

Hello CFISD speech & debate coaches, there will be a Virtual Novice Night on **tabroom.com**. This is a great opportunity for your beginning students to practice their skills in a low-pressure environment and to receive feedback on their efforts. **For this event, NO rounds will be asynchronous. All rounds will be live.** It is also a wonderful chance for your varsity members to gain valuable experience as judges. For novice nights to remain viable, it is imperative that the workload be reduced on teachers volunteering to host. To that end, we are using tabroom.com to register participants and create pairings. **You need to enter your students no later than 4 p.m. on Mon., February 22. After this deadline, adding students may not be possible. You may drop students or make name substitutions through this website until 4 p.m. on Mon., February 22. The website will be closed to changes after this time. This is for drops and substitutions only, not adding new entries.** Students may enter **one** of the following events (schedule doesn't allow for cross-entry):

- Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- Public Forum Debate
- Congressional Debate
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Oratory/Informative (combined)
- Binder Interp
- Non-Binder Interp
- Impromptu

In addition to entering your novice students, please register your varsity students in tabroom under judges and select what pool they would prefer to judge in. This information greatly helps with planning. Moreover, please be sure to train your varsity students on constructive criticism and discuss with them what it means to be role models for the younger participants. The spirit of this evening should be to encourage novices in speech & debate while providing supportive feedback on how they can improve. Varsity judges should behave accordingly. If you have questions, please contact Ryan Hennessey, CFISD Humanities; [ryan.hennessey@cfisd.net](mailto:ryan.hennessey@cfisd.net)