



Providence High School Speech & Debate
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Dear Coaches,

The Providence High School Speech & Debate program is excited to cordially invite you to the 2nd annual Providence Classic on February 6th, 2021.

We will host competition in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Congressional Debate, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation, Original Oratory, Informative Speaking, Declamation, Extemporaneous Speaking, and Impromptu Speaking. We will offer four rounds of preliminary competition in all events, with 2 sessions of preliminary competition in Congressional Debate. Finals will be held in events with a minimum of 12 competitors; we reserve the right to cancel any final round.

All speech and debate events will be held live via NSDA Campus, with the exception of Duo Interpretation, which will be asynchronous. We will serve as a CFL of Charlotte qualifying tournament, and a Tarheel Forensic League state bid qualifier.

We hope that you will join us for an exciting day of competition! Please review each section of this invitation carefully for information about events, rules, schedules, and registration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the tournament director at megans.butt@cms.k12.nc.us. We look forward to seeing you in February!

Sincerely,

Megan Butt

Director of Speech & Debate

Radi Muhammad

Assistant Director of Speech & Debate

Connor Deir & Sabrina Mercado

Team Captains

Registration

Online registration will open December 7, 2020 on Tabroom.com. All competitor and judge entries should be made through your team's Tabroom account. Online registration will close for added students on February 1, 2021, and will close for all drops, name changes, and judge registration on February 3, 2021.

Final registration will take place on Tabroom.com on February 5, 2021. This registration is for confirmation and last-minute changes to judges or entries.

We request that any late entry changes after the close of online registration (drops/adds/name switches) be emailed to megans.butt@cms.k12.nc.us or texted to (704) 254-1267.

Independent entries must email a letter of permission on school letterhead signed by an administrator to megans.butt@cms.k12.nc.us acknowledging the students who may participate and an authorized adult contact no later than February 1, 2021. Non-approved entries will be rejected.

Entry Fees

Entry fees will be \$10 per entry. Duo Interpretation and Public Forum entries will be \$20.

Please make all checks payable to Providence High School.

Please mail all checks to the address below no later than one week following the tournament:

Megan Butt
Providence High School
1800 Pineville-Matthews Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28270

Judging

We value high-quality competition and take judging very seriously. We will only accept judges who are high school graduates (no current students). Please ensure that all judges are qualified

and any first-time judges are fully trained on their role, how to adjudicate rounds, and how to use online ballots.

Judge Quotas:

- Individual Events: 1 judge per 5 entries
- Public Forum Debate: 1 judge per 2 entries
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate: 1 judge per 2 entries
- Congressional Debate: 1 judge per 6 entries

We will not offer judges for hire this year. Schools must cover all entries with adequate judging in order to be able to compete.

We will be using electronic balloting through Tabroom.com in all events. All judges must have access to an electronic device with Internet connectivity (we suggest a laptop computer) and an account on Tabroom.com that is linked to their school prior to the beginning of the tournament.

Event Guidelines

All events will follow NSDA event rules found in the High School Event Rules section of the NSDA Unified Manual unless otherwise noted here.

Electronics Policy:

Students may use the Internet in Congressional Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, and during Extemporaneous Speaking Prep. **Students may use the Internet to access files and evidence, but may not use the Internet to communicate with any other person.** Any student found to be communicating electronically during competition will be disqualified.

Congressional Debate:

The tournament will provide a legislation packet for competitors to be made available on Tabroom no later than 1 month prior to the tournament. We will hold two preliminary rounds and, if entries permit, a final session. We will utilize the “direct questioning” format in competition.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate:

The tournament will be using the **January/February topic** for Lincoln-Douglas published by the NSDA. The event will follow all NSDA time limits and evidence rules. Sides will be pre-assigned in all rounds and high-low power matched after round 2. Speaker points will be assigned in

increments on a scale of 20-30. Points may tie between speakers but low-point wins are not permitted in Lincoln Douglas.

Public Forum Debate:

The tournament will be using the **February topic** for Public Forum published by the NSDA. The event will follow all NSDA time limits and evidence rules, including the new NSDA rules for summary (3 minutes) and preparation time (4 minutes). Sides will be “flip” in all rounds. All round assignments will be high-low power matched after round 2. Speaker points will be assigned to individual speakers in increments on a scale of 20-30. Points may be tied between individual speakers and between teams. Low-point wins are not permitted in Public Forum.

Individual Events:

All individual events will follow NSDA rules with the exception of Declamation, which will follow published NCFL rules. All individual events will feature four preliminary rounds of competition. Individual events will feature Open competition with the exception of Declamation, which is limited to 9th and 10th grade students. Competitors in individual events may enter up to two (2) events but should be aware that in order to stay on schedule, no rounds will be held past their scheduled end time to allow double-entered students to compete.

Tournament Schedule (Tentative)

Note: All times are Eastern Standard Time.

8:30 am	Pairings/Ballots Posted
8:30 am	Extemp Draw
9:00 am	Round 1 - Speech, LD, PF
9:15 am	Session 1 - Congress
10:30 am	Pairings/Ballots Posted
10:30 am	Extemp Draw
11:00 am	Round 2 - Speech, LD, PF
12:45 pm	Session 2 - Congress
12:30 pm	Pairings/Ballots Posted
12:30 pm	Extemp Draw
1:00 pm	Round 3 - Speech, LD, PF
2:30 pm	Pairings/Ballots Posted
2:30 pm	Extemp Draw
3:00 pm	Round 4 - Speech, LD, PF
3:30 pm	Finals - Congress
4:00 pm	Finals - Speech
4:30 pm	Finals - LD, PF
6:30 pm	Awards posted on Tabroom.com

Note: Every effort will be made to start awards PRIOR to 6:30 pm. Later rounds may begin earlier than scheduled if possible to make this happen.