



November 14, 2021

Dear Middle Schools,

We are excited to welcome you and your students to the Princeton Holidays Speech & Debate Tournament for Middle Schools!

This tournament will be held via [Tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com) from December 16 through 22, 2021. Registration is open to all students in grades 5 through 8.

Competition will be asynchronous. Coaches will submit a video recording for each student entry before Thursday, December 16 via the registration on PrincetonHolidays.Tabroom.com. Judges will provide rankings and feedback for the three preliminary rounds between Friday, December 17 and Sunday, December 19, 2021. For events with enough entries, elimination rounds will be held on Monday, December 20 and Tuesday, December 21, 2021. Awards will be announced via a recorded Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, December 22, 2021.

This tournament will offer the same events as the [National Speech & Debate Association \(NSDA\)](https://www.nsdanet.org) Middle School National Speech Challenge: Congressional Debate Authorship Challenge, Declamation, Dramatic, Duo, Extemp (Prepared Mixed), Humorous, Informative, Impromptu (Prepared Prompt), Original Oratory, Original Spoken Word Poetry, Pro-Con Challenge, Poetry Interp, Program Oral Interp, Prose Interp, and Storytelling. We will use the [NSDA Middle School Unified Manual](https://www.nsdanet.org/middle-school-unified-manual) for all event rules. More information is available at PrincetonHolidays.Tabroom.com.

The registration fee for this tournament is \$10 per student and will provide for individual and team awards to be shipped to schools as well as a pool of experienced judges to supplement the school-provided judges. Hired judges will also be available but need to be requested before December 10, 2021.

We look forward to hosting a robust competition with schools from across the country. Please reach out if you have any questions.

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