

# MANCHESTER ESSEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE & SPEECH TEAM

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Dear Colleagues,

You and your debaters are cordially invited to the Tim Averill Invitational Debate Tournament, to be held at Manchester Essex Regional High School in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts, on October 26-27, 2012. Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas debate will be held both Friday and Saturday; all speech events will be held on Saturday only. We want the tournament to be affordable, competitive and accessible for all. We are pleased to announce that our director of tabulation will again be our coach *emeritus*, Tim Averill. Our tournament will feature high quality competition and judging in the following events:

## Open Public Forum Debate - The Averill is a TOC qualifying tournament in Public Forum at the Quarterfinal Level, and we anticipate a large field.

- PFD will use the NFL's October topic, "Resolved: Developed countries have a moral obligation to mitigate the effects of climate change."

## Open and Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate

- Varsity LD will use the NFL's September-October topic, "Resolved: The United States ought to extend to non-citizens accused of terrorism the same constitutional due process protections it grants to citizens."
- Novice LD will use "Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified."
- A Novice debater is a debater who is in their first year of high school debate (having competed in Speech in a previous year does not disqualify a debater as a novice in debate). Competing in two or more High School tournaments in a previous school year removes a debater's novice status.

## 17 Standard MFL speech events

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| ✓ Children's Literature   | ✓ Humorous Interpretation | ✓ Original Oratory   |
| ✓ Declamation             | ✓ Impromptu               | ✓ Play Reading       |
| ✓ Dramatic Interpretation | ✓ Multiple                | ✓ Poetry Reading     |
| ✓ Duo Interpretation      | ✓ Novice Extemporaneous   | ✓ Prose Reading      |
| ✓ Extemporaneous Speaking | Speaking                  | ✓ Radio Broadcasting |
| ✓ Group Discussion        | ✓ Novice Reading          | ✓ Student Congress   |
- Students will be able to double enter in two events, with the exception of Public Forum debate, novice or varsity LD debate, novice or varsity Extemporaneous Speaking, Student Congress, Radio Broadcasting, and Group Discussion. "Triple entry" is allowed for those who wish to compete in multiple as well as double enter in two other events.
  - The topic for group discussion will be: **ELECTIONS**
  - Congressional legislation must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm Friday, October 19, 2012 and will be available online shortly thereafter at [www.massforensics.org](http://www.massforensics.org). Please send legislation to Mr. PJ Wexler, VP of Student Congress, [Paul.Wexler@needham.k12.ma.us](mailto:Paul.Wexler@needham.k12.ma.us).
  - Following new MFL Student Congress Rules, "students from schools which have failed to submit legislation or receive a waiver from the congress chair to do so shall have one rank per judge, including the parliamentarian, added to their score."

## Registration Information:

Registration and details for the Tournament can be found on the appropriate tabs at our tournament site on [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com). If you have questions or need assistance registering, please contact Tim Averill at [timaverill@comcast.net](mailto:timaverill@comcast.net).

## Important details:

- The tournament will begin for PF and LD at 3:45 PM on Friday with Round 1. Please be in the building by 3:15.
- 6 preliminary rounds in Public Forum Debate and five preliminary rounds in LD.
- An appropriate number of elimination rounds will be scheduled in LD. PF will break to octofinals.
- The tournament for speech will begin Saturday morning. MFL schools attending with speech teams must call **Jen Coleman at (978) 944-1451** to check in between 7:00 and 8:00 am. If there is no answer, **DO NOT** leave a message. Instead, try again in a few minutes. When checking in, please identify your school and inform us of any roster changes.
- 3 preliminary rounds will be held in all MFL speech events followed by a final round. Each speech event will run in 3 of the 4 allotted time slots depending on space and judge availabilities. A semi-final round will be held in events with 40 or more contestants (with the exception of Student Congress and Group Discussion). In the event of more than three MFL speech events having 40 or more contestants, the three largest events will have a semi-final round.
- Student Congress will have two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, followed by a super-session final. Each chamber will have two judges and a parliamentarian. The parliamentarian will stay in the same chamber for the duration of the preliminary sessions. Judges will not judge one chamber for more than one session.
- We are lining up a well-qualified judging pool in all divisions. Students with 150+ NFL points may judge in the novice divisions of debate. Students may not judge any speech events. A judge is required for every 3 LD debaters or fraction thereof, for every 3 PF teams or fraction thereof, and for every 5 speech entries or fraction thereof. Hired judges will cost \$150 for each obligation. Save money by bringing your own judges.
- Our fees have been revised to reflect the challenges of this economy and to run the tournament on a “break-even” (subsidized) basis. **The flat rate will be \$15 per individual in Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas, and \$5 per individual in all standard MFL speech events.** That brings us back to twentieth-century pricing. While meals will be sold Friday night, Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon, they are not included in your entry fee. In addition to these meals, snacks will be available for sale throughout the tournament.
- Housing slots are available for competitors as well as a limited number of college judges. All households will be CORI-checked per Massachusetts law.

We hope to see you on October 26th!

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## Tentative Schedule

### Friday, October 26, 2012

2:30 – 3:15	When your team begins traveling to the tournament please check in by phone by calling <b>Jen Coleman at (978) 944-1451</b> . You must register by 3:00 to participate in round one. Registration will be in the front hallway. All debaters report to the auditorium and adult coaches, chaperones, and hired judges all check in. <b>No housing without registration for it ahead of time!!!</b>
3:30-3:40	Opening meeting in Auditorium
3:45-5:30	Round One in LD and PF
5:30-7:00	Round Two in LD and PF
7:00-8:00	Dinner in Cafeteria.
8:00-9:30	Round Three in LD and PF
9:30	Return to Cafeteria for housing

### Saturday, October 27, 2012

7:00-8:00	Check in by phone for all MFL teams competing in MFL speech events. Please call <b>Jen Coleman at (978) 944-1451</b> to check in. If there is no answer, <b>DO NOT</b> leave a message. Instead, try again in a few minutes
7:30-8:30	Continental Breakfast in High School cafeteria. Schematics will be released.
8:00-9:30	Round Four in PF and LD
8:15-8:30	Registration in front hall for MFL teams competing in MFL speech events
8:30	MFL speech judge meetings
9:15	General opening meeting MFL speech event competitors, coaches, and judges
9:30-10:45	MFL Speech Events Round 1 time slot
9:30-11:45	Student Congress Session 1
10:15-11:45	Round Five in PF and LD
10:45-11:30	MFL Speech Events Round 2 time slot
11:30-1:00	Lunch in Cafeteria
12:00-12:45	MFL Speech Events Round 3 time slot
12:15-2:30	Student Congress Session 2
12:30-2:00	Round 6 in PF. Elimination rounds in LD.
1:15-2:00	MFL Speech Events Round 4 time slot
2:00-2:45	MFL Speech Events Tentative Semi-Final Round, MFL Multiple Round 1
2:00-3:00	Octofinals in PF. Elimination rounds in LD
3:15	Draw for MFL Speech Event Finals
3:30	Awards Ceremony for PF and LD. Subsequent elimination rounds in PF announced.
3:30-4:45 approx.	Student Congress Final Super-Session
3:45-4:30	MFL Speech Events Final Round
5:45	Awards for MFL Speech Events

All judges are reminded that you are obligated for one round beyond the elimination of your highest achieving team. Every judge is obligated for the first elimination round.

Packets and ballots will be released at the completion of the awards ceremony.