

Hays Invitation

The Prospect High School Speech and Debate Team cordially invites you to the tenth annual Georgiana Hays Debate Invitational at Prospect High School, Saratoga. Georgiana Hays was an English teacher and debate coach who led Prospect's forensics program to nationals twice during her tenure. At a tournament hosting some of the finest debaters in the nation, it is only fitting that her name should grace the trophy.

The Hays Invitational will be held all day on Saturday, May 15th, 2021. Students will have the opportunity to compete in Parliamentary, Public Forum, or Lincoln-Douglas debate, in either the Open or Novice divisions. Additionally, middle school and homeschooled students are more than welcome to attend.

General

- ❖ BE ON TIME! Topic release will be at 8:00 am. We will not be waiting for anyone.
- ❖ We will be using NSDA as our online platform.
- ❖ The rounds 1 and 2 will be randomly paired. The next three rounds will be power-matched. The 5th round will be hidden semis.
- ❖ The tournament will be single-flighted. Depending on the number of novice teams registered, we reserve the right to collapse divisions. If this is the case, novice teams will be paired with each other for as long as possible, and will still have their own finals round.
- ❖ The top two teams and speakers in each division receive awards. All participants earn NFL points. POI points will be awarded in Parliamentary debate.
- ❖ A team can compete in novice **only** if they have been competing for a year or less in the event that they are registered for.

Parliamentary

- ❖ Parliamentary will loosely follow CHSSA rules. Points of Information are permitted (at speaker's discretion) in the constructive speeches except during the first and last minute of each speech. Points of Order are allowed in the final speeches. The speaking times are 7PM-8LO-8MG-8MO-4LO-5PM. Laptops may be used during prep, but no prep in-round. There will be no coach prep allowed. Parliamentary will have 20 minutes of prep time prior to each round.
- ❖ Due to the online platform, we will not have strikes this year. Parliamentary debaters must be in their respective rooms within 5 minutes of the round start time or else it will be a forfeit.

Public Forum

- ❖ Public Forum will follow NFL rules. The **April** resolution will be used in all rounds. The use of laptops is allowed. Speech times: 4A1-4N1-31CX-4A2-4N2-32CX-3A1-3N1-3GCX-2A2-2N2. Each team will get 3 minutes of prep time. Public Forum Debaters must be in their respective rooms within 5 minutes of the round start time or else it will be a forfeit.
- ❖ Debaters cannot use the NSDA Campus chat during the round, unless it is regarding timing/audio/email chain issues.

- ❖ Protests and evidence challenges may be brought up to the tournament directors via Slack. Link to join the channel will be sent out as we get closer to the tournament date. Please only contact the directors if the problem remains unresolved despite discussions between competitors and the judge.

Lincoln-Douglas

- ❖ LD will follow NSDA rules and use the NFL **March/April** resolution (TBA) in all divisions. Email chains can be started at the agreement of both competitors and judges but are not required. The speaking times are 6A1-7N1/NR1-3CX1-4AR1-6NR2-3AR3. Total prep time provided to all debaters is 4 minutes.
- ❖ Protests and evidence challenges may be brought up to the tournament directors via Slack. Link to join the channel will be sent out as we get closer to the tournament date. Please only contact the directors if the problem remains unresolved despite discussions between competitors and the judge.
- ❖ All competitors must be in their respective rooms within 5 minutes of the round start time or else there will be a forfeit.
- ❖ Debaters cannot use the NSDA Campus chat during the round, unless it is regarding timing/audio/email chain issues.
- ❖ Debaters may use the contact option on NSDA Campus regarding missing competitors and/or judges.

Judges

- ❖ During online registration, schools will be required to register their judges by name. One corresponding judge will be required every two teams, rounding up.
- ❖ Judges must attend roll-call prior to the start of the tournament. Failure to do so may result in a \$50 fine.
- ❖ Judges must have/create **personal Tabroom accounts** before the tournament and have personal devices that can connect to the internet. We will be doing e-ballots.
- ❖ If a judge does not show up for a round, the school will have to pay a \$50 fee.
- ❖ We will **not** be providing hired judges for any division.
- ❖ Judges may use the contact option on NSDA Campus regarding missing competitors.
- ❖ Judges must judge one round beyond the elimination of your last competitor/team in that event.

SCHEDULE

Friday, May 14th

6:00 - 8:00 pm: Registration

Saturday, May 15th

7:45 am: Judges check-in at Judge Lounge

8:00 am: Round 1

9:45 am: Round 2

11:30 am: Round 3

1:15 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm: Round 4

3:45 pm: Round 5 (hidden semis)

5:30 pm: Finals

Awards will be live-announced over Zoom. Link to the meeting and the time will be released day of the tournament.

*The start time of the rounds is when the topics will be announced, **not** when pairings are released.

FEES

_____ School fee X 1 = \$30

_____ Number of Parli/Public Forum/Lincoln-Douglas Open entered X \$60 = _____

_____ Number of Parli/Public Forum/Lincoln-Douglas Novice entered X \$50 = _____

Please make checks out to:

Prospect High School

Attn: Heather Cooper (Banker)

18900 Prospect Rd

Saratoga, CA 95070

All checks must be received the Wednesday before the day of the tournament.

If you have any questions, please email Diya Jain at jaindiya03@gmail.com or Katelyn Eng at keng1760@gmail.com.