

Bettendorf Bulldog Invitational

Speech and Debate Tournament
Friday, Nov. 15th – Saturday, Nov. 16th

Dear Colleagues:

Bettendorf is proud to announce the **Bulldog Invitational** to be held on **Friday, November 15th – Saturday, November 16th, 2019**. Bettendorf High School has proudly been offering a Speech and Debate Team since 1968 and your continued support makes this program possible.

Our tournament will offer a full range of Speech and Debate events. For Speech, we plan on offering a 1-day setup on Saturday, November 16th for all events. For Debate, we plan on offering Novice and Varsity divisions of Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Policy Debate, and Public Forum Debate. These events will have rounds on both Friday and Saturday. Finally, Congress will be offered as a Friday night only event. For full schedule details, please see the Schedule tab on the right.

We are hard at work to make this tournament the best we possibly can and would appreciate you registering early so we can plan accordingly. We love hosting this event and hope you (and your students) have the best experience possible. If you have any questions or concerns, you can send me an e-mail at my school account at jrankin@bettendorf.k12.ia.us. Thank you for your time and see you this November!

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Events Offered

The Bulldog Invitational will host the following events:

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Novice and Varsity divisions of Lincoln-Douglas debate will be offered, all NSDA rules and time limits will be followed. Novice and Varsity Lincoln-Douglas debate will have five (5) rounds of debate followed by outrounds, as needed.

Lincoln-Douglas debate will use the November/December LD topic.

Policy Debate

Novice and Varsity divisions of Policy debate will be offered, all NSDA rules and time limits will be followed. Policy Debate will have four (4) rounds of debate followed by outrounds, as needed.

Public Forum Debate

Novice and Varsity divisions of Public Forum debate will be offered, all NSDA rules and time limits will be followed. Novice and Varsity Public Forum debate will have five (5) rounds of debate followed by outrounds, as needed.

Public Forum debate will use the November PF topic. Public Forum debate will also be utilizing the pilot rules offered by the NSDA this year – meaning a 3 minute Summary and 3 minutes of Prep time.

Individual Events

Eight (8) events will be offered this year:

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| ✓ <i>Dramatic Interpretation</i> | ✓ <i>Informative Speaking</i> |
| ✓ <i>Duo Interpretation</i> | ✓ <i>Original Oratory</i> |
| ✓ <i>Extemporaneous Speaking</i> | ✓ <i>Program Oral Interpretation</i> |
| ✓ <i>Humorous Interpretation</i> | ✓ <i>Spontaneous Speaking</i> |

All NSDA rules and time limits will be followed. Students may **single** or **double** enter in any of the IE events; each entry will be charged as a separate entry. There will be four (4) rounds before breaking to finals. **NOTE:** Individual events are offered **Saturday** only. Teams bringing students for both days of competition can enter their IE students in the Friday only Congress, if desired.

Student Congress

All NSDA rules and time limits will apply to Student Congress. *Presiding Officers* will **not** be eligible for speaking awards, although they will receive a gavel for presiding. Each school may submit a maximum of **two** (2) pieces of legislation. Bettendorf also strongly suggests that each school submits a minimum of **one** piece of legislation. *All legislation needs to be received by **Thursday, November 7th, 2019***. These bills/resolutions should be sent by e-mail to Impulse411@hotmail.com. Legislative packets will then be e-mailed to each participating school by **Monday, November 11th**. The docket will be set at that point and sent out to schools. **NOTE:** Congress will be offered **Friday** only. Students participating in both days of competition are encouraged to enter in the Individual Events for Saturday.

Judging Requirements

We ask that all schools do their best to fulfill their judging requirement. We don't really have a reservoir of judges to pull from so please do what you can to fulfill your obligation. Please be sure to include all judge restrictions such as school blocks or division restrictions. Schools are required to provide judging up to ONE (1) round past their teams' final drop. For Speech, this means all judges are obligated through Finals. For Debate, this means all judges are obligated through the first out round in that particular event minimum.

Judging requirements are as follows:

Lincoln-Douglas: 1 judge for every 3 competitors or every part thereof.

Policy: 1 judge for every 2 teams or every part thereof. Judge obligation **must** be fulfilled.

Public Forum: 1 judge for every 3 teams or every part thereof.

Individual Events: 1 judge for every 6 competitors or every part thereof.

Student Congress: 1 judge for every 8 competitors or every part thereof.

A **very** limited amount of judges will be available for hire at the following rates:

Lincoln-Douglas: \$200

Policy: \$200 – but please do what you can to cover your entry. We don't really have a lot of access to Policy judges in the QC area anymore...

