

Thomas Jefferson 2021 Invitational IE, Congress, NIETOC Tournament

Tournament Directors

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Dear Coach:

You are invited to the tenth annual Thomas Jefferson Invitational IE, Congress, and NIETOC Tournament. We pride ourselves in our efficiency, ability to stay on schedule, and quality of competition. This is a district 3 qualifier in individual events as well as a NIETOC bid in Duo Interp, Dramatic Interp, Humorous Interp, Expository, POI, Oratory. Additionally, we will be offering Impromptu, Extemporaneous Speaking, Congress at the open levels, IN ADDITION to have **ALL IE Finals LIVE!!**

SUPERVISION:

The WIAA requires the presence, at all times, of a certificated staff member from the school or district supervising your participants. You will not be allowed to compete if you do not comply with this rule.

PLEASE READ THE EVENT RULES CAREFULLY

If you are coming from out of state, you may want to consult the Washington Forensics Association Rules found here:

<https://wiaa.com/ConDocs/Con1144/201920%20Bound%20for%20State%20Regs.pdf>.

DEADLINES

REGISTRATION AND VIDEOS: Registration, and judging commitments due Tuesday, January 12th at 6pm. Thursday January 14th all asynchronous videos are due.

ASYNCHRONOUS JUDGING: On Thursday January 14th by 6pm videos for asynchronous judging of rounds 1 and 2 will be sent out. Judging will be due by Friday, January 15th at 6pm. That way we can schedule Live Final rounds for Saturday.

ONLINE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- Congressional Debate: Conducted synchronously online, on NSDA Campus
- CX/LD/PF: Conducted synchronously on NSDA Campus
- All IES including Extemp and Impromptu: Conducted asynchronously, upload via YouTube (rules and process for Extemp and Impromptu will be given once entries are entered for these two specific events).

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO (Adapted from [link](#))

After recording the performance with the program of your choice, complete these steps

1. CREATE A YOUTUBE ACCOUNT, if you do not already have one.

2. **PUBLISH YOUR VIDEO:** Log in to www.youtube.com, click “upload” at the top of the front page. Upload in standard and not high-definition.
3. **EDIT VIDEO DETAILS:** The title of your video should be the event followed by your name (ie PROSE-Your Name). In the description, add the TITLE of your selection, along with your NAME.
4. **EDIT VIDEO VISIBILITY:** When creating the Visibility, change the audience option from “Public” to “Unlisted” to ensure the privacy of your video; only those with a link to the video can watch. Do not make your video “Private” or “Public”
5. **Confirm Viewability:** After your video is fully uploaded, please ensure that your video has no technical issues with sound/video and that the performance is viewable from beginning to end. You might share the link with someone you trust in order to double-check that the link works.
6. Send this URL to your coach immediately so they may upload it to Tabroom.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS ALL IE EVENTS ARE ASYNCHRONIS (RECORDED AND SUBMITTED WITH A LIVE FINAL ROUND):

INFORMATVE: A speech that is designed to be informative in nature. Visual aids and note cards are permitted, but are not required. Time: ten minutes (10) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.

DRAMATIC INTERP: One or more cuttings from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which is serious in nature. The presentation is **MEMORIZED**. Time: ten minutes maximum with 30 seconds grace.

DUAL INTERP: A cutting from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which may be either humorous or serious in nature. The selection must be memorized but given without props or costumes. Time: ten minutes (10) maximum with 30 seconds grace. We will be following the rules of NSDA nationals that partners **MAY NOT** appear in the same room/recording. If you need help figuring out how to film a duo with this limitation, check out some advice from the NSDA. <https://www.speechanddebate.org/duo-interp-split-screen-demo-nats-2020/>

EXTEMPORANEOUS: Thirty minutes before speaking time, each speaker will select a topic from a choice of four. Questions will be based on current events of the last three months. Speaker will be expected to organize and analyze material relevant to the subject area and answer the chosen question. One note card for novices only is permitted. Time: seven minutes (7) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace. Instructions for recording requirements and timelines will be sent to each entry and their coach at time of registration. No drop fees are issued before start of tournament. **Once more for clarification: These instructions will be given to each student registered in the event and their coaches. This will occur prior to window opening for submission.**

ORATORY: An original speech designed to persuade—that is, to change or reinforce an existing belief, to eulogize, to cause agreement with speaker’s position, or to motivate to action. Event is ten minutes (10) maximum, with 30 second’s grace.

IMPROMPTU: Student will enter the room and be given a choice of three topics. The student will choose a topic and have six minutes to prepare and speak on the chosen topic. Time may be used in any manner the speaker chooses (example-2 minutes prep and 4 speaking or 4 minutes prep and 2 minutes speaking). Time: six minutes (6) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace. Instructions for recording requirements and timelines will be sent to each entry and their coach at time of registration. No drop fees are issued before start of tournament. **Once more for clarification: These instructions will be given to each student registered in the event and their coaches. This will occur prior to window opening for submission.**

HUMOROUS INTERP: One or more cuttings from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which is humorous in nature. The presentation is **MEMORIZED**. Time: ten minutes with 30 seconds grace.

