

The 9th Annual Bargain Belt Invitational!

Saturday & Sunday October 16-17, 2021.

Hello Speech and Debate Coaches,

Please accept our cordial invitation to the 9th annual *Bargain Belt Invitational* hosted by Claremont High School. We pledge to you a full service, low-cost, well-managed weekend of excellent **remote** competition. As a competitive high school team, our mission is to provide the unique educational opportunities inherent in forensic competition at an affordable cost to the forensics community. This tournament will be conducted on NSDA's remote *Campus* platform. To meet the needs of remote competition, we have expanded to a two-day competition schedule. We look forward to hosting your team and providing a great weekend of competition.

We welcome all competitors from 6th -12th grade from both public and private institutions. We will also accommodate independent entries which meet our entry qualifications. Below you will find all of the specific details relating to the tournament. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at: chamberlainofchs@gmail.com or you can reach me by phone at 951-966-4417. **Unfortunately, we are unable to provide complimentary Lunch for all competitors, judges and coaches; which has been a unique staple of the Bargain Belt. We will instead be making increases in the number of awards distributed and we have added an additional preliminary debate round and a semi-final round in speech.**

Events and Divisions:

In debate we offer Novice and Open divisions in Public Forum debate, Lincoln-Douglas debate, Parliamentary debate and Student Congress. There will be a separate Presiding Officer competition. We will offer an Open division of World School debate. We will use the Sep./Oct. LD topic and the Sep./Oct. Public Forum topic. *Note, if a novice or varsity division does not reach at least 16 entries, we may collapse into a single open division. (We do not utilize the Novice LD topic.)*

In Speech we offer Novice & Open divisions in all CHSSA Speech events, to include: Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Original

Oratory (OO), Original Advocacy (OA), Impromptu, Program Oral Interpretation (POI), Oratorical Interpretation (OI), OriginalProse/Poetry (OPP), Informative (Info) and Extemporaneous (combining domestic and international).

Speech will have three preliminary rounds, then break to semi-finals (>35 entry) or finals (<35 entry). *Note, if a novice or varsity division in speech does not reach at least 10 entries, we may collapse into a single open division.* We are pleased to announce NIETOC bids at Bargain Belt! Tournament bids are based on entry numbers, and will be offered in DI, HI, Duo, OO, POI, Informative, and Extemp. For additional information on how NIETOC works, please visit their website at www.nietoc.com.

All events will be synchronous, with the exception of Duo. Duo entries will need to provide a video of a split screen performance, with both entries in different rooms. Please follow the NSDA guidelines for this kind of event. The videos will need to be uploaded to Tabroom by Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 8 pm. The competitors should be prepared to provide the link for their judge in case of tech issues.

We will provide information on the extemp prep room at a later date. Parli will be open prep, with the topics announced on a Googledoc.

Students may enter up to three events; consisting of one debate event and two speech events. Exceptions: A student entering Extemp, may only single enter in the speech events; but may still enter one debate event.

Awards and Recognition

Awards will be given to all Speech finalists and semi-finalists. All Congress finalists will receive awards. All Octa-finalists and higher in the debate events will receive awards. Keep in mind, debate divisions may be collapsed if the entry in one of the divisions is fewer than 16 entries. *(Please note: All awards will be mailed/delivered to one location per school.)*

Entry Procedure and Fees:

All tournament entries will be handled through Tabroom.com. There are NO entry limits for schools. The deadline to add entries on the website will be Wednesday, Oct 13th at 11:55 pm. Any "Adds" after this deadline may be considered via email (chamberlainofchs@gmail.com) Drops may be made online or emailed without penalty

until 11:55 pm Thursday, Oct 14th. Any drops after this deadline will still be charged the regular entry fee. Entry fees must be paid by check or online and received by Friday, Oct. 15th or entries may be dropped from competition. Entries are NOT complete unless all student competitors and judges have completed their **Tournament Eligibility Form**.

