

# B.R.I.D.G.E. Series - NYU Global Debate Invitational





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## Tournament Announcement

The National Speech and Debate Association of Vancouver proudly extends an invitation to your team for our 1st annual NYU Global Debate High School Invitational. NSDA Vancouver is excited to work with NYU as a sponsor to give students the opportunity to compete on the BIGGEST STAGE at elite universities. For more information about debating at NYU click [HERE](#). NSDA Vancouver is committed to offering comprehensive tournaments that focus on competition, scholarship and access. To that end we have partnered with NYU to offer this exclusive opportunity.

This tournament will consist of three distinct parts: **Admissions Workshop, Novice Teach-In and Competition**. On Friday December 11, 2020 the Admissions Workshop will take place. Admissions advisors from New York University and the Director of the Global Debate Fund will join us to talk about debate, applications and admissions. On Sunday December 13, 2020 the Novice Teach-In will take place. NSDA Vancouver will spotlight three educators of distinction and ask them to share their perspective on debate. This teach-in will focus on the following skills and speech: cross-fire, rebuttals, final focus.

The invitational will be held online and take place on Saturday and Sunday December 12-13, 2020. We intend to offer middle school, novice, junior varsity and varsity divisions of Public Forum and speech events. Our goal is to provide access to speech and debate events, exposure to college preparation and capable judging. We look forward to digitally hosting you this holiday season.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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## From the Director's Desk

Greetings,

At NSDA Vancouver our mission is to lift every voice through communication, critical thinking and dialogue to make a difference in the world. When we can effectively communicate, we can inspire others to do the same.

We are excited to provide programs for international competition and cross-border collaboration. This invitation is the first of many events we will hold throughout the year to provide students with competitive and development opportunities in a safe educational environment. This invitation is part of our **B.R.I.D.G.E. Initiative** which focuses on Building Research Influenced Debates and Growth Experiences (B.R.I.D.G.E.) for primary and secondary students in Canada and the United States.

Come visit, take a tour, get involved! Bring your energy and resources and find out how you can influence the world with NSDA Vancouver.

In Collaboration,

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## Importance Dates:

Entries Due: 12/1/2020

Fee Freeze: 12/4/2020

Judges Due: 12/4/2020

Payment Due: 12/7/2020



# Tournament Details

## **Tabroom:**

Tab Room: We are fortunate to have an outstanding tab staff. Nick Ryan and Deven Cooper will be leading our tabroom staff.

## **Platform:**

[NSDA Campus](#) - we will be using NSDA Campus to host our online events. If you have questions about NSDA Campus click the link.

## **Events:**

Public Forum, Dramatic Interpretation, Original Oratory, Declamation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking.

## **Divisions:**

**Open** - This division is open to all competitors. (All IE events are open to all competitors.)

**JV** - This division is reserved for people who are ineligible for novice but not experienced enough for Open. Students typically have at least a year of experience and at least three tournaments.

**Novice** - This division is for students who have debated a year or less. If you have debated for a year and attended three or more tournaments you are ineligible to compete in novice.

**Middle School Open** - This division for students in G6-8. Students that have debated for more than 1 year should be in this division. If you have a mixed partnership (student with more than a year of experience and a student with less) you have to be in Open.

**Middle School Novice** - This division is for G6-8. Students that have debated for less than 1 year are eligible to compete in the novice division.



**Topic:**

Resolved: The United States should adopt a declaratory nuclear policy of no first use.

Independent Entries - We will accept independent entries with a chaperone and dedicated judge. Due to the nature of international competition we will require additional information from all independent entries. [Contact us](#) for more information.



# Public Forum

## **Logistics:**

### **Fees:**

**\*All fees are listed in USD**

Public Forum Open - \$100

Public Forum JV - \$100

Public Forum Novice - \$80

Tournament fees include workshop admission for JV and Open. Novice can pay an additional fee for entry to the workshop too. In the event of an event cap the workshop will be made available to all participants in the Open and JV division via our website and Youtube.

Novice Teach-In is a free skill workshop for your students. If you choose to “opt-out” just let the tournament know by Friday December 11, 2020 5:00 PM PST.

## **Judging:**

Our goal is to run this tournament single flighted. Teams are expected to bring one (1) judge per two (2) entries. The tournament can provide additional judging at \$30/round. This fee will be added to your total invoice for the tournament and will be due Monday December 7, 2020 by 9:00 PM PST.

