

Lincoln-Sudbury Warrior Showdown

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL
SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM**

Dear Speech & Debate Coach,

The L-S Speech & Debate Team cordially invites you and your team to the Lincoln-Sudbury Speech & Debate Showdown on Saturday, December 4th, 2021. The tournament will feature Public Forum Debate, Big Questions Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Student Congress, and all Massachusetts Speech and Debate League (MSDL) speech events. All schools must have submitted a signed MSDL Participation Agreement prior to attending.

The tournament will take place in person! It is restricted to MSDL member schools that have submitted a signed Participation Agreement.

Location: Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School
390 Lincoln Road
Sudbury, MA 01776

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Masks will be required, covering nose and mouth, **at all times** while anywhere inside Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, except when eating in designated areas of the school. Students will be required to wear masks while giving speeches; coaches are encouraged to have students practices speaking while masked.

Masks should be the same type that is approved by your local school administration. Gaiter type face coverings are not allowed.

By attending this tournament, you agree to inform Joyce Albert (jeba78@verizon.net) and LS Speech and Debate (lssd101@gmail.com) if you have any member of your team test positive or experience symptoms of COVID-19 within 72 hours following the tournament.

We expect to utilize the cafeteria and additional spaces in the school to ensure that attendees may socially distance throughout the day. Schools with questions or special requests should reach out to Joyce Albert at jeba78@verizon.net.

Registration Information: Given the extraordinary planning that needs to take place to make this tournament happen, we are asking for your completed online registration by Wednesday, November 24th at 9:00 PM. All entries will be placed on a waitlist and will be accepted as we assess total numbers and the available space in the building. Adds will be accommodated until Wednesday, December 1st at 5:00 PM, provided that we have space available. Judge names should be entered by Monday, November 29th at 5:00 PM. All entries must be covered,(1 for 5 in speech and Congress, 1 for 2 in debate), and there will be no hired judges available.

Fees: Schools should plan to bring cash or a check payable to Lincoln Sudbury Speech and Debate Team to cover their registration fees on the day of the tournament.

While we would prefer payment to be made in person, fees not paid on the day of the tournament will be accepted within 30 days and should be mailed to Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, 390 Lincoln Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 with “Speech and Debate” in the memo line of the check.

All postings and judging will be done electronically. There will be no paper postings. Students will need a device on which to receive electronic messages from Tabroom, including pairings and room numbers. Judges will need a device, preferably a laptop, on which to receive electronic messages from Tabroom, including pairings and room numbers, and to enter ballots and ballot comments. There will be no paper ballots.

Speech

We are pleased to offer the following speech events:

- Children's Literature
- Dramatic Performance
- Duo Interpretation
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Group Discussion
- Impromptu
- Informative Speaking
- Multiple Reading
- Novice Extemporaneous Speaking
- Novice Oral Interpretation (final only)*
- Oratorical Declamation
- Original Oratory
- Play Reading
- Poetry Reading
- Program Oral Interpretation
- Prose Reading
- Radio Broadcasting

*A final round will be held in Novice Oral Interpretation; please register your novice readers (Children's Literature, Play Reading, Poetry Reading, Prose Reading) in Novice Oral Interpretation.

Group Discussion Topic: Civility in Society with focus areas in schools, politics, social media, and community.

The registration fee will be \$7 per speech entry.

Note: Multiple and Duo Interp entries count as one entry

Student Congress

Congress Bills will be posted on Tabroom.com. Students should submit Congress legislation to Joe Bowden at joe.bowden@gmail.com by 5:00 PM on Friday, November 26th.

The registration will be \$7 per speech entry.

Public Forum Debate

Both the Varsity and Novice divisions will be using the November/December 2021 NSDA topic:

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

The registration fee will be \$15 per PFD team.

Big Questions Debate

We will be using the 2021-2022 NSDA topic:

Resolved: On balance, societies benefit from religious belief and practice.

The registration fee will be \$15 per BQ team.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

The Varsity division will be using the November/December 2021 NSDA topic:

Resolved: A just government ought to recognize an unconditional right of workers to strike.

The Novice division will be using the Novice topic:

Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified.

The registration fee will be \$7 per LD entry.

General Instructions:

1. This is planned to be a double-entry tournament, with the following exceptions:
 - Congress and Public Forum are single-entry events.
 - Students entered in Group Discussion, Extemporaneous Speaking, Novice Extemporaneous Speaking and Radio Broadcasting may not enter in any additional event other than Multiple.
 - Students may double enter in two of the Speech events not listed above and in Multiple (a total of three events).

Please note that we will begin by admitting students off the waitlist in one event. If your student has a primary event, please email Joyce Albert at jeba78@verizon.net with the event that is preferred by November 24th.

2. Drops: You may drop entries until 5:00pm Wednesday, December 1st without penalty. All drops after that time should be sent to jeba78@verizon.net. Your team will be assessed a \$5 nuisance fee per dropped entry.
3. Judges: You must bring:
 - One judge for every five speech or Congress entries (or fraction thereof)
 - One judge for every two debate entries (or fraction thereof).

Judge quotas are based on your school's entry at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 1st. A \$50 penalty will be assessed per missing judge.
4. All students and judges should plan to be in attendance for the duration of the tournament, including final rounds.
5. **Saturday morning**: Text (preferred) or call 508-397-5143 between 7:30am and 8:00am to confirm your entry. This assists us in making any last-minute changes to assignments.
6. Awards: Trophies will be awarded to the top eight PFD teams and top 6 entries for each Speech event. The top 10 PFD speakers and top novices will also be recognized, so be sure to designate your novices in Tabroom.
7. Standard rules of professionalism and etiquette will be expected at all times.
9. A variety of pre-packaged and/or single-serving food selections and beverages will be available for purchase all day. We will make every effort to offer gluten-free/nut-free and vegetarian food choices. Depending on the size of the tournament, schools may be assigned to a classrooms for lunch so that social distancing is maintained.
10. Parking: Parking will be available in the main lot. You can recognize it by the solar panels. DO NOT USE FRONT ENTRANCE. Instead, use the labeled cafeteria entrance. There will be students outside helping to direct people to the correct entrance.

Tentative Schedule

Confirmation call-in <i>We need to hear from everyone, even if you do not have drops</i>	7:30-8:00 am
Onsite registration	8:00-8:30 am
Judge Briefings (Speech & PFD)	8:30 am
General Meeting for Competitors	9:00 am
Competition Rounds	9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Awards	6:30 pm

Thank you and we hope to see you on December 4th!