



# **PALOS VERDES PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL**

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Colleagues and friends:

We're happy to invite you to the fourth annual Peninsula Invitational, hosted by Palos Verdes Peninsula High School in Rolling Hills Estates, California. This year we will be hosting the event on the Classrooms.cloud platform. Events will begin on Saturday, January, 23, 2021 and end on Monday, January 25, 2021. We will offer novice and varsity divisions of Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum debate, plus Parliamentary and Congressional Debate as well as all CHSSA and NIETOC speech events. We are a TOC semifinals bid tournament in the varsity Lincoln-Douglas division, a finals bid in the varsity policy and public forum divisions, and a top six bid in Congressional debate. We are also a bid tournament in speech for both NIETOC and the TOC hosted by The University of Kentucky (UK).

Varsity Policy debate, Lincoln-Douglas debate, and Public Forum debate will begin on Saturday, January 23 and conclude on Monday, January 25. Parliamentary and novice debate divisions will begin on Saturday and conclude on Sunday. Congress will take place on Saturday only and speech events on Sunday only. This year we are only allowing debaters entered in parliamentary debate and congressional debate to double-enter in speech events.

Registration will take place online at <http://penvitational.tabroom.com>, beginning on October 2, 2020, at 5:00 pm Pacific time. Please register early. We are setting an initial cap of 176 in varsity LD debate, 84 in other varsity debate events, and 42 in novice debate events. That number allows 4-2s to break to LD triples, 4-2s in other debate events to break to doubles, and 3-1s in novice events to break to octas on Sunday. It's possible we adjust the schedule and/or entry limits but we want to break as large a percentage of entries with winning records as possible while maintaining a manageable schedule.

All entries will initially be placed on a waitlist. Entries will be admitted after judges are entered or hired judging requested until initial entry caps are met.

Fees and obligations will be frozen on January 13, 2021 at 12:00 am Pacific time. Schools can make drops, swaps, and name changes until January 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm Pacific time and enter judges until January 17, 2021 at 10:00 pm Pacific time.

We look forward to the challenge this year presents and hope you are able to join us.

Sincerely,  
Scott Wheeler  
Tournament Director

Kimi Hendrick  
Club Advisor

## TOURNAMENT RULES AND ENTRY GUIDELINES

### Entries:

We ask that you please register early. Please also enter your judging as soon as possible. All entries will initially be placed on a waitlist until judging is entered or requested. Entries have doubled each of the past two years and we aren't sure what to expect this year absent limitations of geography.

Students should compete for the degree-granting institution in which they are enrolled. Hybrid entries will be accepted in non-TOC qualifying divisions. Students must be supervised by a responsible (and reachable) adult and may not attend against the wishes of their school. Please contact us if you have questions about this policy.

### Double Entry Limitations:

Students may only compete in one debate event. Students competing in Congressional or Parliamentary debate may double-enter in speech events in either pattern. Students may not enter more than two speech events per pattern. Students who double-enter are expected to get to their rounds on time. Parliamentary debaters who advance to elimination rounds will have to drop from Pattern A speech events. Parliamentary debaters who advance to octafinals will have to drop from Pattern B speech events.

### Patterns:

Speech Pattern A: Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Thematic Interpretation/Program Oral Interpretation, Original Prose/Poetry

Speech Pattern B: Extemp, Impromptu, Original Oratory/Advocacy/Persuasive, Informative/Expository, Oratorical Interpretation/Declamation

### Debate Topics:

The Policy debate topic will be "Resolved: The United States federal government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following: forensic science, policing, sentencing.

The LD topic will be "Resolved: States ought to ban lethal autonomous weapons."

The Public Forum topic will be "Resolved: The National Security Agency should end its surveillance of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents."

Parli topic areas will be available on [penvitational.tabroom.com](http://penvitational.tabroom.com) on January 8, 2021.

Please email Congressional legislation to [scottwheels@mac.com](mailto:scottwheels@mac.com) by January 4, 2021. The packet will be available on [penvitational.tabroom.com](http://penvitational.tabroom.com) on January 8.

### Judging:

All judges need to be linked to a Tabroom account to be registered. Seasoned competitors in their third or fourth year of competition are permitted to judge the novice division of their event.

All judges are required to have judge philosophies on Tabroom. Failure to do so will result in losing preferences/strikes and/or not having the judge count towards fulfilling the school's judging obligation.

Any limitations on availability need to be communicated in the "Notes" section on Tabroom.

Any surprises during the tournament will be treated as "no shows" (e.g. a judge paired for round three who isn't on campus has not fulfilled her judging requirement, even if she's only in for three rounds and was on campus for the other five rounds, unless this conflict was communicated to the tournament beforehand).

### Judging obligations:

Varsity Policy and Parli: 3 rounds per entry

LD, PF, and Novice Policy: 2 rounds per entry

Speech and Congress: 1 judge for every 6 entries or fraction thereof

Please request hires through Tabroom for any judging commitments you are unable to meet.

Each school that has entries not covered by a judge from the school will be assessed uncovered judge fees. These will be higher than the cost to hire judges, in order to encourage schools to request hires in advance. Hired judging is limited and takes some effort to arrange. The deadline for hired judging is 12/23/2020 at 9 am Pacific.

A Judge may only cover entries in either speech or debate, but not both.

Judges are committed to judge one round beyond when the last student from that school is eliminated from competition. Missed round fees will be assessed if judges leave before your commitment is filled.

#### Event Rules and Guidelines:

NIETOC rules will be followed for Oratory, DI, HI, POI, Informative, and Duo Interpretation.

<http://nietoc.com/full-details/>

CHSSA rules will be followed for Extemp, Oratorical Interpretation, Original Prose and Poetry, and Impromptu. <http://www.chssa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Updated-CHSSA-Rules-and-Regs.pdf>

The TOC rules and procedures document will be followed for Policy Debate, LD, PF, and Congressional Debate. <https://ci.uky.edu/UKDebate/tournament-procedures>

NPDL TOC round rules will be used in Parliamentary Debate.

<https://www.parliamentarydebate.org/legislative-code>

#### Entry Fees:

School Fee: \$30

Varsity debate entry: \$90

Novice debate entry: \$60

Congress entry: \$25

Duo entry: \$30

IE entry (excluding Duo): \$15

Uncovered Judge Costs:

All Debate events: \$50 per round

IE/Congress: \$50 / uncovered entry

Judge no show: \$50 (must be paid prior to out rounds)

NOTE: In the past we've charged a \$20 drop fee for changes made after the fees frozen date. We will no longer be charging these fees, but all fees as of the frozen fees date are final. We will not be waiving them.

Schools requesting fee waivers should email [scottwheels@mac.com](mailto:scottwheels@mac.com).

#### Event schedules

Can be found at <http://penvitational.tabroom.com>.