

# The 2021 Newark Invitational Debates Online Edition

## **Dates:**

All events will be held on NSDA Campus from January 8 - 10, 2021

Tournament will begin on Friday January 8 and end on Sunday, January 10, 2021. All novice events will end on Saturday, January 9, 2021.

## **Divisions offered:**

Varsity Policy, Novice Policy, Varsity LD, Novice LD, Varsity Public Forum, Novice Public Forum

## **No entry limits**

**Registration Deadline:** December 30th , 2020

**Changes Deadline:** January 6, 2021 11:59pm

**Drop Deadline:** January 6, 2021 11:59pm

**Fees Frozen:** January 3, 2021 11:59pm

**Enter all judges:** December 23rd 2020, 11:59pm

*We are asking schools to register before December 23.*

**TOC Bid in semi-finals for LD**

Dear Colleagues:

Science Park High School and the Rutgers Debate Team would like to invite you and your debaters to the **2021 Newark Invitational**. The Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum and Policy Debate divisions will be held online at NSDA Campus.

Registration information is on [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com). The tournament is listed as the Newark Invitational. There is no limit on registration numbers; however, many entries will be waitlisted because the tournament will fill up quickly.

**Costs:**

School fee	\$40
Policy Team Open	\$60 per team
LD Open	\$40 per entry
PF Open	\$60 per team
Policy Team Novice	\$40 per team
LD Novice	\$25 per team
PF Novice	\$40 per team

**Trophies**

Trophies will be given out to semi-finalists and finalists in the varsity divisions of Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum and to the finalists in policy debate. The trophies will be mailed to the schools of the competitors.

**Please make all checks or purchase orders payable to: Science Park High School / memo Debate Team**

**Mail checks to:**

**Science Park High School % Debate Team  
260 Norfolk Street  
Newark, NJ 07103**

**You can also pay online via PayPal at: (A PayPal payment option will be available).**

**COACHES, PLEASE READ TO ALL STUDENTS AND JUDGES!****Harassment / Student Safety / Adults Responsibility**

Due to liability concerns, Independent Entries are Not Allowed:

All students entering into our high school tournament must only do so under the banner of their school and with the consent of their school administration. Each student's school administration must take full responsibility for the students from their schools. An adult authorized by each competing school must be present and available for the entirety of the tournament.

Harassment, bullying and all codes of conduct are governed by the rules of the Newark Public Schools. All students and adults are expected to govern themselves accordingly both inside and outside of debates. Debate is an extension of the legal and moral norms of the classroom. Conduct that would not be tolerated inside of a classroom cannot be tolerated inside of this debate tournament. The Harassment and Bullying policy for the

Newark Public Schools will be made available. There will be an independent person from the school district available during the tournament to hear complaints and take the appropriate, professional action in an effort to protect the safety of our students.

All judges and competitors must respect the humanity of all of our students. Respect the gender pronouns of debaters and judges. Judge and compete with an understanding that fundamental fairness is expected to all students and adults regardless of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

### **Cameras**

Cameras are expected to be on while students are debating and adults are judging. Clearly there are many technical and personal reasons for exceptions that do not need to be disclosed. It is the expectation of the tournament that everyone's cameras will be on. However, exceptions should be accepted in good faith and without need for explanation. We expect that coaches will have this conversation with judges and students. It is especially difficult when competitors cannot see their judges during a debate. So we are asking that everyone take this seriously. Debate can only function if we adhere to a code of honor.

Recordings cannot be made without the explicit permission of those in the virtual room.

### **Judging Requirements:**

All schools need to bring **quality, qualified** judges to cover their team requirements. Please only bring **qualified, quality** judges to the tournament. It is expected that all judges be fully present and focussed on the one round they are judging. There is a limited opportunity to hire.

All Six Divisions will be single-flighted. So 1 judge for every 2 teams. There is no partial hiring of judges.

Policy Varsity and Novice  
1 or 2 teams = 1 Judge

Lincoln Douglas Varsity and Novice  
1-2 debaters = 1 judge

Public Forum Varsity and Novice  
1-2 teams = 1 judge

**Mutual Judging Preferences / Strikes: Given the newness of online tournaments and our particular situation, we will not be able to guarantee mutual judging preferences. We will offer at least a limited number of strikes.**

**Topics:**

Policy will use the National Speech and Debate national topic. LD will use the National Speech and Debate January – February topic. PF will use the National Speech and Debate January topic.

Both the LD and policy debate division will require disclosure on the NDCA Wiki. The proper disclosure of previously run arguments is expected. (Tags, cites, etc...)

