



Dear Colleagues,

The Mountain View and Los Altos Speech and Debate team cordially invites you to the 2nd annual Karen Keefer Invitational Swing, which will take place on December 5–6 on the virtual NSDA Campus platform. Mrs. Keefer is a former speech-parent-turned-Diamond-coach who volunteered with MVLA and the Coast Forensics League for over twenty years.

The speech portion of the swing will run **8:30 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday**. There will be **3 preliminary rounds of novice and JV speech, with divisions breaking to a final round** if size warrants. Divisions may be broadly collapsed into a collective Interpretation division and a collective Original/Platform division for divisions with low entry. Students in speech may double enter. Awards for those making the final round, or the top three in divisions not breaking to a final will be announced at the end of the tournament.

The debate portion of the swing will run from **8:30 AM to 6:30 PM on Sunday**. There will be **5 rounds of novice and JV Lincoln-Douglas, Parliamentary, and Public Forum debate**, with hidden finals in round 5 for the top two teams in each division. Awards for those with winning records or better will be announced and presented at the end of the tournament, and the champions of the final will be recognized.

The tournament will utilize **tabroom.com and NSDA Campus** for entry, pairings, virtual rooms, and results of all events.

Middle and high school students are welcome, but students should be registered under the school they attend, or an appropriately named independent (see below). An adult chaperone must be listed and active on Slack should issues arise. We encourage all debaters to be respectful of their peers and judges, in order to maintain a safe and welcoming debate environment.

In order to facilitate the social aspect of tournaments, we will hold collective games run by senior students during downtime between rounds. More announcements on this to come!

Tournament Director
Julie Herman

2020 Student Organizing Committee



Events, Divisions, Entries & Judging

Coronavirus Considerations

Partners are prohibited from being in the same room as each other. This measure is imposed as a health consideration to discourage the spreading of the virus. Furthermore, it provides an unfair advantage over other competitors who do not have the ease of in-person communication. Contact us if you have extenuating circumstances. Teams who do not comply should be reported to the Ethics Officer.

Entry Fees

Each LD entry must pay a fee of \$40, and each Public Forum/Parliamentary entry must pay \$50. Each speech entry must pay a fee of \$20 (double entries will pay \$40). In the cases of Public Forum and Parliamentary, one team will constitute a single entry. Teams must complete registration by November 30. Entry fees must be received by December 4 at the time of registration. Payments via PayPal.me/mvlasdb are preferred. Checks should be made out to “MVLA Speech & Debate Boosters” and sent to

MVLASDB % Julie Herman
1111 River St Apt 3
Santa Cruz CA 95060

Title I schools or individuals with financial need should email julieherman@mvlasdb.org for information on fee breaks.

There will be a \$10 nuisance fee for entry changes after registration is closed.

Who is a Novice?

A novice is any high school or middle school student who has competed in any event for less than one year who has not broken at any tournaments at the time of registration.

Who is JV?

A junior varsity entry is any high school or middle school student who has competed in any event for two or fewer years at the time of registration. Someone cannot be considered JV if they have broken at any varsity tournament.

Parliamentary

Parliamentary debate will follow the 7 - 8 - 8 - 8 - 4 - 5 format using the CHSSA guidelines. Topics will be announced 20 minutes before the beginning of the round in a Google document. Prep is open.

Lincoln Douglas



Lincoln Douglas will use the November topic as presented on the NSDA official website, and will follow the 6 - 3 - 7 - 3 - 4 - 6 - 3 format. Maximum prep time will be 4 minutes. Notice that the tournament will follow NSDA rules, not CFL rules. Evidence will be held to the highest standard and complete citations are highly encouraged.

Public Forum

Public Forum will use the November topic, and will follow the 4 - 4 - 3 - 4 - 4 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 2 - 2 format (in accordance with the NSDA pilot rules). Each team will have access to 3 minutes of prep time during the round. Sides and order will be locked to postings.

