

## The Fourth Annual Trojan Classic

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 26, 2019

**WHERE:** Midlothian High School, 401 Charter Colony Parkway, Midlothian, VA 23114

### **EVENTS:**

1. Debate - Lincoln–Douglas and Public Forum
  - Novice and Open divisions - Students entering in the Novice division must be in their first year of competitive debate; if there are not enough entries to operate separate Novice/Open brackets, the two will be combined, but top novice awards will still be given.
  - Four rounds - Tentatively, the first two rounds will be randomly paired, and the last two rounds will be power paired (high–low).
  - September/October NSDA resolutions (LD - ‘Resolved: In the United States, college and universities ought not consider standardized tests in undergraduate admissions decisions’; PF - ‘Resolved: The European Union should join the Belt and Road initiative’).
  - The NSDA novice resolution about civil disobedience **WILL NOT** be used.
2. Student Congress -
  - Two 2-hour sessions
  - Each student should submit a bill/resolution by 5:00 PM on Friday, October 18. Schools should coordinate to have their students divide legislation up among the following categories: domestic, international, economic, Virginia.
  - Topics:
    - Domestic: Red Flag Laws; Vaping
    - International: Brexit; Greenland
    - Economic: Trade with China; Universal Basic Income
    - Virginia: Casinos; Hands-Free Driving
  - The legislation packet will be available on tabroom.com shortly after the deadline.
3. Forensics/Speech/IE - Extemp, Impromptu, OO, Storytelling, Prose, Poetry, DI, HI, serious duo, humorous duo, duo improv, original spoken word poetry (OSW)
  - Three rounds
  - Students may double-enter in speech categories.
  - Since this tournament is so early in the year, manuscripts will be allowed in **ALL** events, even storytelling, DI, HI, and duo. Otherwise, VHSL rules will be followed in all VHSL events.
  - Extemp topics:
    - Round 1: 2020 Democratic Presidential Race
    - Round 2: U.S. Immigration
    - Round 3: Europe
  - For OSW, a student’s piece will consist of a work or compilation written by the student, delivered in the style of spoken word/slam poetry. Students must submit

a printed copy of their piece to the judge in each round. Other OSW rules will follow VHSL poetry rules.

- For duo improv, each pair of students will draw three topics/scenarios and will have seven minutes to prepare and perform an improvised piece based on one of the three drawn topics. Preparation is limited to three minutes maximum.

**JUDGES:** Each school is responsible for providing their own judges according to the following quotas:

1 judge for...

...every 2 Lincoln-Douglas entries (or fraction thereof)

...every 2 Public Forum entries (or fraction thereof)

...every 5 Student Congress and Speech entries (or fraction thereof)

As this is an early-season invitational, judges need not have a wealth of experience; however, we expect coaches to have gone over the various events and basic judging procedures with judges before the tournament.

**COSTS:** Each school entered will incur a \$20 registration fee. There is also an individual entry fee of \$15 per student per event. These costs include lunch for competitors, judges, and coaches. Please bring a check payable to Midlothian High School.

**DROPS:** Drops (for any reason) are permitted before 9:00 AM on October 24 with no penalty. Drops after this deadline require the school to honor entry fees **AND** honor fulfill the original judging quota. If the judging quota is not met upon registration, students may not be able to compete.

**SCHEDULE:**

Registration	8:00–8:30 AM
Judges' Meeting	8:45 AM
Round 1	9:00 AM
Round 2 (Debate)	10:15 AM
Round 2 (Speech)	11:00 AM
Round 2 (Congress)	12:00 PM
Round 3 (Debate)	12:15 PM
Round 3 (Speech)	1:30 PM
Round 4 (Debate)	2:15 PM
Awards	4:00 PM or ASAP

**AWARDS:** Trophies or medals will be given to the top three finishers in each category. Sweepstakes and runner-up sweepstakes trophies will be given to the schools with the most points across all categories. As the host school, Midlothian High School will be ineligible for sweepstakes trophies.

**REGISTRATION:** Please register your school via tabroom.com at <http://trojanclassic.tabroom.com> by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 22.

**CONTACT:** If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Cheatham at [daniel\\_cheatham@ccpsnet.net](mailto:daniel_cheatham@ccpsnet.net).

Thank you for supporting our speech and debate program!

Sincerely,

Daniel Cheatham  
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