



# William Tennent High School

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*"In the dog days of summer as muslin curls on its own heat  
And crickets cry in the black walnut tree  
The wind lifts up my life  
And sets it some distance from where it was."  
-Meena Alexander*

On behalf of the William Tennent High School Speech and Debate Team, we are pleased to invite you to the first ever *Socially Distant Dog Days of Summer Tournament* on **Friday, August 21st and Saturday, August 22nd**. This tournament is a single entry, single flighted online tournament. All speech and debate events will be **live**! This tournament is a great opportunity to familiarize your students and judges with an online tournament environment prior to the official start of your season. We will use a platform that is similar to NSDA Campus.

## Tournament Staff

Dr. Colleen Mooney and assistant coach Tim Coughlin will be hosting and directing this tournament.

## Registration

Tournament registration will occur through Tabroom.com. Registration will close on Tuesday, August 18th at 5:00 PM. Judges are due on Wednesday, August 19th at 5:00 PM. **Registration is now FREE.** (If you already mailed your registration payment you will be refunded.) We require one adult judge for every two debate entries and one adult judge for every five speech entries.

All registered competitors must have their coach's permission to participate in this tournament.

## Schedule (All times listed are in Eastern Standard Time.)

Registration & check-in will be open from 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM. Students and judges will be sent a link for an online room which will serve as the tournament hub for announcements. An opening meeting will start at 5:00 PM with Round 1 starting at 5:15 PM for all events.

There will be six preliminary rounds of competition in all events breaking to quarterfinals. Elimination rounds may be increased or decreased should numbers warrant.

The awards ceremony is scheduled to begin at 5:15 PM.

The full tournament schedule is posted on Tabroom.

## Events (Open Division)

The following events will follow NSDA rules:

- Declamation
- Original Oratory
- World Schools Debate
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- Policy Debate
- Public Forum

The following event will follow NCFL rules:

- Oral Interpretation\*

\*Oral Interpretation rounds will alternate between poetry and prose. We will conduct a coin flip prior to the first round to determine whether we start with poetry or prose.

World Schools Debate motions for each round are posted on Tabroom. We will use the NSDA topics for September-October for Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Public Forum Debate. These debate topics will be released on August 8th.

Students will earn NSDA points for their participation in this tournament. NSDA points will be available for automatic posting after the tournament.

## Balloting

We will use tabroom.com for balloting, so all competitors and judges MUST have linked Tabroom accounts!

## Questions

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you online in August!

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