

The Newton South Speech & Debate Team  
Invites you to The MSDL

# Winter Festival

Speech & Debate Tournament  
11 January 2020

an MSDL sanctioned, double-entry tournament  
for students in grades 9-12

Come spend a winter's day in friendly competition!

## General Information

Delicious breakfast, lunch, snacks, and  
beverages will be sold throughout the day

The Winter Festival is a double-entry tournament in all events except Group Discussion, PFD, Big Questions Debate and Congress. Double-entered students may not enter the same event more than once and may not use the same material in more than one event.

Students may not double-enter in two "prep room" events (VX, NX, RB).

All students, except those entered in Congress and Debate, may enter Multiple Reading. Those who are already double-entered may "triple-enter" in Multiple unless they are entering in Group Discussion, VX, NX or RB.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Lisa Honeyman (Tournament Director)

617-559-6551 (school)

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[lisa.honeyman@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.honeyman@gmail.com)

Joshua Cohen (PF Debate division director)

[JCohen1964@gmail.com](mailto:JCohen1964@gmail.com)

Julian Fefer, Laila Polk, Sara Saloum, Stephanie Tian & Ellen Yang  
(Student hosts)

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register on-line at <http://www.massforensics.org>

**Registration opens on Sunday, December 8, 2019.**

### Speech Event Registration

Deadline For Speech Adds: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

You may enter your own name changes and drops in the system until Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

Please remember to register your novices in both their main event and the Novice OI Final event.

### PFD Registration

All entries in PFD will initially be placed on the wait list. There is an overall limit of 120 PFD teams.

- We will make an initial sweep of the wait list on Thursday evening, December 12, 2019.
- If we have space, we will do a second sweep of the waitlist on December 20, 2019. As of December 20, 2019, all additional PFD entries will go to the waitlist and we will only accept teams to fill spaces if other teams drop.
- The registration deadline for new additions is Thursday, January 2 at 5:00 PM.
- The registration deadline for drops is Friday, January 3 at 5:00 PM.
- PFD drops made after Friday, January 3 at 5:00 PM will incur a \$10 fine (in addition to the registration fee.)
- On the evening of January 3, we will do a final sweep of the wait list. We assume that any teams still on the wait list at that time will participate at the tournament and that schools will cover their judging obligation for those teams.

### REGISTRATION Fees

Individual Speech events, Congress & Multiple: \$6 per entry

DUO Interp & Big Questions Debate: \$12

PFD: \$15 per team

Registration fees may be paid by cash or check.

Checks should be made out to **"Newton South High School"**

Please note that if you have late changes that incur fees, you will be expected to pay those fees when you register even if you bring a check that was made out for the original registration amount.



## DROPS & NAME CHANGES

Drops that occur after 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 9 should be emailed to [Lisa.Honeyman@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.Honeyman@gmail.com) or called in on Saturday morning between 7:00-7:45 am.

## JUDGES

You are required to bring one judge for every five entries or fraction thereof in speech events, one judge for every two entries, or fraction thereof, in Big Questions and one judge for every two entries, or fraction thereof, in PFD. Judges must be available to judge all preliminary rounds *and* finals. If one of your judges must leave early, please arrange for a replacement judge to take their place. Because we are running semi-finals in some events, judging will be tight and we need everyone to be available. There will be a \$100 fine for each missing judge. This fee is not to be used in lieu of providing required judges.

*Please note that all judges must have graduated from high school and must have filed CORI/SORI background checks with the school that brings them to the tournament.*

*Judging requirements are finalized on Thursday at 5:00 pm. If you have drops after that time, it does not change the number of judges you are required to bring.*

If you have brand new speech judges who would benefit from an extended judge training in the morning, please note that on your registration. We will try our best to keep them out of round 1 so that they can attend a one-hour workshop. We will have an experienced coach available to answer questions and go over ballots with our new judges throughout the morning.

*We will be using online balloting for both Speech and Debate. All judges must bring an electronic device, preferably a laptop computer, in order to complete balloting.*

A limited number of Public Forum Debate judges will be available for hire for \$75 per judge. Please write to Joshua Cohen ([jcohen1964@gmail.com](mailto:jcohen1964@gmail.com)) for more information.

All judge names must be finalized by Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

*Coaches should remember to provide their speech students and speech judges with their code numbers in advance of the tournament. This is particularly important for experienced judges who may be arriving separately from the team.*

### Awards:

Trophies will be awarded to all finalists. The “Top Novice” in each non-novice event will also receive an award. Top speakers in PFD will receive medals.

