



Lone Peak High School

Home of the Knights



2020 Knights Joust at Lone Peak

Dear Coaches,

I am excited to invite you and your speech and debate teams to participate in the Knight's Joust at Lone Peak on January 17-18, 2020. Registration opens November 15, 2018. The tournament is located at:

Lone Peak High School
10189 North 4800 West
Highland, Utah 84003

If there are sufficient entries, we may move a portion of the tournament to a local middle school that is within 4-5 miles of Lone Peak. Here are a few highlights:

1. All events compete both days. Please note that Friday rounds start promptly at 3:00 p.m. Please plan your travel accordingly.
2. Debate events (LD, PF and CX) will have six preliminary debates, and break to quarters for policy and octos for PF and LD (if there are a sufficient number of entries).
3. PF and LD preliminary rounds will be double-flighted.
4. Congress will have four preliminary sessions and a final round.
5. Speech will be in two panels. Each speech event will have four preliminary rounds.
6. Panel A includes: Domestic Extemp, Impromptu, Informative, Dramatic Interp, P.O.I, and Newscasting.
7. Panel B includes: International Extemp, Oratory, Humorous Interp, Duo Interp, Declamation and Spar.
8. Spar will be judged as a debate event, meaning there will be a winner and a loser for each pairing, as well as an overall speaker ranking within the round.
9. Multiple entry is only allowed in speech events. (CX, LD, PF, and Congress competitors may not multiple enter.) Double entry within panels is permitted at your own risk. The tournament will not be held up if you are delayed.
10. There will be elimination rounds in all events, unless there are insufficient entries.
11. Every participant who qualifies for an elimination round will be acknowledged with a trophy, medal, ribbon or certificate.
12. NSDA Rules for the format, time and standards apply for all events. That means, e.g., progressive arguments are not permitted in PF. The pilot rules for PF will be used.
13. There will be limited concessions available for purchase.
14. Entertainment options will be available for participants who do not qualify for elimination rounds.
15. Please note that judges will be instructed not to disclose their decisions and not to give oral feedback in order to keep the tournament running on schedule. Coaches will be advised of result via their tabroom dashboard.

Tournament Schedule

Friday

2:00-2:30 p.m. Registration/Check-in in Main Lobby

2:30 p.m. Judges Meeting/Training in Media Center
Opening Welcome and Instructions in Cafeteria

Debate Events

3:00-4:50 p.m. Round 1

5:00-6:50 p.m. Round 2

7:00-9:00 p.m. Round 3

Congress

3:0-6:00 p.m. Session 1

6:30-9:00 p.m. Session 2

Speech Events

3:00-4:15 p.m. Round 1 Panel A

4:30-6:00 p.m. Round 1 Panel B

6:15-7:30 p.m. Round 2 Panel A

7:45-9:00 p.m. Round 2 Panel B

Saturday

7:00-7:30 a.m. Check-in in Main Lobby

7:30 a.m. Judges Meeting/Training in Media Center

Debate Events

8:00-9:50 a.m. Round 4

10:00-11:50 a.m. Round 5

12:10- 2:00 p.m. Round 6

2:10 – 4:00 p.m. *Quarters CX
* Octos LD & PF

2:00 p.m. *Quarters LD and PF

3:00 p.m. *Semis Policy

3:30 p.m. *Semis LD and PF

5:00 p.m. Awards Assembly and announcement of finalists.

5:30 p.m. *Policy, LD, PF and Panel A Finals

6:45 p.m. *Panel B Finals

Congress

8:00-10:30 a.m. Session 3

11:00-1:30 p.m. Session 4

2:00-5:00 p.m. Finals

Speech Events

8:00-9:15 a.m. Round 3 Panel A

9:30-10:45 a.m. Round 3 Panel B

11:00-12:15 p.m. Round 4 Panel A

12:30-1:45 p.m. Round 4 Panel B

2:00-3:15 p.m. *Semis Panel A

3:30-4:45 p.m. *Semis Panel B

* If debate entries do not warrant Octos or Quarters then we will break to Quarters or Semis. If speech entries do not warrant Semis, we will break to Finals. No final round will be held for speech events with fewer than eight entries. Finals for speech events with fewer than twelve entries will break no more than half of the participants.

All times will be accelerated wherever possible.

Speech Events

Speech events are divided into two panels as follows:

Panel A

National Extemp
Impromptu
Informative
D.I.
P.O.I.
Newscasting

Panel B

International Extemp
Oratory
Declamation
H.I.
Duo
Spar

Participants may multiple enter within a panel if they wish at their own risk. Rounds will not be delayed to accommodate those who choose to do so. Extemp draws will take place 15 minutes before the scheduled start time for each round. That means Round 1 of NX will draw at 2:45 p.m. on Friday.

Awards

We will recognize every participant who qualifies for an elimination round as follows:

Debate

First, second and semi-finalists receive trophies. Quarter-finalists receive medals. Octo-finalists receive ribbons. There will be awards for both members of a debate partnership.

