

**Speak of the Devil 2020**  
**Official Virtual Schedule**



**ALL TIMES EASTERN**

**Monday 10/19 @ 5 PM EST (or slightly before): LTD PREP TOPICS RELEASED:**

Improv Duo topics, Impromptu quote options, & Extemp questions will all be released for both divisions. Students will have from the time you receive the email containing the LTD prep event info until the registration deadline to submit recordings via the registration process on tabroom.com. Please remember that entries WITHOUT recorded links will be dropped from the tournament past the deadline so please make sure that your recordings both work and are posted with each speech entry you have.

**Tuesday 10/20 @ 5 PM EST: CLOSE OF REGISTRATION:** ALL recordings, student entries, & judge names/info will be set in stone and locked into place at that time.

PLEASE make sure to have everything tied up in a nice, neat, little metaphorical package by this time and please understand that I am on a strict time crunch for the entire week. My #1 goal is to make sure you and your students enjoy the experience. Help me help you by making sure you meet the deadlines as I will begin immediately pairing the tournament at that time.

**Wednesday 10/21 @ 8-9AM EST: Prelim Speech Rounds 1 & 2 BEGIN!** Pairings will be released and judge rounds will be blasted via tabroom at some point Wednesday morning. It's possible that I may get these out late Tuesday night before this time, but this Wednesday morning is my more realistic goal timeline. NOTE: All prelim speech rounds MUST be finished & turned in from ALL judges by Thursday evening at 10:00 PM EST (*which gives you approximately a day and a half to finish all of your team's prelim judging obligations*).

**Thursday, 10/22: Prelim Speech Rounds 1 & 2 END!** The window for judging will be CLOSED at 10:00 PM EST on this day. Incomplete rounds by judges will be treated as judge drops and immediately re-assigned so coaches PLEASE ensure that your judges fulfill their prelim obligations. I will be contacting coaches for any late judges or dropped

round fines so be cognizant of this deadline. Please check in with your judges before I have to in order to ensure that they have all finished and turned in their ballots before I replace them and issue any nuisance fees (*but I'm going to cross my fingers that nothing like that will have to happen*).

**Friday, 10/23: FINALS FOR ALL SPEECH EVENTS!!!** Finals for Speech events will be announced & ballots will be sent out to judges early Friday morning. You will have from that point until 10 PM EST on this same day to finish your team's final round judging obligation. My plan is to give no judge more than 1 finals round (*like a typical in-person speech tournament*) so your judges who are assigned to finals will have around 10 to 12 hours to finish this judging assignment.

**Saturday, 10/24: DEBATE ROUNDS BEGIN!!!**

#### **Debate Events Schedule:**

9:00 AM	Team check-in ( <i>ALL Coaches must check in with me at this time</i> ) ( <i>Also - coaches - please meet with your squads in your team's assigned virtual squad room found on your tabroom homepage - note that you must be signed in to access this room</i> ).
10:00 AM	Debate Round 1 - Varsity PF, Varsity LD, Novice PF, & Novice LD + Congress Session 1
12:00 PM	Debate Round 2 - Varsity PF, Varsity LD, Novice PF, & Novice LD
1:00 PM	Congress Session 2
2:00 PM	Debate Round 3 - Varsity PF, Varsity LD, Novice PF, & Novice LD
4:00 PM	Semi-Finals (Debate Round 4) + Congress Supers
6:00 PM	Finals (Debate Round 5)
8:00 PM	Awards*

(*AWARDS: Awards will be announced for Speech events Saturday evening (specific time TBA) with the Debate events ceremony following the conclusion of all rounds. My*

*plan is to either host a live video on YouTube (time announced via tabroom.com) OR potentially via a massive group ZOOM call (with link sent out to all coaches/competitors/judges) or possibly even a Facebook live event. Stay tuned for what magical tech party idea I come up with as we get closer to the 24th. No matter what, I promise to be at least mildly entertaining while I inevitably mis-pronounce as few names as possible (feel free to use that phonetic pronunciation guide in tabroom if you happen to get bored over the next few days).*