Programmed oral interp: At least one cutting of prose and one cutting of poetry and/or drama linked thematically. We will follow WSFA rules. Time: ten minutes maximum with thirty seconds grace.

Congressional Debate:

We will offer two 2 ½ hour sessions on Friday evening and Super Congress on Saturday (divided into a novice final and open final, if numbers merit). All sessions will conflict with LD, and PF.

We will use the Spring Legislation Packet

Because Washington State uses a pre-prepared legislative docket prepared by the Washington State Forensics Association, any out-of-state schools will want to use the packet posted on the tournament website to prepare and address any questions to Co-Coach Meykia Smith

We will follow the docket setting method suggested by the WSFA committee. Each school represented in each house will draw numbers to determine the order for a legislation draft. They will then take turns picking bills to be debated. This will determine the docket for the session. Separate Legislation for Super Congress is included in the WSFA packet and will ONLY be used for Super Congress.

Awards will be given to the top 5 speakers and the top presiding officer in each chamber.

Lincoln Douglas

We will offer **Novice, Junior (new this year if enough numbers), and Open** divisions and use the **January/February LD Topic**. Rounds will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format and have 4 minutes of prep time per competitor. Speaker awards will be presented to the top 5 individual competitors in each division.

Public Forum

We will offer **Novice, Junior (new this year if enough numbers), and Open** divisions and use the **January/February PF Topic**. Rounds will follow the new NSDA PF time format with 3-minute

summary speeches and with 3 minutes of prep time per team. Speaker awards will be presented to the top 5 individual competitors in each division.

REGISTRATION AND FEES:

Registration this year will occur through the Tabroom website. Please do not email registrations unless something is wrong with the website. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, January 12th at 6pm . Fees will be set on that day. Drops after that time will not be deducted from the entry fee. We want to start and end on time. Please let TAB know as soon as you know of a change.

Fee Schedule:

-School Fee:	\$ 30.00
-Each IE or Congress entry:	\$ 12.00
-Duo Interp Entry:	\$ 20.00
- LD and Public Forum	\$ 15.00

Make checks payable to Thomas Jefferson High School Speech and Debate.

Payment of fees may be made in advance or during registration. Acceptable methods of payment are; 1) School Check. 2) School or District PO. 3) Personal Check.

JUDGING: Each school is required to provide one judge every 3 Public Forum debate teams or 3 LD participants. In individual events, one judge is required for each 5 IE's (including Extemp and Impromptu) entered. One student doing two events counts as two contestants. A Dual Interp pair is counted as one entry. One judge needs to be available for every 5 Congress entries. All ballots will be submitted electronically via tabroom, so please ensure judges have accounts ahead of time. We also highly recommend that judges take the NFHS judging course found here: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/adjudicating-speech-and-debate>

Judges may only judge 1 division of debate but may cover a teams' obligation for both asynchronous speech and limited prep. So, theoretically, a judge can cover three categories. You may also use a judge to cover both asynchronous speech and extemp and impromptu.

Time Commitments

Debate judges must be able to judge Friday night and Saturday. You may split these commitments. Asynchronous speech judges must be available to judge multiple rounds between Thursday evening and Friday night at 6:00 PM. They should also be able to judge a final on Saturday. Although we are urging that FINALS of IES are all judged by COACHES who have schools in attendance. You may also split this commitment between days. Extemp an Impromptu judges must be able to judge other IE events unless conflicts registered.

LIMITATIONS: Each school is limited to a total of 12 PFD, or LD debate entries and 30 individual event entries. Student Congress entries are limited to 10 per squad. One student doing two events is counted as two toward the 20-entry limit. A dual interp pair is counted as one entry. However, a school may enter additional squads if they pay an additional school fee of \$30.00.

AWARDS: Awards will be given to all finalists in Individual Events and breaking students in debate. They will be purchased and distributed after the tournament. Please be patient with us, this is a new world. Awards will range from certificates to plaques or trophies depending on event and level. They may also include medals, key chains or other types of awards. Local awards will likely be distributed to coaches while those going farther will be mailed.

Tentative Schedule

We will not start before 3:00 PM Friday or 8:00 AM Saturday, but we may adjust this schedule between now and the tournament. If we have the judges, we may try to single flight some divisions of LD and Public Forum.

Monday January 12th

Final speech submission info provided. Submission window will either open Monday night or Tuesday morning.

Wednesday, January 13th

Registration closes

Thursday, January 14th

Speech submission due by noon.

Speech ballots and links distributed to speech judges by 6p,

Friday, January 15th (schedule subject to change)

2:00-2:30 PM: Debate Check in

3:15 Debate Round 1, Congress session 1 (LD and PF double flighted)

5:45 Debate 2

6:00 Congress Session 2

8:00 Debate 3, speech ballots due

Saturday January 16th

9:00 Online Check in

9:30 Debate 4 (super congress 1)

11:30 Debate 5 (super congress 2)

1:00 LD and PF Quarters.

2:30 **LIVE IE FINALS!!! (tentative)**

3:00 PM LD and PF sems and Finals until finished

5:00 PM Awards (the dream goal time)

****LD and PF judges are obligated for two rounds past the elimination of their last competitors.**