Congress

First, second and third place receive trophies. Fourth through sixth place receive medals. Seventh through twelfth place receive ribbons. The remainder of the finalists receive certificates.

Speech

First, second and third place receive trophies. Fourth, fifth and sixth place receive medals. Semi-finalists receive ribbons.

In addition to these awards, we will give Excalibur Awards to: the top speakers in debate prelims and the best chair in congress prelims. Excalibur Awards will also be given to the top speech participants using the following formula: Points will be combined from a speech participant's top three events; however, points from an event with fewer than 12 participants are not eligible to be counted towards an Excalibur award.

Sweepstakes

This event is the conclusion of the Knights Joust tournament, the first part of which (Knights Joust Novice) took place on October 4-5, 2019. First and second place sweepstakes trophies will be awarded to the schools that earn the highest number of NSDA points at this part of the tournament. The overall Knights Joust Sweepstakes trophy will be awarded to the school with the highest combined point total from the two parts of the tournament.

Judges

We are using online balloting for all speech and all debate events, including congress. Judges are required to have an account with tabroom.com. Please take the time to ensure that your judges have a functioning account ***before*** they arrive at the tournament. For detailed instructions on how to set up an account, please visit: http://docs.tabroom.com/Sign_Up. Judges need to bring a laptop, tablet or smartphone that can access the internet to pick up their ballots. Please make sure these devices are fully charged before the tournament begins each day. They may wish to bring an external power source or charger.

WARNING: Cell phone service is spotty to non-existent for many cell carriers inside the school, so please make sure your judges bring a device that can easily be connected to the school's Wi-Fi account.

Schools are required to provide judges according to the following ratio:

- one judge for every two policy, LD or PF entries,
- one judge for every five speech entries,
- one judge for every five congress entries.

Please speak with each of your judges to ensure they understand the type of comments that are not appropriate. No judge should ever criticize, orally or in writing, a competitor's physical appearance or style of dress. Judges who disregard this policy will be dismissed from the tournament. The school for which they judge may incur fines for any uncovered rounds that result from such dismissal.

Things to remember:

- * Judges are expected to arrive by **2:25 p.m.** on Friday and **7:25 a.m.** on Saturday (if they did not judge Friday) for the judges' meeting/training. If your judges are not able to arrive by these times, please consider finding alternatives.
- * Meals and snacks are provided for all judges in the Judges' Room.
- * Judges are required to stay one round past the last round in which your school has a participant.
- * There is a \$25 fee per round missed by a judge in prelims. The fee increases to \$50 for each elimination round missed. A judge is deemed to have missed a round if their ballot is not picked up within 15 minutes of the start time for an assigned round. Do not count on judge fines being forgiven.

Coach/Competitor Conduct

Coaches and competitors are expected to abide by the NSDA Honor Code and comply with the terms of the Campus Use Agreement that must be agreed to in order to participate.

In the event that an issue arises that causes a competitor or coach to feel a protest is in order, the only acceptable procedure is as follows: (1) competitors should finish the round at issue. Competitors who choose to discontinue a round, regardless of the reason, choose to forfeit the round, and their protest will not be considered. (2) After the round, aggrieved competitors should discuss the issue with their coach. (3) If the coach feels there is a legitimate ground for a protest, the coach (and only the coach) may approach the tournament director *in private* to

protest a result. Competitors may not enter the judges/coaches room or approach the tournament director themselves regarding a protest. Failure to follow these procedures will result in the protest being disregarded.

Under no circumstances may a coach or competitor approach a judge either during or after a round to question or protest the judge's decision. Any such action may result in forfeiture of the related debate round or a last place ranking in the related congress or speech round.

Food/Concessions/ Entertainment

Due to limited interest at past tournaments we do not plan to have extensive concessions. We will have candy, sodas and snacks, but since most teams bring their own food, we are not planning to provide entrée style concessions for competitors. There is a McDonalds and a Wal-Mart (with a Subway inside) right across the street.

If there is sufficient interest, we may be willing to provide pre-paid tickets for catered meals. If you are interested in this option, please contact me at williampeterson@alpinedistrict.org by December 15, 2019.

Driving Directions

If you are coming from the north, please exit I-15 at the UT-92 E/Timpanogos Highway exit and proceed east for approximately six miles. Turn right at North County Blvd/4800 West (last light before A.F. Canyon) and proceed south for approximately one mile. Lone Peak H.S. is on the right (West) side of the road.

If you are coming from the South, please exit I-15 at Exit 275 (Pleasant Grove Blvd). Turn right (Northeast) and proceed approximately one-third of a mile to the first traffic light. Turn left (Northwest) onto S. North County Blvd (UT-129). Stay on this road for approximately four and a half miles. Lone Peak is on the left (West) side of the road.

Anything Else

If I forgot to mention anything, or if you have any questions, contact me by e-mail me at: williampeterson@alpinedistrict.org. See you in January!!!