LFL Mount Markham
FORENSIC TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY, November 13, 2021

GPS Location - 545 Fairground Road, West Winfield, NY 13491

TOURNAMENT IN PERSON AT MOUNT MARKHAM HIGH SCHOOL. VIA TABROOM FOR REGISTRATION AND JUDGE BALLOTS

THIS TOURNAMENT WILL RUN WITH:
3 DEBATE ROUNDS & FINALS AS NEEDED
3 SPEECH ROUNDS & FINALS AS NEEDED
2 CONGRESS ROUNDS

Varsity, Intermediate & Novice (see level descriptions on page 2)*
Lincoln-Douglas
Public Forum

Varsity Events:
Original Oratory
Humorous Interp
Dramatic Interp
Program OI
Declamation
Oral Interp*
Informative
Extemp*
Student Congress

Junior Varsity Events (9th and 10th grade):
Oral Interp*
Extemp*

Junior High Events (7th and 8th grade):
Oral Interp
Impromptu
Extemp
Duo Interp

Declamation

*Categories will be combined if there aren’t enough competitors.

DOUBLE-ENTRY: ALLOWED IN SPEECH OR SPEECH W/CONGRESS. NO DE FOR DEBATE ENTRIES.

Entry Fees: $10.00 per speaker. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “MOUNT MARKHAM SPEECH & DEBATE ” Fees are due at the time of registration.

Material/Grade Level: All material must be new for that contestant as of September 2020. Remember that speakers must not “switch material” during the course of the tournament day. Speakers must comply with the criteria in the category descriptions.

Topics: We will use the regular November NSDA topics for ALL LD and Public Forum. We will not use the NOVICE only topic for LD.
Lincoln-Douglas Debate – Resolved: A just government ought to recognize an unconditional right of workers to strike.

Public Forum Debate - Resolved: Increased United States federal regulation of cryptocurrency transactions and/or assets will produce more benefits than harms.

Lincoln-Douglas & Public Forum Debate shall consist of the following subdivisions:

(1) Varsity: a student (or two-person team) in any grade level of high school, prepared to debate both sides of the announced resolution.
(2) Intermediate: a student (or two-person team) in any grade level of high school who has had no more than two years experience at the intermediate level, prepared to debate both sides of the announced resolution.
(3) Novice: a student (or two-person team) in the ninth or tenth grade who has had no interscholastic experience in any form of debate prior to September 1 of the present year of competition, prepared to debate both sides of the announced resolution.

STUDENT CONGRESS: As this is the first tournament of the year, we will use the practice NSDA Dockets as initial sources. Additional submissions must be received by November 6th to sculver135@gmail.com. The final document will be shared with registered competitors via tabroom on November 8th.

Awards: ALL events to be distributed at the tournament!

JUDGING GUIDELINES:

Each school must register one judge per every two (2) debate entries, and/or one judge per every four (4) speech entries.

Please provide judges’ names and level/area of experience on the registration forms.

Competition notes/details:
Extemp speakers have 20 minutes prep time.
Imp speakers will have 2 minutes prep time and 3 minutes maximum speaking time.
OO, Info, Duo, HI, DI and Dec must be memorized. Speakers who use binders cannot finish any higher than 2nd place in each round in these categories. Please designate on ballots whether or not an individual was “on” or “off” book.
OI speakers are required to use binders or a manuscript.

JH Dec & Duo speakers have the option of using a manuscript w/out penalty.
**A speaker who reports to a wrong section (room) will be ranked last in the section. If there are problems, report them to the TAB room immediately. **

- Judges should return ballots promptly and rank each student with no ties.
- Judges will need to familiarize themselves with the category rules and expectations using the attached sheets.

**Changes:** Should be made in tabroom. Last-minute changes can be texted to me...315-725-1431.