Failure to pay for uncovered rounds judging before the start of the tournament will result in a removal from the tournament.

Failure to appear (judges/team) will result in fees and penalties for the school.

- First infraction: warning
- Second infraction: fine - the school that “hired” the judge will be responsible for covering rounds missed by the judge. If you have a judge that can replace them then the fine will be waived.
- Following infractions: disqualification of teams from your school/organization starting with the top team and continuing in descending order.

All school entries MUST have an adult contact participating in the tournament.

## **Judge Disclosure and post round feedback:**

In an effort to increase the educational benefits of Public Forum, the tournament asks that **judges disclose their decision and provide feedback for students**. The current trend in Public Forum often leaves students wondering how they won or lost a debate. This is an effort to correct that. .





### **Round Times:**

#### Speech Times are:

- 4 Minute Constructive - **Pro/Con**
- 3 minute Crossfire
- 4 Minute Rebuttal - **Pro/Con**
- 3 Minute Crossfire
- 3 Minute Summary - **Pro/Con**
- 3 Minute Grand Crossfire
- 2 Minute Final Focus - **Pro/Con**

#### Prep Time:

3 Minutes - Pro/Con

#### Tech Prep:

We suggest you allow each team :30 seconds for technical issues related to evidence. Once that time has expired begin deducting time from their prep time.

### **Elimination Rounds:**

#### Clearing Teams:

We plan to clear every team with a winning record up to half the field as long as the schedule allows. 3-3 may clear to fill an elimination round.

#### PF Tiebreakers:

1. Wins
2. H/L Points
3. Total Points
4. Opp wins for prelim rounds
5. Opp seed for prelim rounds

### **Protest:**

All protests should be addressed to the Tournament Director or Tabroom staff as soon as possible. We want an inviting and hospitable tournament for everyone attending.



## Tournament Schedule (All times in PST)

### **Saturday December 12, 2020:**

- 8:00 AM - Virtual Check-In (**Breakout Rooms Open**)
- 8:15 AM - Round 1 & 2 Pairings Released
- 8:30 AM - Round 1 Start (**Decision Time 9:45**)
- 10:00 AM - Round 2 Start (**Decision Time 11:15**)
- 11:15 AM - Lunch
- 12:00 PM - Round 3 Pairings Released
- 12:15 PM - Round 3 Start (**Decision Time 1:30**)
- 1:45 PM - Round 4 Pairings Released
- 2:00 PM - Round 4 Starts (**Decision Time 3:15**)
- 3:30 PM - Round 5 Pairings Released
- 3:45 PM - Round 5 Starts (**Decision Time 5:00**)

### **Sunday December 13, 2020:**

- 8:00 AM - Virtual Check-In (**Breakout Rooms Open**)Novice Teach-In Start
- 8:45 AM - First Elimination Pairing Released
- 9:00 AM - First Elimination Round Starts (**Decision Time 10:15**)
- 10:30 AM - Second Elimination Pairing Released
- 10:45 AM - Second Elimination Round Starts (**Decision Time 12:00**)
- 1:00 PM - Third Elimination Pairings Released
- 1:15 PM - Third Elimination Round Starts (**Decision Time 2:30**)
- 2:45 PM - Fourth Elimination Pairings Released
- 3:00 PM - Fourth Elimination Round Starts (**Decision Time 4:15**)(if necessary)



## Speech Events

### **Judging:**

Our goal is to run this tournament as smoothly as possible. Teams are expected to bring one (1) judge per four (4) entries. The tournament will provide additional judging at \$30/round. This fee will be added to your total invoice for the tournament and will be due Monday December 7, 2020 by 9:00 PM PST.

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All school entries MUST have an adult contact participating in the tournament.

**JUDGES SHOULD NOT DISCLOSE THEIR REASON FOR DECISIONS (RFD) DURING OR AFTER ROUNDS! JUDGING**

All schools should attempt to properly cover their entries.

Judging criteria are as follows:

1. Demonstration of a depth and breadth of knowledge of the information/literature at hand.
2. Understanding of effective “public address & interpretation” delivery, including, but not limited to volume, pitch, rate, articulation, clarity and involvement.
3. Demonstration of an ability to determine and prioritize the importance of information provided in the preparation period in limited preparation events that includes Extemp, Expository, Radio Comm., Impromptu, etc.
4. Demonstration of an ability to understand, follow and respect the time limits of their assigned judging event.



