

# Claremont High School's 14th Annual Wolfpack Invitational

## Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, February 6-8, 2021

Hello Speech and Debate Coaches,

Please accept our cordial invitation to the 14th Annual Claremont High School Wolfpack Invitational. We look forward to hosting your team virtually on the NSDA Campus platform and providing a great weekend of outstanding competition. We have shifted our tournament dates from early January into February, to provide a friendly and affordable alternative to the Stanford Tournament. In this, our fourteenth year, we are excited to continue to offer three full days of competition, including six preliminary rounds in debate, clearing to Double Octofinals and offering two patterns of speech completion. We accept entries from 6th-12th grade and we do accept independent entries. Please understand that all entries must have a designated "virtual chaperone" who is present and available via Zoom and Cell Phone at all times during the tournament. Below you will find all of the specific details relating to the tournament. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at [chamberlainofchs@gmail.com](mailto:chamberlainofchs@gmail.com) or you can reach me by phone at 951-966-4417.

### **Events and Divisions:**

In debate, all competition will be virtual, synchronous live events. We offer an Open division of Policy Debate. We offer both Novice and Open divisions in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Parliamentary Debate, Public Forum, and Congressional Debate. (Note: There will be an Open division Presiding Officer contest that will preside over both divisions of Congress.) Novice and Varsity divisions of debate will be collapsed into one Open division if there are fewer than 24 entries in one of the divisions. A Varsity debater is any debater in their second season or greater of high school competition. A Novice debater is any debater still in their first academic year of high school competition. In Open divisions, we will clear all 4-2 teams up to a full Double Octofinals after six rounds. In Novice division, we will break up to a full Octofinals after five rounds. (No teams with losing records will advance). We will use the Jan./Feb. LD topic and the February PF topic. We do not use separate topics for the novices.

In speech, Duo will be recorded and asynchronous. Duo competitors must attend the round and when it is their turn to present, they will provide the judge a link to their speech recording via the chat. All other speech events will be presented as virtual, synchronous live events. We offer Open divisions in events including: Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Oratorical Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation, Informative, Original Oratory, Original Advocacy, Original Prose & Poetry, Duo, Impromptu, Domestic Extemporaneous and International Extemporaneous. In addition, we are pleased to announce that this year we are again a NIETOC bid tournament, offering bids in OO, DI, HI, POI, Info, Duo and Extemporaneous. The number of bids available depends on the number of competitors in each event. Speech will break to semi-finals with thirty-five or more entries; in some events we may have three semifinal panels. Fewer than thirty-five entries will break directly to finals. The exception is Duo Interpretation, where NIETOC counts the number of competitors rather than entries. If there are 26 or more teams (51+ competitors), Duo will break to semi-finals. For additional information on bid count and what a NIETOC bid

can mean for your team, please visit [www.nietoc.com](http://www.nietoc.com).

Initially, each school will be restricted to six entries per division to allow for maximum diversity of schools at the Wolfpack Invitational. We will waitlist additional entries and allow them in as room availability allows. If you have waitlisted teams, we will contact you about the order in which you would like them to be added if and when possible. Entries will clear the waitlist when judges (or hire requests) are entered to cover those entries.

### **Patterns and Multiple Entry**

Students may enter up to five events; consisting of one debate event and two speech events in each pattern. Exceptions:

1. Students entering in Policy Debate may not double enter.
2. A student entering either Extemp may not enter another event in the same speech pattern.

Pattern A: Impromptu, DI, POI, Domestic Extemp, OPP, OO.

Pattern B: International Extemp, HI, Duo, Info, OI, OA

### **Awards and Recognition**

Awards will be given to all Speech semi-finalists and finalists and all Congress finalists will receive an award. All octo-finalists and higher in the debate events will receive awards. Speaker Awards will be given to the top 10 speakers in all partner debate events. We will also present Sweepstakes awards to the top five schools.

### **Entry Procedure and Fees:**

All tournament entries will be handled through the site: [www.Wolfpack.Tabroom.com](http://www.Wolfpack.Tabroom.com). The priority entry deadline is Friday, January 22, 2021. After this date, we will start moving entries off the waitlist from schools that have reached their entry cap. The final deadline to add entries on the website will be Monday, February 1st at 11:59 pm. Any “Adds” after this deadline may be considered via email ([chamberlainofchs@gmail.com](mailto:chamberlainofchs@gmail.com))

Drops may be made without penalty until Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 11:59 PM. Any drops after this deadline will still be charged the regular entry fee. You may continue to make drops and name changes online until Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 12:00 noon.

Judge Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 11:59 PM. Please note that we will be

printing invoices on Thursday. If you do not have judges registered by this deadline, you will be charged for missing / hired judges regardless of whether or not you bring additional judges to the tournament. We will need Thursday to finalize our hired judging commitments. Entry fees must be paid by check or online and received by Thursday, February 4 or entries may be dropped from competition.