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| School Fee: | None! |
| Public Forum: | \$30.00 |
| Parliamentary: | \$30.00 |
| LD: | \$20.00 |
| WSD: | \$40.00 |
| Congress/PO: | \$8.00 |
| IE: | \$8.00 (DUO \$15) |

Extemp & Parli Topic Selection and Congress Legislation

We invite the community to submit potential topics or topic areas for consideration and integration to the tournament. All topic selection decisions will be made by the Tournament Director. If you or your students would like to create congress resolutions, suggest extemp topic areas, or submit Parli resolutions, please email all ideas to (chamberlainofchs@gmail.com). Congress legislation must be received by September 24th so that the congress bills can be posted online three weeks prior to the tournament. The deadline for suggested Parli Topics and Extemp Topic areas will be October 1 .

Judging Commitments and Judge Hires:

Schools must provide one judge for every six speech and congress entries, and one judge for every two debate entries. A single judge may cover both Speech and Debate patterns, but keep in mind this may require two full days of judging. All judges

are committed to judge one round beyond when the last student from that school/institution is eliminated from competition. This means that all judges are committed for the first Elimination round. Also, if your school has 4 judges and one of your debaters advances to the Quarter-final round, ALL 4 judges are committed to judge the Semi-final round. Please make sure your judges are available for their full commitment. Missed rounds will incur fees as we have to replace those judges with hired judges or school judges beyond their commitment. All judges must have a tabroom account with both email and phone number, and they must be comfortable and able to judge remotely.

All judges must be entered by October 14 at 11:55pm and all judges must complete the **Tournament Eligibility Form** to be eligible and qualified to judge at our tournament. Judges must be responsive to tournament email communication or they will not be eligible to judge. NO Judge training will be provided. However, judge training videos will be linked on our Tabroom registration page.

Schools may choose to hire judges at a rate of \$100 per hired judge. Hire requests are not confirmed until the tournament accepts and emails you that hired judging has been secured to cover your entry. The tournament makes financial commitments to individuals when we confirm your hire request. Therefore, once confirmed, hired judging may not be reduced or deleted even if you have reduced your entry. The deadline for requesting hired judges is October 12.

Competition Procedure:

Debate rounds one and two will be preset, debate rounds 3-5 will be power-matched. A school will not hit itself in prelims. However, we will not break brackets in elimination rounds. School vs. school in elimination rounds will require a coach's walk-over decision. The tournament will advance the higher seeded debater if the coach does not indicate a walk-over decision. Speech preliminary rounds will be preset. A team's speech entries advancing to semi-finals will be spread equally between panels.

There will be a 10 minute forfeiture rule in place for all rounds of competition. Competitors and judges experiencing technology difficulties which prevent them from starting on time, must text the tournament helpline or visit the virtual HelpDesk or risk forfeiting the round.

Disputes and Equity:

It is our goal to host a fair, transparent and equitable tournament. The Bargain Belt Invitational will utilize an Independent Dispute and Equity Committee with authority to adjudicate all competition and equity issues that are brought to the attention of the Tournament Director.

Bargain Belt Invitational Tournament Schedule

Saturday, October 17th

7:30am – 8:15am Virtual Assembly & Judge Check-in

8:30am Debate Round 1 PF, Parli, LD WSD-1 Congress-1

10:30am Debate Round 2 PF, Parli, LD WSD-2 Congress-2

Lunch Break ☺

1:00pm Debate Round 3 PF, Parli, LD WSD-3 Congress-3

2:30pm Debate Round 4 PF, Parli, LD

4:00pm Debate Round 5 PF, Parli, LD WSD-4

6:00pm Debate Elim 1 Congress Finals

Sunday, October 18th

7:30am – 8:15am Virtual Assembly & Judge Check-in

8:30am *Speech Round 1*

10:00am *Speech Round 2*

11:30am Debate Elim 2

1:00pm *Speech Round 3*

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| 2:30pm | Debate Elim 3 | |
| 4:30pm | <i>Speech Semi-Finals</i> | |
| 6:00pm | Speech Finals | Debate Elim 4 (If Needed) |
| 7:30pm | Awards | |