## Speech Event Descriptions & Rules

All speeches and presentations must be in the English language; this does not preclude, however, the use of foreign phrases for artistic effect.

ALL EVENTS REQUIRE THE CONTESTANT TO USE SPEECHES AND/OR PROGRAMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN USED BY THAT STUDENT IN COMPETITION PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2020. NO ONE PERSON, GROUP OF PEOPLE, OR SCHOOL MAY USE THE SAME SCRIPT OR PARTS OF THE SAME SCRIPT IN MORE THAN ONE EVENT. DISQUALIFICATION WILL RESULT FOR ALL STUDENTS INVOLVED IN REFLECTED EVENTS. STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO PERFORM INTERP SCRIPTS THAT ARE PUBLISHED OR UNPUBLISHED.

### ORAL INTERPRETATION EVENTS

**Dramatic Interpretation:** Selections used in this contest shall be a cutting from novels, short stories, plays or poems and should be of a serious nature. Adaptations shall be for the purpose of continuity only. A contestant shall, during his/her presentation, name the title and author of the piece. Contestants are to use the same program in all rounds. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes. There is no minimum time limit. **Humorous Interpretation:** Selections used in this contest shall be a cutting from novels, short stories, plays or poems and should be humorous in nature. Adaptations shall be for the purpose of continuity only. A contestant shall, during his/her presentation, name the title and author of the piece. Contestants are to use the same program in all rounds. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes. There is no minimum time limit.

### PUBLIC ADDRESS EVENTS

**Extemporaneous Speaking:** (A student entered in Extemp cannot be entered in Radio Broadcasting). Contestants will be given three topics in the general area of current events, choose one, and have 30 minutes to prepare a speech. All Extemp contestants are expected to attend and draw questions at EVERY Extemp Prep. Posting of topics will be staggered at 8/9-minute intervals. Maximum time limit is 7 minutes. There is no minimum time limit. Judges should provide time signals. Inaccurate time signals will not be reason to challenge students' rankings.

#### **Extemporaneous Speaking** Rules:

- The use of laptop computers in Extemporaneous Speaking is permitted. This rule in no way prevents students from still utilizing traditional paper copy files.
- Extemporaneous Speaking contestants may make use of electronic retrieval devices to store and to retrieve their subject files.
- Contestants with laptops are responsible for providing sufficient battery power. No electrical power will be supplied by the tournament
- Electronic retrieval devices are defined as laptop computers, netbooks, iPads, or other portable electronic retrieval equipment. Secondary devices such as flash drives or external hard

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drives are allowed as well. Cell phones or smart phones are prohibited from being used while preparing or before speaking at tournaments.

- Students from the same school may share computers during preparation. However, communication among contestants during preparation time is strictly prohibited.
- Pre-written Extemporaneous speeches or outlines are prohibited from the prep room, whether stored electronically or present in hard copy form.
- Internet: Extemporaneous Speaking contestants shall not access the Internet or communicate electronically with any other individual while in the prep room
- Penalty: Contestants found to have violated these provisions will be ranked last in the round.

**Impromptu Speaking:** An impromptu speech is a presentation, serious in nature, with topic selection varied round by round, section by section. Speakers will have a total of 8 minutes for preparation and speaking and may divide the time at their discretion. Each speaker in a section will speak on the same topic. Topics will come from sources such as contemporary figures, movies, and music quotations. Judges should provide time signals. Inaccurate time signals will not be reason to challenge students' rankings.

**Original Oratory:** Original Oratory shall comprise only memorized orations actually composed by the contestants and not used during a previous year. Any appropriate subject may be used, but the orator must be truthful. Any nonfactual reference, especially a personal one, must be so identified. Not more than 150 words of the oration may be directly quoted from any other speech. Extensive paraphrasing of another source is prohibited. Contestants are to use the same program in all rounds. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes. There is no minimum time limit.