Public Forum: \$150

Individual Events: \$150

Congress: \$150

*The last day to hire judges will be **Sunday, November 10th, 2019.***

Tentative Schedule

The following schedule is tentative, but will be followed as strictly as possible. ***We will accelerate this schedule whenever possible. Please do not leave the building for any reason.*** If there are any changes to the schedule, you will be the first to know.

Debate Schedule

We are setting the schedule as a flighted tournament for LD/PF, but will single-flight if possible. Regardless, it would help out immensely if all schools could do their best to fulfill their judging obligation so we can make the tournament run as smoothly as possible. We have set a certain number of outrounds per division, based on previous years' attendance – the number of preliminary rounds will not change, but the number of outrounds will be adjusted as needed.

Novice / Varsity LD –

Friday, November 15th

5:00pm	Round 1
6:30pm	Round 2
8:15pm	Round 3

Saturday, November 16th

8:30am	Round 4
10:15am	Round 5
1:00pm	Quarterfinals
2:30pm	Semifinals
3:45pm	Finals

Novice / Varsity Policy Debate

Friday, November 15th

5:00pm	Round 1
7:00pm	Round 2

Saturday, November 16th

8:00am	Round 3
10:00am	Round 4
12:30pm	Semifinals
3:00pm	Finals

Novice / Varsity Public Forum Debate

Friday, November 15th

5:00pm	Round 1
6:30pm	Round 2
8:15pm	Round 3

Saturday, November 16th

8:30am	Round 4
10:15am	Round 5
1:00pm	Quarterfinals
2:30pm	Semifinals
3:45pm	Finals

Congress Schedule

Friday, November 15th

3:45pm – 4:15pm	Tournament Registration
4:30pm	Judge Meeting
4:45pm	Congress convenes
6:45pm	Recess for Dinner Break
7:15pm	Congress reconvenes
9:15pm	Congress adjourns (Congress awards presented during Saturday awards)

IE Schedule

Saturday, November 11th

7:45am	Tournament Registration (only for schools competing Saturday only)
8:30am	IE Round 1 (Extemp Draw 8:00am)
10:15am	IE Round 2 (Extemp Draw 9:45am)
Lunch Break	
11:45am	IE Round 3 (Extemp Draw 11:15am)
1:30pm	IE Round 4 (Extemp Draw 1:00pm)
3:00pm	IE Finals, Rotation 1
4:15pm	IE Finals, Rotation 2
5:30pm	Awards

Fees

All checks should be made payable to:

Bettendorf Speech and Debate Team

Bettendorf High School

3333 18th Street

Bettendorf, IA 52722

Payment must be received prior or at registration. Please make sure this is taken care of properly because the funds from this tournament are needed for this program to continue. The following entry fees will apply:

Varsity Lincoln-Douglas: \$18/entry

Novice Lincoln-Douglas: \$18/entry

Policy Debate: \$36/entry

Public Forum: \$36/entry

Individual Events: \$15/entry, except Duo which is \$30/entry

Student Congress: \$15/entry

Hotels

We are still working on setting up a hotel block for the tournament, but thought some of you might want to at least see some of the options out there. Here are a few hotels nearby Bettendorf High School to get you started. I'll update this page as soon as we have the block setup. Thanks!

Courtyard Marriott - Bettendorf

895 Golden Valley Drive, Bettendorf, IA 52722

563-355-3999

Hampton Inn and Suites

5290 Utica Ridge Rd, Davenport, IA 52807

563-441-0001

Ramada Inn - Bettendorf

3020 Utica Ridge Rd, Bettendorf, IA 52722

563-355-7575

Debate Topic Areas

The Bulldog Invitational will be utilizing the following topics for the following events:

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

2019 Nov/Dec Topic

Resolved: *The United States ought to eliminate subsidies for fossil fuels.*

Policy Debate

2019-2020 Topic

Resolved: *The United States federal government should substantially reduce Direct Commercial Sales and/or Foreign Military Sales of arms from the United States.*

Public Forum Debate

2019 Nov/Dec Topic

Resolved: *The benefits of the United States federal government's use of offensive cyber operations outweigh the harms.*

Registration Deadlines

All registration should go through the Tabroom website. The following dates should be observed:

Thursday, November 7th – Deadline for Congress legislation

Friday, November 8th – New entries due

Sunday, November 10th – Judge entries due

Monday, November 11th – Online drops and name changes allowed until this cutoff – after all changes sent to Impulse411@hotmail.com

Tuesday, November 12th – All fees and obligations frozen