

# Sebastien Rale Big Questions Debate Tournament

Cheverus High School  
267 Ocean Avenue  
Portland, Maine  
November 16, 2019

**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, November 13 by 7:00 p.m. to [Tabroom.com](http://Tabroom.com).

Cell phone for day of the tournament: Dan (207) 228-5595

## Registration information

You may enter individual students on Tabroom until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Judge entries must be made by 8 p.m. Friday, November 15.

## Drops

You may drop students or change names on Tabroom until 8:00 a.m. Saturday, November 17.

Drops after 8:00 a.m. on the day of the tournament will be charged a \$10 nuisance fee. Please text your tournament host for drops after 8am.

## Fees

\$6 per student

## Judge requirements

1 judge for every 2 teams. All fractional entries round up.

Judges must have linked Tabroom accounts. Online balloting only.

Guest wifi password: Vikram19

## Judge training

Please show your judges the following judge training materials:

<http://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/Judge-Primer-2019-2020.pdf>

## Purchasing judges

There will be a limited number of judges to purchase for \$60 per judge. You must clear your request with the tournament director by Friday, November 15.

## Food

Light snacks and breakfast items will be available for purchase for the competitors, and will be provided for the judges. No lunch will be served.

## Events

Big Questions 2 on 2 debate! [Here](#) is a link to the format manual.

\*Note well: We have chosen to adopt the 2-on-2 approach, with a blanket acceptance of mavericks.

## Divisions

There will be a Varsity and JV division. We will collapse divisions if there are fewer than 6 entries in JV.

- **Varsity:** All varsity and JV debaters, plus any Congress or Speech competitors that choose varsity.
- **Junior varsity:** All novice debaters and any Congress or Speech competitors that choose JV.

## Event topic

**Resolved:** Objective morality exists.

## Awards

- **Varsity:** Plaques will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams/individuals.
- **Junior varsity:** Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams/individuals.
- **Sweeps:** One trophy.

## Schedule

8:30-8:45: Registration check in (please arrive early)

8:45: Judges meeting

9:00: Round 1

10:00: Round 2

11:15: Round 3

12:15: Exit surveys and awards

## Special information

This event is made possible by a pair of grants from the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA). Grant money is issued from the NSDA based on participation:

- Each event will earn \$400 for the first 15 students. If your event has one participant school, each additional student over the 15 minimum will earn your program \$10. If your event has three or more schools competing, each additional student will earn your program \$20.
- **All participating students and judges must complete an exit survey**, so please don't leave the tournament until you do!
- The full grant amount will be awarded following the completion of the reporting requirements; no upfront installments will be given.

The money we earn from the the NSDA will be distributed as follows:

- Schools will earn 1 share per student competing, up to a maximum of 6 shares. The total number of shares will be tallied, and a dollar amount will then be put on each share.
- Participating schools will then receive a check based on their total shares.

Please note that the process will take time, since the MFA first needs to receive the funds from the NSDA.