

NEW YORK STATE FORENSIC LEAGUE

Dear Moderator:

You and your speakers and debaters are cordially invited to attend the Regional Qualifying Tournaments in Speech, Debate and Student Congress.

The **Speech** Qualifier will be held on **Saturday, Feb 20th**. The following categories will be offered: JV & V Extemp; JV & V Oral Interp; Declamation; Original Oratory; Dramatic Interp; Humorous Interp; Duo Interp and the latest state category, **Program Oral Interp**.

The **Public Forum & Lincoln-Douglas** Qualifiers will be held on **Tuesday, March 2nd**. There will be three levels. We will use the **NSDA JANUARY Public Forum** topic and the **Jan/Feb LD** topic

The **Student Congress** Qualifier will be held on **Thursday, March 4th**. Each school in Student Congress must submit two bills or resolutions – one for prelims and one for supers by **Wednesday, Feb 17th**. Please e-mail your legislation to me at Regis. (edimichele@regis.org)

All definitions of category levels can be found on the NYSFL website. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me. You may enter as many students as you wish. But please remember that no speaker or debater may enter an event in which he/she is pre-qualified. To do so would be to waive the pre-qualification. A speaker who is pre-qualified in one event may enter in another event; however, I would strongly urge against this practice unless that speaker fully intends to compete in the event at the state tournament. **(Please note that although you can double qualify in speech, you CANNOT do so through the regional qualifier.)** Also, please do not bring speakers/debaters to the qualifiers if they have no intention of attending the state championship – **April 23 – 25th**.

The judging requirements are as follows: **one** judge for every **four** speakers; LD – **one** judge for every **two** debaters; Public Forum Debate – **one** judge for every **two** teams; and for Student Congress – **one** for the first five entries and **two** for anything over five.

All judges must be experienced adults, with the exception that qualified varsity debaters may judge the intermediate and novice divisions of LD & public forum debate, while qualified varsity speakers may judge declamation, JV oral interp and JV extemp. Accordingly, judging requirements must be calculated **separately**.

We will run things as they have been run in the past – as many rounds as seems fair in the minimum time needed. All speech judges will be heard by at least three judges, though they might not speak in three rounds. Debaters will have at least two rounds. Congresspersons will have at least one session.

Registration for the Speech Qualifier should be completed by 9:00am. Registration for the LD Debate, Public Forum & Congress Qualifiers should be completed by 3:30pm. Please enter your **speech** entries on tabroom.com no later than **Wednesday, Feb 17th**, your **LD Debate, Student Congress, Public Forum** entries no later than **Wednesday, February 24th**.

Sincerely,

Eric Di Michele
Regional Director