Speech

Speech divisions will follow CHSSA rules, but we will not offer DUO, as we do not believe it is possible for students to effectively compete in this event and maintain physical distance. We will not offer Original Advocacy or Original Prose and Poetry due to lack of interest at prior events. We will offer a combined extemp division with NX and IX topics available in each draw. We reserve the right to collapse interpretation events into a single division, to collapse platforms, or to collapse JV and novice divisions as entries warrant.

Judging

One judge will be required per two entries in a given debate division, rounded up. If a school fails to provide a sufficient amount of judges, that school will be fined \$250 per missing judge. Judges who are called for ballots but fail to appear will be fined \$150 per round missed. Varsity students are welcome to cover obligations, but please use your best judgement about what Schools may buy out of their judging in advance by contacting the tournament director. We encourage parents to volunteer even if this is their first time judging. We will provide a brief judge training in the morning. Half-day commitments are not permitted. Tabroom.com accounts are mandatory for all judges in order to access online ballots for rounds.



Platform Use & Communication

Using NSDA Campus

All participants must have a Tabroom account prior to the tournament start date. We will send additional use instructions out prior to the event.

Slack

Primary communication will be on Slack. Everyone must join the workspace and information will be sent out prior to the event. We will also hold games between rounds and those Zoom links can be accessed on Slack. The join link is <https://tinyurl.com/keeferslack20>.

Help Line

Email: tournament@mvlasdb.org

Tournament Logistics

All competitors and judges should be in their NSDA Campus call at the time noted on the schedule or report technical issues to the help line. The forfeit time for teams or individuals who have not reported technical issues is 10 minutes after round start time.

Each round will have one NSDA campus call and will be listed on personal Tabroom accounts.

When all competitors for the round and the judge are there, start round, regardless of whether it is before the allotted time. For example, if everyone is there by 9:05 and rounds start at 9:20, you may start at 9:05.

Behavioral Norms

Use the helpline to contact tournament officials if necessary. Use of the chat function on NSDA Campus should be limited and should not contain any text that could be construed as argumentative in nature. In all Campus Rooms, if not speaking, debaters/judges should stay on mute. Competitors and judges should keep their video on for the duration of the round.

Calls should be made on laptop or desktop computers, as opposed to cell phones. Debaters and judges should all use headphones or headsets. Students with financial need who cannot access these resources should contact us as soon as possible.

We will have a “warm room” available for inter-student interaction and questions. Norms on there will be the same as in a normal tournament. Anyone who engages in unprofessional behavior will be banned from the “warm room” or face similar consequences.



There is no recording of rounds allowed. If someone is caught recording rounds, they will be removed from the tournament and the infraction will be reported to their institution. Recording children without their parents' permission is illegal, and the tournament is not collecting permission forms for recording.

Tentative Schedule

FRIDAY

5:00 pm	Registration (until 7 pm)
7:00 pm	Long Form Judge Training

SATURDAY

8:30 am	Enter Campus Room/ Extemp Prep Round 1
9:00 am	Round 1 Extemp
10:30 am	Enter Campus Room/ Extemp Prep Round 2
10:30 am	Round 2 Extemp
12:30 pm	Enter Campus Room/ Extemp Prep Round 3
1:00 pm	Round 3 Extemp
2:30 pm	Enter Campus Room/ Extemp Prep - Finals
2:45 pm	Extemp Finals Start
4:30 pm	Speech Award Ceremony

SUNDAY

8:30 am	Round 1 LD/PF Enter Campus Room; Parliamentary Topic Announce
8:50am	Round 1 Parli Start
10:20am	Round 2 LD/PF Enter Campus Room; Parliamentary Topic Announce
10:40am	Round 2 Parli Start



12:30pm	Round 3 LD/PF Enter Campus Call; Parliamentary Topic Announce
12:50 pm	Round 3 Parli Start
2:20 pm	Round 4 LD/PF Enter Campus Room; Parliamentary Topic Announce
2:40 pm	Round 4 Parli Start
4:10 pm	Round 5 LD/PF Enter Campus Room; Parliamentary Topic Announce
4:30pm	Round 5 Parli Start
6:30pm	Award Ceremony