



The 2021 Pembroke Hill Speech and Debate Open/NIETOC Tournament February 15-20th

December 17th, 2020

The Pembroke Hill Speech and Debate Team is excited to invite you and your students to the 1st Annual Pembroke Hill Speech and Debate Open Tournament. Below, you will find the basic 'need to know' information for our tournament.

Date: Live debate events will be hosted on February 19th and 20th, asynchronous speech events will be hosted February 15th through February 18th.

Location: The entirety of the tournament will be hosted online through tabroom.com.

Eligibility: The tournament is open to all high school students, grades 9th-12th. We will be hosting a single open division.

Asynchronous Events: Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Program of Oral Interpretation, Informative, Oratory, United States Extemp, International Extemp, Congress.

Live Events: Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Policy Debate

Deadlines: The deadline for entry via tabroom is **Wednesday, February 10th at 3:00 PM**. The deadline for asynchronous video links is **Friday, February 12th at noon**. We will lock tabroom and begin our video link check at noon. We will report problems back to coaches on Friday. All problems must be resolved by Sunday, February 14th at noon. At that point, entries will be dropped and schools will be charged.

NIETOC: We are a NIETOC bid tournament. [NIETOC bid levels are determined using NIETOC's formula, which can be found here](#). Pembroke Hill does not intend to compete at this tournament and we will not compete in debate events. However, if a Pembroke Hill entry/entries increases the bid level, we may enter in NIETOC events. We would only do so if the number of NIETOC qualifiers increases beyond what Pembroke Hill would enter. If Pembroke Hill entry/entries compete they will be judged by non-Pembroke Hill affiliated judges.

The following events are offered as NIETOC events: DUO, DI, HI, POI, OO, INFO, IX and USX (the total number of entries in IX and USX determine the bid level, but the events advance in separate semis/finals tracks).

If an event has more than 70 entries we will add an “honors semifinal” round. Individuals to advance to honors semifinals will receive a NIETOC bid but will not be eligible to advance further in the tournament.

Fees: Because this tournament is online only, we will not be awarding any trophies. Tournament fees are \$5/entry in all events. If this fee would prevent you from attending our tournament, please reach out to the Pembroke Hill coaching staff.

We look forward to ‘hosting’ you!

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Tournament Schedule

Asynchronous Speech: HI, DI, DUO, POI, INFO, OO, USX, IX, CONG

Monday, February 15--Round 1 of Speech

Tuesday, February 16--Round 2 of Speech

Wednesday, February 17--Semifinals of Speech

Thursday, February 18--Finals of Speech

Live Debate: LD, PFD, CX

Friday, February 19th:

3:00 PM	All Drops Due, for last minute drops please call Justin Smith (816-810-9118) drops before this time can be made via email.
3:45 PM	Report to Room for Round 1 of Debate
4:00 PM	Round 1 of Debate
6:15 PM	Report to Room for Round 2 of Debate
6:30 PM	Round 2 of Debate

Saturday, February 20th:

8:00 AM	All Drops Due, please call Justin Smith (816-810-9118)
8:15 AM	Report to Room for Round 3 of Debate
8:30 AM	Round 3 of Debate
10:45 AM	Report to Room for Round 4 of Debate
11:00 AM	Round 4 of Debate
2:00 PM	Quarterfinals of All Debate (Report ASAP)
3:00 PM	Semifinals of PFD, LD (Report ASAP)
4:00 PM	Semifinals of CX (Report ASAP), Finals of PFD, LD (Report ASAP)
6:00 PM	Finals of CX (Report ASAP)

Results will be live throughout the tournament, final results will be certified 15 minutes after final rounds, a final results email will be sent out Saturday evening

Rules and Considerations

Equity Statement: every judge will be presented with the following equity statement in training and/or on their ballots:

“We are all influenced by implicit bias, or the stereotypes that unconsciously affect our decisions. When judging, our implicit biases negatively impact students who are traditionally marginalized and disenfranchised. Before writing comments or making a decision, please take a moment to reflect on any biases that may impact your decision making process.”

We are committed to providing as equitable of a tournament as we can. If at any point you have equity concerns please reach out to Justin Smith via email (jsmith@pembrokehill.org) or phone (816-810-9118).

General Rules and Information:

1. All students, coaches, and judges are expected to treat all members of the tournament with respect and dignity.
2. Students may enter one debate event and as many individual events as they like--including both divisions of extemp.
3. Fees are updated and reflected on tabroom.com, fees lock on Friday, February 12th at noon.
4. All entries are \$5 each, if this is an imposition to your program, please reach out to Pembroke Hill coaching staff.
5. Each school must have an adult sponsor or coach available throughout the tournament
6. Results will be open throughout the tournament. Results become permanent 15 minutes after each round.
7. There are no trophies for this tournament
8. The tournament defaults first to the rules below, second to NSDA rules, and finally to MSHSAA rules. Where there is no rule, we will make a final and permanent decision as timely and thoughtfully as possible.