The top 4 Multiple entries, top 8 PFD and top 8 Big Questions Debate entries will receive awards.

Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top 10 schools. We will use the 5-4-3-2-1-1 system to award points for preliminary ranks and final standings. The top 10 scores in 10 different events plus the next two high scores in any events (figured after finals) will count toward sweepstakes. We will use preliminary ranks as well as ranks from semi-finals and finals to determine the final standing in events that have a semi-final round. All semi-finalists will earn one additional sweepstakes point over what they earn from their preliminary ranks. This is consistent with the 5-4-3-2-1-1-1 system for final placement. Thus, all students in out-rounds who rank 7th -12th will earn one additional point, while those placing 1st through 6th will earn a few more points, depending upon where they place. Competitors who make it to finals will earn points for their final standings (not ranks in finals).

### Speech Event TOC Bids for University of Kentucky

The Newton South Winter Festival Tournament is a Bid tournament for speech events for the 2020 [TOC](#) at the University of Kentucky. We will be offering bids in DI, HI, DUO, EX, OO, INFO, POI and OI. If a student earns a bid in DP, they may select either DI or HI (but not both) for TOC bid purposes. In addition, a bid in prose OR poetry counts toward qualification to the TOC in OI.

The bid structure is:

24 or fewer entries--the Top 3 each receive a bid.

25 - 72 entries--each Finalist receives a bid

73 or more entries--each Semifinalist and Finalist receives a bid





## EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

### **Group Discussion Topic: Human Rights in China**

Rounds will focus on issues of censorship, surveillance, worker rights, treatment of ethnic minorities, and Hong Kong.

### **Extemporaneous Speaking:**

Questions will focus on topics of national, international and economic interest. The final round will be questions focusing on **China**.

### **Public Forum Debate:**

We will use the January NSDA PFD topic: Resolved: The United States should end its economic sanctions against Venezuela.

### **Congress:**

Legislation will be available at [www.massforensics.org](http://www.massforensics.org).

Contact Mr. PJ Wexler, VP Congress, if you have questions.

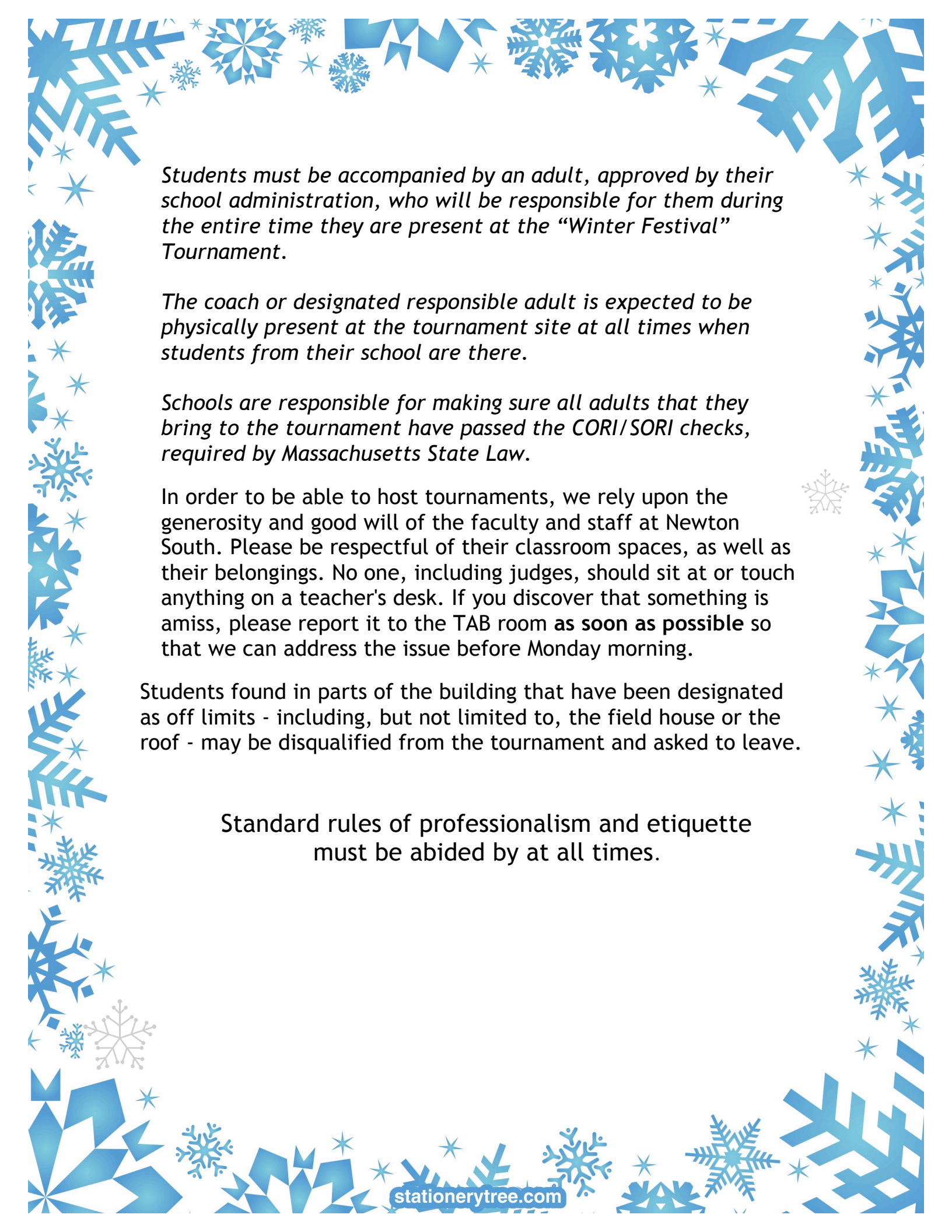
If you have any judges that are particularly interested in judging congressional debate, or in being a parliamentarian, please let us know.

