**Clear Lake Falcon Classic 2021 Tournament Information Book**

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# Welcome

The Clear Lake High School Speech & Debate team welcomes you to the Clear Lake Falcon Classic 2021, held this year on December 3rd and 4th, 2021. We are proud to serve as a Texas Forensic Association Invitational Qualifying Tournament as well as continuing our tradition of awarding a bid to the Tournament of Champions for the top 6 placements in Congressional Debate.

Warm regards,

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# COVID-19 Protocols

The Clear Lake Falcon Classic 2021 will adhere to Clear Creek ISD guidelines and will, to the best of our abilities, follow CDC guidelines. The following mitigation strategies will be employed:

* Clear Creek ISD does not mandate masks. However, we feel as if they are a sound mitigation strategy and **strongly implore** all of our visitors to mask up when inside our building.
* Our commons/cafeteria is already spaced with social distancing in mind. Because of that, competitors are asked to remain there or in the main hallway nearby when not in round. We ask that proper distance be maintained from others to the best of your ability.
* There are numerous hand sanitizer stations spread throughout our building, and we recommend their use.
* Competition rooms will be spread throughout our building and will be pooled by event. All rooms should be of sufficient size, as they are all classrooms, to allow students to remain distanced appropriately. Except when speaking or performing, we again strongly implore you to remain masked while in your competition room.
* All food, including concessions and hospitality, will be served by our volunteers.

# Events & Event-Specific Information

The following events will be offered at The Falcon Classic 2021:

* In-person IEs: Domestic Extemp, Foreign Extemp, Novice Extemp; Dramatic Interp; Humorous Interp; Informative Speaking; Original Oratory; Poetry; Prose; Program of Oral Interp; Impromptu Speaking
* Debate: Congressional Debate; Cross-Examination Debate (in a round-robin, non-qual format); Lincoln-Douglas Debate (Novice and Championship); Public Forum Debate (Novice and Championship); ~~Worlds School Debate~~

Cross-entry will not be allowed between extemp events (i.e. no FX and DX), or between debate and Section B (DI, HI, INFO, PR, IMP) events. We will allow cross-entry freely between Sections A and B, as well as between debate and Section A, however ***it is important to note that you cross-enter at your own risk.***

The following topics will be debated:

* Cross-Examination Debate will use the current 2021-2022 NSDA CX topic
* Lincoln-Douglas Debate (***both divisions – we will not be using the novice topic***) will use the 2021-2022 November/December LD topic
* Public Forum Debate (both divisions) will use the 2021-2022 November/December PF topic
* Congressional Debate will use the following legislation from the TFA Fall 2021 Legislative docket:
  + Prelims: 1-10
  + ~~Semis: 11-15~~
  + Finals: 16-20
* ~~Worlds School Debate will debate the following motions:~~
  + ~~Round 1: This House would allow illegally obtained evidence to be used in criminal prosecutions.~~
  + ~~Round 2: Impromptu motion (announced one hour before round start)~~
  + ~~Round 3: This House regrets the increased focus of higher education on STEM at the expense of the liberal arts.~~
  + ~~Semis: This House would ban combat drones.~~
  + ~~Finals: Impromptu motion (announced one hour before round start)~~
* Congressional Debate Finals will utilize Direct Questioning

# General Tournament Information

* Brackets will be broken in all debate events as necessary.
* Individual events will have single judges for prelims and semis, with panels in finals of TFA qualifying events.
* Debate events will have single judges for prelims and early elim rounds, with panels in semis and finals of TFA qualifying events.
* Round 3 of debate will be lag powered hi-lo; Round 4 of debate will be true powered hi-lo.
* No independent entries will be accepted. All entries must be affiliated with and a representative of their school, defined as an organization, institution, or group who grants a diploma or its equivalent as recognized by the Texas State Board of Education and/or Texas Education Agency; middle school students may compete in novice events as long as they are affiliated with and a representative of their school in a similar fashion to the above requirement. Out of state students are also welcome to compete at the Clear Lake Falcon Classic provided they meet those same requirements with their own state Board of Education or similar.
* The judging pool will consist of predominantly community volunteer judges for IEs and some debate rounds, with contracts focused in debate. Clear Lake varsity students will also be utilized as necessary to judge novice events.

# Sweepstakes Info

* Varsity Debate: 1st (30 pts), 2nd (25 pts), Semis (20 pts), Qtrs (15 pts)
* Novice Debate: 1st (20 pts), 2nd (15 pts), Semis (10 pts)
* Varsity IEs, incl. Duo: 1st (25 pts), 2nd (20 pts), 3rd (15 pts), 4th (10 pts), 5th (5 pts), 6th (3 pts)
* Novice/NonQual IEs: 1st (20 pts), 2nd (15 pts), 3rd (10 pts), 4th (5 pts), 5th (2 pts), 6th (1 pt)
* Congressional Debate: 1st (30 pts), 2nd (25 pts), 3rd (20 pts), 4th (15 pts), 5th (10 pts), 6th (5 pts)

# Fees

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| **Event** | **Fee** |
| Individual Events | $15/entry |
| Novice LD and Novice PF | $20/entry |
| Champ LD, Champ PF, and Congress | $25/entry |
| Cross-Examination/Worlds School Debate | $30/entry |
| School Fee | $50/school |
| Uncovered Debate Judge Fee | $100/5 entries |