**Entries are NOT complete unless all student competitors and judges have completed their Participant/Judge Tournament Eligibility Survey. A Link to this Participant/Judge Tournament Eligibility Survey will be posted to our Tabroom website by December 15th.**

School Fee: NONE

Policy Debate: \$60

Parliamentary Debate: \$50

Public Forum Debate: \$50

LD Debate: \$40

IE & Congress: \$20

Duo: \$30

Using clear information to indicate which program you are paying for, pay using the PayPal link [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=STMWQDNSMBQFU&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=STMWQDNSMBQFU&source=url) OR make checks payable to "Claremont High School ASB" and mail to:

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### **Extemp & Parli Topic Selection and Congress Legislation**

We invite the community to submit potential Congressional legislation, Parliamentary Debate resolutions or Extemporaneous topic areas for consideration. All topic selection decisions will be made by the tournament director. If you or your students would like to create congress resolutions, suggest Extemporaneous topic areas, or submit Parliamentary Debate resolutions, please email all ideas to ([chamberlainofchs@gmail.com](mailto:chamberlainofchs@gmail.com)). Congress legislation must be received by January 1, 2021 so that the Congress legislation can be posted online one month prior to the tournament. The deadline for Parli resolutions and Extemp topic areas will be January 20, 2021.

## **Online Information**

<http://www.Wolfpack.Tabroom.com> will contain all information for the tournament including schedule, the Invitation document, Congress legislation, Equity Policy, Liability Forms and our Participant Eligibility Survey.

## **Judge Requirements:**

Schools must provide one judge for every 4 debate entries. A school must provide one judge for every 6 IE/Congress entries. (Note: if a school has debate entries, it is expected that they will provide qualified debate judges.) Judges will only count toward a school commitment if they have a linked Tabroom.com account. Schools who do not meet their judge commitment by the deadline will be charged \$300 per missing judge. Hired judges are available upon request at \$150 per IE or Congress judge, and \$225 per debate judge. If you will be needing hires, please indicate this on Tabroom.com prior to the judge registration deadline.

**Judge Double Duty:** You cannot double-enter your judges to cover both speech and debate pattern. If you need an exception due to the nature of your squad's entry (i.e. 12 debate entries and 1 IE entry), please email [chamberlainofchs@gmail.com](mailto:chamberlainofchs@gmail.com) and we will work with you for a solution.

**Part Time Judges:** If you will be having different judges on different days, please register all judges, and mark each one as Unavailable for the day that they will not be in attendance. The minimum shift for a judge is a full day. All judges from a school are committed for one additional round beyond when your last competitor is eliminated from the event. Because of the small judge commitment required, this rule will be enforced.

**Judge Training:** With the switch to the virtual environment, we need schools to provide training for judges in advance. The NSDA has provided great tools, at no cost to anyone, at <https://www.speechanddebate.org/judge-training/>. It will help everyone become a better, unbiased judge, navigate the online ballots and platform, and if they are new, explain the basics of the events they might judge. Judges will need to certify on the Participant/Judge Tournament Eligibility Survey that they have completed all of the training.

## **Event Specific Rules:**

All Public Forum will use the February topic and All Lincoln Douglas will use the January/February topic. Sides will be assigned for all prelim debates.

Parliamentary Debate will enjoy open prep and topics will be announced via Tabroom text approximately 5 minutes after the pairings are published.

# **14th Annual Wolfpack Invitational Tournament Schedule**

## **Saturday, February 6**

**7:00 AM Judges and Coaches sign-in to Wolfpack Zoom**

8:00 AM Debate & Congress Round 1

10:00 AM Debate & Congress Round 2

12:00 PM Speech Pattern A Round 1

1:30 PM Speech Pattern B Round 1

3:00 PM Debate & Congress Round 3

5:00 PM Speech Pattern A Round 2

6:30 PM Speech Pattern B Round 2

## **Sunday, February 7**

**7:00 AM Judges and Coaches sign-in to Wolfpack Zoom**

8:00 AM Speech Pattern A Round 3

9:30 AM Speech Pattern B Round 3

11:00 AM Debate Round 4 & Congress Semis

1:00 PM Speech Pattern A Semifinals

2:30 PM Speech Pattern B Semifinals

4:00 PM Debate Round 5 & Congress Finals

6:00 PM Speech Finals (Pattern A & B Combined)

8:00 PM Debate Round 6 (Open Only Single flighted)

**8:30 PM Speech Awards**

## **Monday, February 8**

**8:00 AM Judges and Coaches sign-in to Wolfpack Zoom**

9:00 AM Debate Open Double-Octofinals & Novice Octofinals (double flighted if needed)

10:30 AM Debate Open Octofinals & Novice Quarters

12:00 PM Debate Open Quarterfinals & Novice Semis

1:30 PM Debate Open Semifinals & Novice Finals

2:30 PM Debate Open Finals

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