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SPEECH & DEBATE

Florida Blue Key cordially invites you and your team to join us at our thirty-eighth annual Florida Blue Key Speech & Debate Tournament. This year's tournament will be held **VIRTUALLY** Friday, October 29 through Sunday, October 31, 2021.

REGISTRATION OPENS on September 1st at 8:00 a.m. EST

IMPORTANT NOTES

- **All speech events will be conducted in live sessions**, duo interpretation will be offered this year.
- Speech competitors will be allowed to enter up to **two** events. Due to the live sessions of speech events, those in extemp may enter up to 1 additional speech event.
- Unfortunately, we will not be accepting independent entries for this year's tournament. All entries must be registered with a school.
- An updated tournament schedule will be posted soon on Tabroom.
- The speech and debate team reserves the right to make any changes to entries, divisions, and other tournaments related information.

TOURNAMENT EVENTS: Our tournament will feature **varsity** competition in Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Congressional Debate, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Mixed Extemporaneous Speaking, Program Oral Interpretation, and Original Oratory and **novice** competition in Lincoln Douglas Debate, and Public Forum Debate. All events follow the NSDA (National Speech and Debate Association) rules and regulations.

WAITLIST: All entries will be placed on a waitlist to start with waves of clearing to be followed. The first wave of clearing will start on September 15th. Due to the online format this year, we are looking forward to extending opportunities for schools to join us for the first time. That said, FBK has schools that have supported our tournament for many years and our first obligation is to

provide the same opportunities we always do. These schools will be given preference when we are clearing entries from the waitlist.

ENTRY CAPS:

Event Name	Entry Cap
Public Forum (Varsity, Novice)	180 V, 90 N
Lincoln Douglas (Varsity, Novice)	140 V, 90 N
Congressional Debate	240
Individual Events (HI, DI, OI, POI, Info, Extemp)	160 each

JUDGE REQUIREMENTS & ACCOUNTS: All schools should provide 1 judge for every 2 Public Forum Debate entries, 3 rounds of judging per Lincoln Douglas entry, and 1 judge for every 4 Speech and/or Congress entries. All judges must be qualified to judge the event and division they are entered in. LD judges cannot cross divisions, i.e. NLD judges cannot cover VLD entries and vice versa. Hired judges will be available upon request and approved by tournament administrators. Hired judges are \$200.00 per judge or \$35 per round in LD. **All judges (Speech, Congress, and Debate) must have a valid Tabroom account established for online ballots. All events will use online ballots at the tournament.**

Note: When asked for judge phone numbers at registration it is essential you input the correct phone number for each judge and not a coach's phone number. In the event we need to contact a judge we will be using the number provided, inputting the wrong phone number will likely lead to delays in the tournament and possibly missing judge fines if we are unable to contact a missing judge.

ONLINE ADAPTATION: The Florida Blue Key Speech and Debate Tournament is utilizing the official NSDA software for our online tournament. This platform is able to integrate with Tabroom in order to assist with the tournament.

TOC BIDS: Florida Blue Key is thrilled to announce that we have retained our status as a qualifying competition for the National High School Tournament of Champions (TOC) in Public Forum (octafinalists), Congressional Debate (semi-finalists), and Lincoln Douglas (quarterfinalists). Florida Blue Key is also a bid tournament for the TOC in speech events.

DEBATE TOPICS: We are excited to announce that Public Forum Debate (all divisions) will debate the 2021 NSDA November/December topic and Lincoln Douglas Debate (all divisions) will debate the 2021 NSDA November/December topic.

CONGRESS: Congressional Debate legislation will be released prior to the tournament on tabroom.com and on the Florida Blue Key Debate website.

SPEECH PATTERN: Speech events will not be patterned for the purpose of running an efficient tournament.

ROUND ROBIN INFORMATION: The **Round Robin** will take place on Thursday, October 28, 2021. Only debate events (Congressional debate, PF, LD) will be offered at this year's Round Robin. Invitations to the Round Robin will be sent to coaches on September 15th. Additionally, those wishing to attend are welcome to submit an application which will be made available on September 15th via our website <http://fbkdebate.org/events/round-robin/>. Applications will close October 6th.

OTHER INFORMATION & SCHEDULE: Full tournament details will be posted on fbkdebate.org. Please feel free to reach out to chair@fbkdebate.org with any questions or concerns.

For event-specific questions, please contact:

- Congressional debate- congress@fbkdebate.org
- Lincoln Douglas- lincolndouglas@fbkdebate.org
- Public Forum- publicforum@fbkdebate.org
- Individual Events- individualevents@fbkdebate.org
- Round Robin- roundrobin@fbkdebate.org

We greatly appreciate your continued support as the largest student-run speech and debate tournament in the nation. As always, Go Gators!