 - 4 - 5 format using the CHSSA guidelines. Topics will be announced 20 minutes before the beginning of the round in the preparation area, which will be located in the cafeteria. Debaters may use the internet, downloaded files, prepared files, or paper articles in preparation, but may not consult any teammates, coaches, or other individuals during preparation time. Any outside resources being brought into the room will result in an automatic loss of the round.

Lincoln Douglas

Novice Lincoln Douglas will use the September topic, and will follow the 6 - 3 - 7 - 3 - 4 - 6 - 3 format. Maximum prep time will be 4 minutes. Notice that the tournament will follow NSDA rules, not CFL rules. Evidence will be held to the highest standard and complete citations are highly encouraged.

Public Forum

Novice Public Forum will use the September topic, and will follow the 4 - 4 - 3 - 4 - 4 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 2 - 2 format (in accordance with the NSDA pilot rules). Each team will have access to 3 minutes of prep time. Sides and order will be locked to postings.

Judging

One judge will be required per two entries in a given division, rounded up. If a school fails to provide a sufficient amount of judges, that school will be fined \$200 per missing judge. Judges who are called for ballots but fail to appear will be fined \$100 per round missed. We encourage parents to volunteer even if this is their first time judging. We will provide a brief judge training in the morning. Half-day commitments are not permitted. Tabroom.com accounts are mandatory for all judges in order to access online ballots for rounds.



Location & Amenities

Location Info

The easiest place to park is at the main parking lot off of Almond Avenue. A detailed map of the campus can be found [here](#).

Food

Meal tickets will be sold at the tournament for 5 dollars. Each meal ticket includes two slices of pizza, a bag of chips, a cookie, and a drink. Judges do not have to purchase food, which will be provided for them in the judges room. Other snacks and drinks will be available separately from the meal tickets.



Tentative Schedule

8:15 am	Registration
8:25 am	Judge Training
8:30 am	Parliamentary Debate Roll Call
8:40 am	Round 1 LD/PF Start; Parliamentary Topic Announce
9:00am	Round 1 Parliamentary Debate Start
10:10am	Parliamentary Debate Topic Announced
10:30am	Round 2 All Events Start
11:00 am	Concessions Open
12:30pm	Round 3 LD/PF Start; Parliamentary Topic Announce
12:50 pm	Round 3 Parliamentary Debate Start
2:20 pm	Round 4 LD/PF Start; Parliamentary Topic Announce
2:40 pm	Round 4 Parliamentary Debate Start
4:00 pm	Round 5 LD/PF Start; Parliamentary Topic Announce
4:20pm	Round 5 Parliamentary Debate Start
6:00pm	Award Ceremony