Online Novice Scrimmage for WA

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Dear Coaches and Squads,

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend our online scrimmage, on October 24th, 2020. The tournament will offer Lincoln Douglas, Policy, Public Forum, Congressional Debate as well as IEs. We will follow current WSFA rules for all events. The rules can be found at: http://wiaa.com/subcontent.aspx?SecID=327. We will have 2 divisions in LD, PF, CX, Extemp, and Impromptu: level B for students with less than a year of experience in Speech and Debate, level A will be for students with a year or more of experience in Speech and Debate. The other events will have 1 combined division.

Platform

We will be using Cascade Commons - a platform developed by students and coaches in Bellevue, Washington. To access the platform, go to cascadecommons.org.

After coaches register entries on Tabroom, they must fill out the attached excel spreadsheet (to clarify, make sure that the spreadsheet includes information about judges, coaches, observers and competitors). Submitting this spreadsheet is the most critical step in this process. Without the spreadsheet, competitors will not be able to submit asynchronous speech recordings and access tournament rooms. Once a coach emails support@cascadecommons.org with the spreadsheet, it will be added to the system and they will be sent a confirmation email.

Once this confirmation email is received, all competitors, coaches and judges from that school will be able to access the website and submit asynchronous recordings. Additional information and guides on the process of signing up, submitting asynchronous recordings, and participating in synchronous speech events will be sent out in this confirmation email; this information will also be on Tabroom.

Debate

Please check http://speechanddebate.org/topics for the accurate topic wording for all topics.

Lincoln-Douglas: We will use the November-December topic. Rounds will follow the 6-3- 7-3- 4-6-3 format and have 4 minutes of prep time per competitor.

Policy: Rounds will follow the 8-3-5 format with 5 minutes of prep time per team.

Public Forum: We will use the November-December topic as published on the NSDA website. Please note that PF runs with LD and CX. Rounds will follow standard PF time format with 2 minutes of prep per team.

Congress: Two 1.5-hour sessions of Student Congress will be offered. If there are at least 12 entries in both divisions, then each will remain separate, otherwise it will be a combined session. The session will conflict with CX, LD and PF. We will be using legislation from the Fall 2020 WSFA packet as emailed out by the congress committee. All legislation – prelims and supers – will be eligible to be chosen, aside from novice only legislation which is only eligible to level B. If you need a copy of this document, please let us know. It will be posted online and will also be available via email. This timeline should allow students to research and understand the topics at a greater level than surface knowledge.

IEs

All individual events aside from Extemporaneous Speaking and Impromptu Speaking will run asynchronously. The submission and judging of the speeches will happen on the Cascade Commons Platform. The speeches will be due by 11:59 PM on Wednesday, October 21st, 2020. Pairings will be released for both rounds at 9:00 AM on Thursday, October 22nd, 2020. The judges will have until 9:00 PM on Friday, October 23rd, 2020 to submit their ballots on Tabroom.com. Extemporaneous and Impromptu Speaking will be run synchronously during the times listed on the schedule.

For IE finals, all asynchronous will be obligated to judge. The pairings for Asynchronous IE finals will be released at 12:00 PM on October 24th. The ballots will be due by 6:00 PMM on October 24th.

Oratory: This is a memorized speech that has a ten (10) minute time limit with a 30 second grace period. A manuscript must be available on judge's request. The speech must have no more than 150 quoted words.

Informative: May be memorized or not memorized with a (10) minute time limit, 30 second grace period. Visual aids are not required but are preferred by most judges. There may be no more than 150 quoted words.

Interpretation: All have a ten (10) minute time limit with 30 second grace period. Programs may be one or more selections of published prose, poetry, radio, or television scripts. The program must be memorized. Titles and authors must be identified during the program. Full body movement is allowed.

Humorous: This must be humorous in nature.

<ins>Dramatic</ins>: This must be dramatic in nature.

<ins>Program of Oral Interpretation</ins>: This is a (10) minute, themed program that must have at least one cutting of prose and one of poetry and/or drama. All pieces must be published and titles and authors must be identified during the program. Delivery must involve the use of a manuscript/binder. 30 second grace period.

<ins>Impromptu</ins>: The contestant will have 6 minutes in which to choose one of three topics, prepare, organize thoughts, and speak. The topic of choice must be stated as part of the introduction. Judges will give oral time signals during prep time and hand signals while the contestant is speaking. All speakers are to remain in the room until all have performed. The only exception is for double entries. 30 second grace period.

<ins>Extemporaneous</ins>: State Rules apply. Thirty minutes of prep time followed by 7 minutes of speaking time. Judges will provide time signals while competitor is speaking. Novice speakers may use a 4x6 note card. 30 second grace period.

Registration

Registration will occur through tabroom.com. The deadline for registration is Monday, October 19th, 2020 at 5 pm. Please register early. Changes in registration must be made at the website. The scrimmage will be entirely free.

Please keep track of your entries on the Tabroom website. We will not be sending any sort of confirmation to you before the tournament. You will receive communication during the week of the tournament about entries, drops, judging, and other necessary items so that we will run smoothly and on time.

Judging Requirements

As there are conflicts in the schedule, please be sure to calculate your judging needs properly. We will not have a large number of judges for hire and need to be able to run the tournament efficiently. Please tell your judges when they need to be in the building to judge as we don't have a lot of free time. IF YOUR JUDGES DO NOT SHOW WE WILL BE FORCED TO START DROPPING YOUR COMPETITORS – STARTING WITH YOUR MOST SENIOR PEOPLE IN THE EVENT YOUR JUDGES FAIL TO SHOW. THE NUMBER DROPPED WILL BE EQUAL TO THE RATIOS SHOWN BELOW.

- One judge covers five (5) IE entries.
- One judge covers 3 Public Forum entries or 3 LD entries.
- One judge covers 2 CX teams.
- One judge is required for each school entering Student Congress participants.
- Your school is obligated to provide judges for the categories and divisions in which your students are entered.

Please remember: Lack of a judge at registration will result in an automatic reduction in your school's number of entries. If your judges do not pick up ballots we will drop competitors starting with A Division until judging requirements are met. We will reduce numbers starting with your most senior competitors.

<u>Schedule</u>

Saturday, October 24th

7:30 am	Extemp Prep Round 1
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9:00 am	Debate—LD/CX/PF Round 1 Congress Session 1
10:30 am	Extemp Prep Round 2
11:00 am	IE(Extemp/Impromptu) Round 2
12:30 pm	Debate—LD/CX/PF Round 2
2:30 pm	IE Round 3
4:00 pm	Debate—LD/CX/PF Round 3 Congress Session 2
6:15 pm	Finals for CX/LD/PF and Asynchronous Speech We will also hold finals for Impromptu and Extemporaneous. We will delay debate finals for anyone that is in one of the real time speech events and Debate Finals.

Places and Certificate Awards will be emailed to all coaches as soon as possible.