### **A Note about Multiple:**

If there are 5 or fewer Multiples competing at the tournament, there will be no final round held in that event. If there are more than 5 multiples, then between 3 and 4 will break to finals. The goal will be to make a clean break and the number that will advance will be determined by the tournament director.

### **Semi-Finals:**

If an official MSDL event has 40 or more entries after drops, we will run a semi-final round, in addition to the three preliminary rounds. (This will not apply to Congress or Debate.) We can do this as long as we do not have more than 3 events that reach the 40+ entry level. If more than 3 events are this large, we will only run semi-finals in the 3 largest events.



*Students must be accompanied by an adult, approved by their school administration, who will be responsible for them during the entire time they are present at the “Winter Festival” Tournament.*

*The coach, or designated responsible adult, is expected to be physically present at the tournament site at all times when students from their school are there.*

*Schools are responsible for making sure all adults that they bring to the tournament have passed the CORI/SORI checks, required by Massachusetts State Law.*

In order to be able to host tournaments, we rely upon the generosity and good will of the faculty and staff at Newton South. Please be respectful of their classroom spaces, as well as their belongings. No one, including judges, should sit at or touch anything on a teacher's desk. If you discover that something is amiss, please report it to the TAB room **as soon as possible** so that we can address the issue before Monday morning.

Students found in parts of the building that have been designated as off limits - including, but not limited to, the field house or the roof - may be disqualified from the tournament and asked to leave.

Standard rules of professionalism and etiquette must be abided by at all times.



## Saturday Morning Check-in

Please call (617) 559-6590 to check in between 7:00-7:45 am on Saturday morning. *NOTE: This is a land line, so texting won't work. (We do not have cell reception in many portions of our building.)*

If there is no answer, do not leave a message. Instead, try again in a few minutes. Even if you have no drops, please call so we can begin to re-panel rounds at 8:00 am and start the tournament on time. MSDL rules permit a \$25 penalty fee assigned to schools that fail to check-in during the morning call-in period.

### Our Address

Newton South High School  
140 Brandeis Road  
Newton, MA 02459



## Tentative Schedule for SPEECH Events

7:00-7:45	Call In - 617-559-6590
8:15 - 8:45	Registration
8:00	New Speech Judge Meeting
8:30	Mandatory Meeting for ALL speech judges
9:10	Opening Meeting in the Cafeteria
9:30	Time Slot 1
10:45	Time Slot 2
12:00	Time Slot 3
1:15	Time Slot 4
2:30	Time Slot 5
3:45	Draw for Final in Library
4:15	Finals
6:30	Awards

## Tentative Schedule for Debate (Public Forum & Big Questions)

7:00-7:45	Call In - 617-559-6590
8:15 - 8:45	Registration
8:15	Mandatory Meeting for ALL PF debate judges
8:45	Round 1 <sup>(a)</sup>
10:45	Round 2
1:15	Round 3
2:30	Round 4
4:00	Elimination rounds
6:30	Awards

Notes: (a) Round times are approximate.