## INTERPRETATION/PUBLIC ADDRESS EVENT

**Declamation:** The oral interpretation of persuasive or inspirational material of high literary merit, such as editorials, essays, or speeches, originally prepared by another person. Selections must be from printed, published sources. It is recommended that the material be pertinent to current problems. The purpose of Declamation is to acquaint students with notable examples of persuasive or inspirational literature and give them the opportunity to develop skills of interpretation and delivery through preparation and presentation of such examples. Contestants are to use the same program in all rounds. Maximum time limit is ten minutes. There is no minimum time limit.

**WARM ROOMS** Our tournament will not have "warm rooms." While we encourage cordial and constructive feedback between judges and debaters, judges should not be obliged to engage in conversation with students. Debaters should not pressure their judges for commentary after rounds.



## Fees

Tournament entry fees if you are making a payment either by credit/debit card or by check, you can send us payment via your paypal invoice. details will be provided in the coming days near tournament day.

All fees must be paid prior to or at registration, unless prior arrangements have been made!

### General

- School fee \$20 per school
- IE slot (individual event) \$10 per entry

Fees for uncovered competitors will be assessed as follows:

- Every uncovered slot = \$40 per slot

Fees will initially be calculated on Tuesday, December 8th at 5PM EST.

Late adds/drops will be as follows:

- Add/drops on Thursday, December 10th \$20 per change, plus entry fee
- NO MORE ADDS ALLOWED ON FRIDAY, December 11TH !!!!
- Drops on Friday, December 11th: \$75 per drop, plus entry fee
- Drops at registration on Saturday, December 12th: \$125 per drop, plus original entry fee

Therefore, teams with excess competitors will be charged “uncovered slots” for every IE slot that is not covered by a judge. So please make every effort to cover your entry. Schools are responsible for entering their judges as the right judge type when calculating fees.

Judges who fail to pick their ballots will render their students ineligible for elimination round.



## Tournament Schedule (All times in PST)

### **Saturday December 12, 2020:**

8:00 AM - Virtual Check-In (**Breakout Rooms Open**)

8:00 AM - Extemp Draw 1

8:30 AM - Round 1 All IE's (**Decision Time 9:45**)

10:00 AM - Extemp Draw 2

10:30 AM - Round 2 All IE's (**Decision Time 11:45**)

11:45 AM - Lunch

12:15 PM - Extemp Draw 3

12:45 PM - Round 3 All IE's (**Decision Time 2:00**)

2:15 PM - Extemp Draw 4

2:45 PM - Round 4 All IE's (**Decision Time 4:00**)

4:15 PM - Extemp Draw

4:30 PM - Round 5 All IE's (**Decision Time 5:45**)

All individual event elim breaks will be posted Saturday night as soon as they are available.

### **Sunday December 13, 2020:**

8:00 AM - Virtual Check-In (**Breakout Rooms Open**)/Novice Workshop

8:30 AM - Extemp Draw for Elim 1

9:00 AM - Elim 1 for Individual Events (**Decision Time 10:15**)

10:30 AM - Extemp Draw for Elim 2

11:00 AM - Elim 2 for Individual Events (**Decision Time 12:15**)

12:30 PM - Extemp Draw for Elim 3

1:00 PM - Elim 3 for Individual Events (**Decision Time 2:15**)

4:00 PM - Speech Awards





## NYU Admissions Workshop

Where: Online

When: December 11, 2020 5:00 PM-6:30 PM PST

Who: Secondary Students

The NYU Admissions Workshop will feature representatives from NYU in New York City. There are four (4) parts to the workshop: (1) Round Table Discussion - "Tips of the Trade - Things that stand out during the admission process" (2) Revise and Resubmit Essay Session - "What stands out and what doesn't" (3) Question and Answer period for students and parents and (4) Portable Skills - "Debate is Elevation".

All students participating in the invitational have access to the workshop via your entry fee. Students not participating in the invitation may attend the workshop. Early bird tickets are \$5/person. Day of the event prices are \$10/person.

Space is limited.

[Sign Up!](#)



## Novice Teach-In

Speech and Debate is about more than just competition but about how we learn to think about our experiences, our arguments, and how we learn to be conscious of one another. This year we want to offer a community experience to the younger generation of students through providing a Novice Teach-In.

This year we have a star studded cast of educators from throughout North America, they have taken the time to prepare short lessons, drills and activities for three (3) skill areas: cross fire, impact weighing, final focus.

[Sign Up!](#)