

# Invitation

Colleagues,

Thank you for your interest in the 2021 Lindale Winter Speech and Debate Tournament. We are so pleased to be hosting an opportunity for your students to get in rounds of practice as they head into the spring season. We're trying to create a schedule that will allow all students to participate. We are pleased to be hosting a "No Frills" tournament. While this means that we will not ship awards for individual placements, we are going to lower our entry fees with the hopes of providing an affordable option. We will announce all results and provide a certificate template for coaches at the end of the tournament. We hope that you will support this endeavor to save programs money.

We are excited to venture into the world of online tournaments this year. All individual events (sans extemporaneous speaking) will be asynchronous. Video links will need to be submitted on Tabroom.com by Tuesday, January 12 2021 by 5pm. Asynchronous prelims will run on Wednesday and Thursday will all ballots assigned due by Thursday at 6pm. Semifinals will be asynchronous on Friday, with ballots due by 6pm. Finals will be judged on Saturday. Extemporaneous Speaking and Congressional Debate will begin and end on Friday. Debate will begin and end on Saturday. We are excited to offer a slew of options for your novice competitors or your students with busy schedules. Please make sure that your entries are going into the appropriate event. We will also offer separate divisions for the UIL categories of Prose/Poetry to allow for targeted preparation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Our students and we look forward to hosting you!

Sincerely,

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# Information/Fees

Platform: Zoom (with Breakout Rooms)

Entries: Entries will be accepted until our spaces are filled. We have a limited number of rooms, so plan on entering early! All entries dropped after 4:00pm on Monday January 11th will lose their original entry fee. We reserve the right to charge nuisance fees for drops that are not communicated with us in a timely fashion.

Judges:

- Policy Debate – One judge for every two entries, or portion thereof. YOU MUST PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE JUDGE. TOTAL BUYOUT IS NOT ALLOWED!
- Lincoln-Douglas – One judge for every two entries, or portion thereof.
- Public Forum Debate – One judge for every two entries, or portion thereof.
- Congressional Debate – One judge for every eight entries.
- Extemporaneous Speaking – One judge for every six entries, or portion thereof.
- Asynchronous Individual Events (HI, DI, Duo, Duet, Prose, Poetry, Novice Oral Interp, POI, OO, Informative) – One judge for every six entries, or portion thereof.

\*All judges/hire requests must be entered on the website by Monday January 11th at 4:00pm or you will be assessed missing judge fees, which will be set. We need to get an accurate idea of how many judges to hire. Provided judges are always preferred to fees. Schools of judges who are scheduled to judge rounds and do not pick up ballots will be assessed a fee of \$25 for every missed round. Committing to a judge and then not providing that judge will result in a missing judge fee assessed on the day of the tournament.

Debate Event Topics:

- Cross-Examination Debate – NFHS Topic
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate – We will have divisions for BOTH the NSDA and UIL topics.
- Public Forum Debate – January NSDA Topic
- Congressional Debate – We will create a docket from the UIL State Prelims docket (if it's available). I will release that docket by Monday, January 4th. If the UIL docket is not available, we will utilize the TFA Spring Docket.
  - Specifically, if we utilize the TFA Spring Docket we will run items #6-10 in prelims, items #1-5 in semifinals and items #11-15 in finals.

Fees:

- Missing Judge (IE/Debate) - \$150
- Individual Event, Congress, Duo/Duet Entry - \$5
- LD Entry - \$10
- PFD, CX Entry - \$20

Payment of Fees: Schools should mail a check payable to Lindale High School Speech and Debate to cover all fees. While we understand that COVID-19 has created some delays of payment, we would

appreciate if you can have a Purchase Order or proof of payment (emails with business offices would suffice) by the start of the tournament. If you are unable to do this, we understand, but will require that all accounts be paid in full within 30 days after the tournament. All delinquent accounts are subject to a \$100 fee.

**Cross-Entering:** Students may participate in one debate event (LD/CX/PF). Congressional Debate will take place on its own so anyone can cross enter. All students may enter one extemp category as well. There are no cross-entry restrictions in asynchronous Individual Events. We will be providing cushion for each synchronous event in the schedule, however, participants with insurmountable technological issues or with extreme tardiness could be forfeited from the round.

