

2020 Pennsylvania Online Charity Tournament

May 30, 2020

Dear Coaches,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you and your team to the Pennsylvania Online Charity Tournament on May 30, 2020. This will be an online tournament taking place over Zoom (debate and extemp) and using Google (for recorded speech events) to raise money for relief and research efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

CHARITY INFORMATION:

Proceeds from the registration fees from this tournament will go towards to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Emergency Response Fund. This charity helps countries across the globe respond to pandemics with capital to fund immediate needs of citizens but also fueling the research that will bring about a permanent solution to this global crisis.

“Funds raised by the CDC Foundation through our Emergency Response Fund will be used to meet fast-emerging needs identified by CDC to help respond to the public health threat posed by this virus. These include additional support for state and local health departments, support for the global response, logistics, communications, data management, personal protective equipment, critical response supplies and more.”

Every dollar that goes towards mitigating this pandemic is one that helps save lives. We hope this tournament can play a part in helping healthcare workers, policymakers, and everyone across the globe who has been affected by this pandemic.

REGISTRATION

Registration will run from 7:15 to 8:00 a.m EST online on May 30. Please check in with all students to ensure their attendance before confirming registration on that Saturday morning.

EVENTS OFFERED:

Debate

- Congressional Debate
- Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Public Forum Debate

- Policy Debate
- Worlds School (with enough interest)

Speech (all recording-based* other than Extemporaneous)

- Original Oratory
- Extemporaneous
- Humorous Interpretation
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Prose/Poetry
- Informative
- Program Oral Interpretation

***Note: Anyone who is participating in a recording-based speech event may also enter in extemporaneous or any debate event. There is no limit to the number of recorded speech events that you may enter. Please enter judges and make donations according to the total number of entries that you have.**

RULES:

This tournament will use the rules for the upcoming NSDA National Tournament.

For debate events:

- Preparation time for Policy Debate will be 8 minutes.
- Preparation Times for LD and PF will be increased by one minute.
 - o PF specific: The judge must flip a coin at the beginning of the round in order to determine sides and speaking order
- Evidence sharing must be done through a virtual chat room (such as through Zoom) or an email chain
- For Worlds Schools, points of information (POI) will be done through a wave of a participant's hand or the hand raise icon on Zoom. **There will be no verbal interruptions.**

For speech events:

- For pre-recorded events, all registrants must put the URL's to their videos in the section on Tabroom that denotes "speech title/selection" and on the section marked "online info. This is in order to ensure that judges can easily access speeches on their ballots. Make sure to make YouTube videos "Unlisted" and not "Private."
 - o These URLs must be sent to the tournament coordinators by Friday, May 29 at 8:00 AM.

FEES:

The registration fee is \$10.00* per student. **Please make all checks payable to North Allegheny Senior High School (or NASH). Please indicate in the subject line that payment is for the Pennsylvania Online Charity Tournament.**

***Note: For teams competing in Worlds Schools, the fee will be \$20.00 per team.**

Mail to the following address:

NASH, Attn Sharon Volpe, 10375 Perry Hwy, Wexford, PA 15090

Note: We understand certain people cannot reach their business offices during this pandemic. Please contact one of the coordinators if you are unable to mail payment before the tournament to make accommodations.

SCHEDULE

Here's the tentative schedule for the day (subject to change):

8:15 - Debate Round 1

8:30 - Speech Round 1

9:15 - Debate Round 2

9:30 - Speech Round 2

10:30 – Debate Round 3

11:00 - Speech Round 3

11:30-12:15 - Debate Lunch

12:30 - Debate Round 4

12:15 – 1:00 – Speech Lunch

1:15 - Speech Round 4

1:45 - Debate Round 5

3:15 – Finals for all events

Awards – 4:30

TOPICS

In Policy debate, we will use the 2019-20 NSDA resolution.

In Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas, we will use the topics for the NSDA National Tournament.

Worlds Schools will use the topics released by the NSDA.

Congress legislation will be posted on Tabroom by May 23. For schools participating in congress, please send bills to arjunnarayan319@gmail.com.

JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

1 judge per 4 speech entries; 1 judge per 2 debate entries (one two-person team=one debate entry). ALL BALLOTING WILL BE DONE ONLINE. Please be sure that your judges are registered on TABROOM and linked to your school. **Seniors are allowed to judge or compete.**

AWARDS

We will be awarding certificates to the top competitors in each event. These will be emailed to coaches following the tournament.

CONTACT INFO

If you have questions or concerns, please email any of the following people.

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