

# The Cave Classic Tournament

January 17-18, 2020

La Cueva High School, Albuquerque, NM  
7801 Wilshire NE, 87122

Please accept our invitation to attend the annual Cave Classic Speech and Debate Tournament at La Cueva High School, January 17-18, 2020. We are collecting coach information and entries in Tabroom at <http://lacueva.tabroom.com>. Tournament rules are available in the NMSDA Tournament Rules Handbook, updated Fall, 2019.

High school coaches, we are hosting three preliminary rounds of **HI, DI, Duo, POI, Informative, Original Oratory, U.S. Extemp, and International Extemp** on Friday, the 17th, for high school competitors. Students may enter up to three events. Final rounds of individual events and four rounds of **novice and varsity division Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum debate** will run on Saturday. Final round postings will be available Friday night on the tournament Remind, which will have a new join code from previous years.

Middle school coaches, we will host three rounds of middle level individual events (**Informative, HI, DI, Duo, POI, and Storytelling**) on Friday, accelerating the schedule as much as possible, and then we will determine the top three placings. Students may enter up to two events. If rankings warrant a final round, those will be scheduled for Saturday and posted on the tournament Remind Friday night. We also offer middle school students four rounds of **Middle School division Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum debate** on Saturday. Middle school rounds may be judged by high school students who have earned at least 250 NSDA points. We invite qualifying high school students from any school to participate as a middle level round judge.

**Schedule:** 2:30-3:30 Registration in LCHS room C-33.

## Friday, Jan 17th

3:00 extemp draw (library)

3:30-5:00 round 1 all IEs

4:45 extemp draw

5:15-6:45 round 2 all IEs

6:30 extemp draw

7:00-8:30 round 3 all IEs

**\*\*Mid school IE rounds will be scheduled**

In succession as soon as possible.

## Saturday, Jan 18th

7:30 finals extemp draw (library)

8:00-9:00 finals IEs

9:00-10:30 round 1 debates

10:45-12:00 round 2 debates

12:00-12:30 lunch

12:30-1:45 round 3 debates

2:15-3:30 round 4 debates

**\*\*Round 4 may be moved up or single-flighted. Please keep students on campus to avoid no-shows.**

4:00 Awards

No entry limits in Friday events. However, debate entries are limited to four in each division, exception: schools that bring adult debate judges may enter up to two additional students/teams for each adult judge. For example, a team with two VCX entries, six VPF entries, and five NLD entries would also bring two judges to help assure the tournament runs on time.

Novice entries will be those competitors who are in their first year of competition, or who have debated fewer than 11 rounds during school year 2018-2019. Those who competed at all in school year 2017-2018 and in a subsequent year may not be considered novice for this tournament. If one student in a team qualifies as varsity, the team must compete as varsity.

LCHS team members in their first year of competition may be entered to compete, but will not advance or be considered for place awards.

Friday evening's schedule does not have a built in mealtime, but Saturday there is a scheduled lunch break. There are numerous restaurants within a mile of LCHS as well as Smith's grocery store two blocks to the south of campus. Also, the LCHS speech and debate team will host a snack bar with drinks, pizza, fruit and snacks for sale. We respectfully request that teams encourage their members to use refillable water bottles and the bottle filler stations located throughout campus for drinking water.

Coaches and judges will enjoy beverages, snacks, and meals in the judge lounge located in C-hall.

**Registration deadline is January 13th, 5:00 pm.**

Please register your team in Tabroom at <http://lacueva.tabroom.com>

\$8 entry fee for individual IEs and LD debate. \$16 entry fee for partner events (Duo, CX, PF). No maverick entries in CX or PF. Entry fees can be paid by cash or by check made out to La Cueva High School. We also accept a school PO made out to La Cueva High School.

Make drops before entry fees freeze as of January 14th at 5:00 pm. Schools will be invoiced for all entries after this time. Please make every attempt to limit changes after this date. If any such change needs to happen, please email updates to Susan Schripsema at [schripsema\\_s@aps.edu](mailto:schripsema_s@aps.edu). Do not text message entry updates. It is each coach's affirmative duty not to become a nuisance with your drops, changes, and email messages. Mistakes will be made; lives will be affected. Cake might compensate. But, why take the risk.

Note: Computers and other electronic devices will be allowed in debates and in the extemp prep area to access previously downloaded material. However, there will be no internet use to download files or browse the internet. LCHS does not have guest wifi.

A word about our ceramic trophies: We are pleased to offer artisan ceramics to students who place in competition. Each high quality, beautiful piece uniquely represents the talent of the student who comes to possess it. Please watch this brief YouTube video featuring artist Jin Yoshida for additional perspective about why these ceramics are a special part of the Cave Classic, and why we are proud to offer them as awards. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuBT4NysDzE>

We hope you join us at The Cave for a great tournament. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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