\*Novice divisions will be collapsed without sufficient entry. We will make the final call regarding novice divisions by Monday, January 11th. Novice is defined as any first-year competitor. Competing in an event for a first time does not necessarily make a competitor a novice. Trying to manipulate this rule has an extreme negative impact on our activity. Please double-check your entry to make sure that your students are entered in the appropriate division.

**Student Behavior:** All competitors and judges are held to the spirit of the UIL Spring Meet code. A coach (or other teacher) from every school, or a parent must be immediately available online at all times while students from said school are competing. Parents/Guardians may attend the tournament with (and be responsible for) their child(ren) if a school representative is unavailable. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in forfeiting the school from competition.

**Other Notes:**

- We will make every effort as a tournament to run on schedule and will attempt to accelerate when possible. We ask for your patience and cooperation in the event that this is not possible.
- We believe that oral critiques and disclosure are valuable teaching tools in debate. However, an oral critique does not replace a well-written ballot, as that is helpful communication at this time of the year between the judge and coach.
- The third round of debate will be power-matched (hi-low).
- Questions should be directed to Rory McKenzie.

# Schedule

## Asynchronous IEs:

Wednesday 9am – Ballots/sections for Asynchronous IE Prelims released.

Thursday 6pm – Asynchronous IE Prelim ballots due. (Will replace/fine.)

Thursday 9pm – Ballots/sections for Asynchronous IE Semifinals released.

Friday 6pm – Asynchronous IE Semifinal ballots due. (Will replace/fine.)

Friday 6am – Ballots/sections for Asynchronous IE Finals released.

Saturday 4pm – Asynchronous IE Final ballots due. (Will replace/fine.)

Saturday 6pm – Final Results Revealed

## Congressional Debate (FRIDAY):

Friday 9:00 am – Prelims

Friday 12:00 pm – Finals

## Extemporaneous Speaking (FRIDAY):

Friday 3:00 pm – Draw

Friday 3:30 pm – R1

Friday 5:00 pm – Draw

Friday 5:30 pm – R2/Semifinals

Friday 7:30 pm – Draw

Friday 8:00 pm – F

## CX Debate (SATURDAY):

Saturday 8:00 am – R1 Released

Saturday 8:15 am – R1 Check-in/Tech/Email Chains

Saturday 8:30 am – R1 Start Time

Saturday 10:30 am – R1 Decision Deadline

Saturday 11:00 am – R2 Released

Saturday 11:15 am – R2 Check-in/Tech/Email Chains

Saturday 11:30 am – R2 Start Time

Saturday 1:30 pm – R2 Decision Deadline

Saturday 2:00 pm – R3 Released

Saturday 2:15 pm – R3 Check-in/Tech/Email Chains

Saturday 2:30 pm – R3 Start Time

Saturday 4:30 pm – R3 Decision Deadline

Saturday 5:00 pm – R4 Released

Saturday 5:15 pm – R4 Check-in/Tech/Email Chains

Saturday 5:30 pm – R4 Start Time

Saturday 7:30 pm – R4 Decision Deadline

LD/PF Debate – Unflighted (SATURDAY)

Saturday 8:00 am – R1 Released

Saturday 8:15 am – R1 Check-in/Tech/Email Chains

Saturday 8:30 am – R1 Start Time

Saturday 9:30 am – R1 Decision Deadline

Saturday 10:00 am – R2 Released

Saturday 10:15 am – R2 Check-in/Tech/Email Chains

Saturday 10:30 am – R2 Start Time

Saturday 11:30 am – R2 Decision Deadline

Saturday 12:00 pm – R3 Released

Saturday 12:15 pm – R3 Check-in/Tech/Email Chains

Saturday 12:30 pm – R3 Start Time

Saturday 1:30pm – R3 Decision Deadline

Saturday 2:00 pm – R4 Released

Saturday 2:15 pm – R4 Check-in/Tech/Email Chains

Saturday 2:30 pm – R4 Start Time

Saturday 3:30 pm – R4 Decision Deadline

\*NOTE: Rounds will be accelerated if possible.