Considerations for Virtual Competition:

1. Review the [Tabroom Manual](#).
2. All participants must have a Tabroom account.
3. Asynch Video Uploads: Please have students upload their performances by Friday, February 12th at noon.
4. We will be going by the [MSHSAA Adopted Revisions for Virtual Competition](#) document released by MSHSAA (i.e., pilot internet rules, extended prep time for debate, etc.).
5. Submitted competition videos should be “one take” with no editing or post-production and should follow all other MSHSAA Asynch Recording guidelines.
6. Please have all participants use Google Chrome as per NSDA Campus guidance.

7. Duo Interpretation recordings may be split screen or filmed together at your discretion.
8. International or United States Extemporaneous Procedures:
 - a. Each competitor in Extemporaneous Speaking should record one speech for prelims and one speech for elims. This is a total of 2 speeches.
 - b. Rather than submitting a video link, have each student participant create a Google Folder (please double-check sharing restrictions) and submit a link to that folder when entering the competitor on Tabroom. The videos should be clearly labeled as Prelims and Elims. Our Tabroom ballots will have instructions asking our judges to only view the appropriate video for the round they have been assigned to judge.
 - c. Extemp questions will be sent out to all invited coaches by Monday, February 8th. We trust coaches to fairly administer draws to their students.
9. Student Congress Procedures:
 - a. Each competitor in Student Congress should record one speech for prelims and one speech for elims. This is a total of 2 speeches.
 - b. Rather than submitting a video link, please have each student participant create a Google Folder (please double check sharing restrictions) and submit a link to that folder when entering the competitor on Tabroom. The videos should be clearly labeled as Prelims and Elims. Our Tabroom ballots will have instructions asking our judges to only view the appropriate video for the round they have been assigned to judge.
 - c. We are using the NSDA January 2021 Congress Legislation Packet.
 - d. Prelims speeches should come from one of the following legislations: #1-5
 - e. Elims speeches should come from one of the following legislations: #6-10 Submitted
 - f. competition videos should be “one take” with no editing or post-production and should follow all other MSHSAA Async Recording guidelines.

Event Rules:

Topics: All topics can be found on the [NSDA's Website](#)

All debate events:

1. Ties are broken in the following order: win/loss, opposition loss, opposition record, ranks (PFD/CX)
2. Roadmaps are allowed off-the-clock
3. There are no grace periods, debaters should complete their idea at the judges discretion
4. Students more than 10 minutes late to the round by no fault of the tournament forfeit.
5. Students are extended 15 cumulative minutes of technical time each round to resolve technical issues. If issues are not resolved at 15 cumulative minutes the student will forfeit.
6. All debaters are allowed to use whatever technology suits them during rounds. This technology may be used for any purpose with the exception of communicating to individuals outside of the round for coaching, feedback, or guidance. Violation of this rule will result in forfeiture and removal from the tournament.
7. No maverick teams are allowed.

8. We intend to advance to quarterfinals in all debates, however if entry numbers dictate it, we may adjust the schedule.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate:

1. Time Limits: 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 with 5 minutes of prep time
2. Per NSDA rules: plans and counterplans are allowed in LD debate

Policy Debate:

1. Time Limits: 8-3-5 with 8 minutes of prep time.
2. Pre-round disclosure is not required.

Public Forum Debate:

1. Time Limits: 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2-2 with 4 minutes of prep time.
2. Per NSDA rules: plans and counterplans are not allowed in PFD.

All Speech Events:

1. Ties will be broken in the following order: ranks, judges preference (where 3 or more judges are present), reciprocals. If entries are still tied they will either all advance or tie for the final position.
2. All speech events (with the exception of congress) have a 30 second grace period

Congress:

1. Time Limit: 3 minutes--no grace period
2. Speeches on improper legislation are ranked last

United States Extemp and International Extemp:

1. Time Limits: 30 minutes to prepare the speech, 7 minute speech limit
2. Contestants will pick one question from a selection of three questions
3. Students speaking from notes will be ranked last

Oratory and Informative:

1. Time Limit: 10 minutes
2. A student may not use a speech given at a tournament in a previous competitive year
3. Students may not quote more than 150 words
4. Students speaking from notes/script will be ranked last
5. Students in informative are allowed visual aids in accordance with NSDA rules

Dramatic and Humorous Interpretation, Program of Oral Interpretation, Duo Interpretation:

1. Time Limit: 10 minutes
2. A student may not perform a cutting performed in a previous competitive year
3. No props or costuming is allowed
4. All works with the exception of works written/published by the student or coach are allowed

5. Selections should be appropriate for a high school performance
6. Only students in Program of Oral Interpretation may read from a script, all other students reading from notes/script will be ranked last
7. Duo students may only touch during the introduction
8. All other NSDA rules will be followed

Due to the digital nature of the tournament, no sweepstakes will be awarded this year

We intend to provide judges for the entire tournament. We ask that non-Missouri teams provide a judge for each round during the live portions of the tournament if they enter debate events. Missouri teams are asked to have a judge available for emergency purposes only.