



September 2019

Dear Colorado Speech Coaches,

You are cordially invited to Frederick High School's NOVICE forensics competition on Saturday, October 19th!

"**FredFest Novice**" will feature **FESTIVAL** events and event line-up, with the addition of Student Congress. Colorado Festival *and* Tournament schools are welcome to participate, however per CHSAA rules, Varsity students may compete as long as they are from *Festival* schools. (I highly encourage any Varsity students to judge, however, as their insight provides a valuable resource to beginning competitors!) See the CHSAA website to view rules/ballots. For this meet we WILL allow double entries within events NOT marked with an asterisk (\*).

#### **EVENTS:**

Dramatic Interpretation

Humorous Interpretation

Poetry Interpretation

Program of Oral Interpretation

Duo Interpretation

Original Oratory

Informative Speaking

Impromptu Speaking

Student Congress

Creative Storytelling

\*Extemp – Combined

\*One-on-One Value Debate

\*Public Forum Debate—See topic below

\*Lincoln Douglas Debate – See topic below

**REGISTRATION:** Please register via [Tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com) by Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are a Festival school, please send me the names of ANY Varsity students who are *competing*. If you have difficulty registering, mail me ASAP, and I can manually enter registrations.

At this time there will be a limit of FOUR entries per school, per event, with a maximum of 5 students per school in each wave of Congress. [I will accept registrations until we're full, so I strongly encourage you to get your entries in as soon as you can. Entries beyond the event caps will be waitlisted.](#) If you need more entries, contact me after Wednesday the 16th and I will see what I can do based on room availability.

Registration is \$6.00 per student, per event. Please bring a check for fees on the day of the meet, or mail them to the FHS address listed on the Tabroom invoice/website. Checks should be made payable to **Frederick High Debate and Forensics**.

## TOPICS:

The PF debate topic for this tournament will be the September/October NSDA topic – ***Resolved: In the United States, colleges and universities ought not consider standardized tests in undergraduate admissions decisions.***

The LD debate topic for this meet will be the November/December NSDA topic -- ***Resolved: The European Union should join the Belt and Road Initiative.***

Extemp topics will be a mixture of national, international, and potentially *pop culture* topics.

**JUDGES: Please bring your Varsity students as judges.** Our squad of Varsity competitors is even smaller this year than in previous years, so having more judges will be vital, especially in debate events.

**FOOD:** There are limited fast food restaurants within a couple of miles. (AVOID the McDonalds at Hwy 52 & I-25...they can be *s-l-o-w*!) We will have a small concession stand open throughout the day, and will offer a pre-purchase option for pizza, to arrive near the end of Round 2. Please remind your students that *small bills are appreciated*! **Food and beverages will be provided for coaches and judges.**

**SCHEDULE:** for the day will be as follows:

*Please be on time for registration or your draw students may receive less time for their first round prep. what will hold us back is not having enough judges, so **BRING VARSITY STUDENT JUDGES!***

Registration:	7:15-7:55
Extemp and 1-on-1 Draw:	7:30
CST Draw	7:45
Round 1	8:00
Extemp and 1-on-1 Draw:	9:30
CST Draw	9:45
Round 2	10:00
Extemp and 1-on-1 Draw:	11:30
CST Draw	11:45
Round 3	12:00

Awards to follow as quickly as possible – Can we cross our fingers for 2:00?

**AWARDS:** Awards will be presented to the top 6 competitors or teams in each event and the top two speakers plus P.O. in Congress. In events where Varsity students are competing, Top Novice recognition will also be awarded where appropriate.

**We are excited to be hosting the first FredFest Novice ever and look forward to your participation. I'm sure there are some considerations I've overlooked, so I greatly appreciate your experience with Tabroom and your patience in all this. As always, please contact me if you have any questions.**

Sincerely,

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