If there are questions, you can reach Jonathan Alston or Elijah Smith at [thenewarkinvitational@gmail.com](mailto:thenewarkinvitational@gmail.com).

**Tech Checks and Start Times**

Tech checks are to take care of all pre-round issues, including additional disclosure, setting up email chains, taking care of cameras and other technical issues, etc...

Affirmatives and 1st speakers **MUST** be speaking when the debate is scheduled to begin. Debaters who do not show up for the tech check or who cannot begin on time risk forfeiting the debate. Forfeits will begin 5 minutes after the debate is scheduled to begin.

Pairings will be released 30 minutes before start time.

### **Policy Debate Schedule**

Debaters and judges must check into the round 30 minutes before the debate begins and remain in the room. All Affirmatives must be speaking when the round is scheduled to begin. All judges and competitors must be on time. Any debater who does not show up to the tech check or does not remain in the room will be forfeited five minutes after the scheduled start time.

#### **Friday January 8, 2020**

#### **Policy Debate Open and Novice**

##### **Round I**

Tech Check at 3pm.

Round Begins at 3:15

**Dinner follows round I.**

##### **Round II**

Tech Check begins at 5:30

Round begins at 5:45

#### **Saturday January 9, 2020**

##### **Round III**

Tech Check 8:45am

Round begins at 9am.

#### **Lunch 11am**

##### **Round IV**

Tech Check 11:45am

Round begins 12pm

### **Round V**

Tech Check 2:30

Round begins 2:45

#### **Elimination Round 1**

Tech Check at 5:30 pm

Round begins at 5:45

The Policy Novice Division will only have one elimination debate. (Top 4, 6, or 8 will debate depending on numbers.)

#### **Sunday January 10, 2020**

##### **Elimination Round 2**

Tech check 8:45 am

Debate begins 9am

##### **Elimination round 3**

Tech Check 11:30 am

Debate Begins 11:45 am

### **Lincoln-Douglas Debate Schedule**

Debaters and judges must check into the round 30 minutes before the debate begins and remain in the room. All judges and competitors must be on time. Any debater who does not show up to the tech check or does not remain in the room will be forfeited five minutes after the scheduled start time.

#### **January 8, 2021**

#### **Lincoln-Douglas Open and Novice**

##### **Round I**

Tech Check at 3pm.

Round Begins at 3:15

##### **Round II**

Tech Check begins at 5pm

Round begins at 5:15

#### **Dinner follows round II**

##### **Round III**

Tech Check begins 7 pm

Round begins at 7:15

#### **January 9, 2021**

##### **Round IV**

Tech Check 8:45 am

Round begins 9am

##### **Round V**

Tech Check 10:45

Round begins 11

##### **Elimination Round 1**

Tech Check at 1:15

Round begins at 1:30 pm

##### **Elimination Round 2**

Tech check: 3:15

Debate begins 3:30pm

##### **Elimination round 3**

Tech Check 5:15 pm

Debate Begins at 5:30 pm

##### **Elimination round 4**

Tech Check 7:15

Round begins at 7:30pm

**Note: The Novice LD Division will finish Saturday night.**

#### **January 10, 2021**

Finals

Tech check 10:45 am

Round begins at 11am

### **Public Forum Debate Schedule**

Debaters and judges must check into the round 30 minutes before the debate begins and remain in the room. All judges and competitors must be on time. Any debater who does not show up to the tech check or does not remain in the room will be forfeited five minutes after the scheduled start time.

### **Friday January 8, 2021**

#### **Public Forum Open and Novice**

##### **Round I**

Tech Check at 3pm.

Round Begins at 3:15

##### **Round II**

Tech Check begins at 5pm

Round begins at 5:15

#### **Dinner follows round II**

##### **Round III**

Tech Check 7pm

Round begins at 7:15

### **Saturday January 9, 2021**

##### **Round IV**

Tech Check 8:45 am

Round begins 9am

### **Round V**

Tech Check 10:45

Round begins 11

#### **Elimination Round 1**

Tech Check at 1:15

Round begins at 1:30 pm

#### **Elimination Round 2**

Tech check: 3:15

Debate begins 3:30 pm

#### **Elimination round 3**

Tech Check 5:15 pm

Debate Begins at 5:30 pm

#### **Elimination round 4**

Tech Check 7:15

Round begins at 7:30 pm

**Note: The Novice LD Division will finish Saturday night.**

### **Sunday January 10, 2021**

Finals (If needed)

Tech check 10:45 am

Round begins at 11am