

Thomas Jefferson 2022 Invitational IE, Congress, NIETOC Tournament

Tournament Director

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Dear Coach:

You are invited to the 11th Annual Thomas Jefferson Invitational IE, Congress, and NIETOC Tournament. We pride ourselves in our efficiency, ability to stay on schedule, and quality of competition. This is a district 3 qualifier in individual events as well as a NIETOC bid in Duo Interp, Dramatic Interp, Humorous Interp, Expository, POI, Oratory. Additionally, we will be offering Impromptu, Extemporaneous Speaking, Congress at the open levels.

SUPERVISION:

The WIAA requires the presence, at all times, of a certificated staff member from the school or district supervising your participants. You will not be allowed to compete if you do not comply with this rule.

PLEASE READ THE EVENT RULES CAREFULLY

If you are coming from out of state, you may want to consult the Washington Forensics Association Rules found here:

<https://wiaa.com/ConDocs/Con1144/201920%20Bound%20for%20State%20Regs.pdf>.

DEADLINES

REGISTRATION AND VIDEOS: Registration, and judging commitments due Tuesday, January 18th at 6pm. Thursday January 20th all asynchronous videos are due.

ASYNCHRONOUS JUDGING: On Thursday January 20th by 9pm, videos for asynchronous judging of rounds 1, 2, and 3 will be sent out. Judging will be due by Friday, January 21st at 10pm. Finals will be announced by 10am the next morning.

ONLINE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- Congressional Debate: Conducted synchronously online, on NSDA Campus
- LD/PF: Conducted synchronously on NSDA Campus
- All IES except Extemp and Impromptu: Conducted asynchronously, upload via YouTube
- Extemp and Impromptu will be Live via NSDA Campus

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO (Adapted from [link](#))

After recording the performance with the program of your choice, complete these steps

1. CREATE A YOUTUBE ACCOUNT, if you do not already have one.
2. PUBLISH YOUR VIDEO: Log in to www.youtube.com, click “upload” at the top of the front page. Upload in standard and not high-definition.

3. **EDIT VIDEO DETAILS:** The title of your video should be the event followed by your name (ie PROSE-Your Name). In the description, add the TITLE of your selection, along with your NAME.
4. **EDIT VIDEO VISIBILITY:** When creating the Visibility, change the audience option from “Public” to “Unlisted” to ensure the privacy of your video; only those with a link to the video can watch. Do not make your video “Private” or “Public”
5. **Confirm Viewability:** After your video is fully uploaded, please ensure that your video has no technical issues with sound/video and that the performance is viewable from beginning to end. You might share the link with someone you trust in order to double-check that the link works.
6. Send this URL to your coach immediately so they may upload it to Tabroom.

INFORMATIVE: A speech that is designed to be informative in nature. Visual aids and note cards are permitted, but are not required. Time: ten minutes (10) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.

DRAMATIC INTERP: One or more cuttings from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which is serious in nature. The presentation is **MEMORIZED**. Time: ten minutes maximum with 30 second’s grace.

DUAL INTERP: A cutting from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which may be either humorous or serious in nature. The selection must be memorized but given without props or costumes. Time: ten minutes (10) maximum with 30 second’s grace. We will be following the rules of NSDA nationals that partners.

EXTEMPORANEOUS: Thirty minutes before speaking time, each speaker will select a topic from a choice of four. Questions will be based on current events of the last three months. Speaker will be expected to organize and analyze material relevant to the subject area and answer the chosen question. One note card for novices only is permitted. Time: seven minutes (7) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.

ORATORY: An original speech designed to persuade—that is, to change or reinforce an existing belief, to eulogize, to cause agreement with speaker’s position, or to motivate to action. Event is ten minutes (10) maximum, with 30 second’s grace.

SPAR

Format will be 2:00 minute constructive speeches, followed by 2:00 minutes of cross examination, followed by 1:00 minute rebuttals. Topics will be a variety of abstract ideas, current events, and pop culture questions. Top SPAR Finalists will be asked to SPAR before awards assembly.

IMPROMPTU: Student will enter the room and be given a choice of three topics. The student will choose a topic and have six minutes to prepare and speak on the chosen topic. Time may be used in any manner the speaker chooses (example-2 minutes prep and 4 speaking or 4 minutes prep and 2 minutes speaking). Time: six minutes (6) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.

HUMOROUS INTERP: One or more cuttings from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which is humorous in nature. The presentation is **MEMORIZED**. Time: ten minutes with 30 second grace.

Programmed oral interp: At least one cutting of prose and one cutting of poetry and/or drama linked thematically. We will follow WSFA rules. Time: ten minutes maximum with thirty second's grace.

Congressional Debate:

We will offer two 2 ½ hour sessions on Friday evening and Super Congress on Saturday (divided into a novice final and open final, if numbers merit). All sessions will conflict with LD, and PF.

We will use the Spring Legislation Packet

Because Washington State uses a pre-prepared legislative docket prepared by the Washington State Forensics Association, any out-of-state schools will want to use the packet posted on the tournament website to prepare and address any questions to Co-Coach Meykia Smith

We will follow the docket setting method suggested by the WSFA committee. Each school represented in each house will draw numbers to determine the order for a legislation draft. They will then take turns picking bills to be debated. This will determine the docket for the session. Separate Legislation for Super Congress is included in the WSFA packet and will ONLY be used for Super Congress.

Awards will be given to the top 5 speakers and the top presiding officer in each chamber.

Lincoln Douglas

We will offer **Novice, Junior, and Open** divisions and use the **January/February LD Topic**. Rounds will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format and have 4 minutes of prep time per competitor. Speaker awards will be presented to the top 5 individual competitors in each division.

Public Forum

We will offer **Novice, Junior (new this year if enough numbers), and Open** divisions and use the **January/February PF Topic**. Rounds will follow the new NSDA PF time format with 3-minute summary speeches and with 3 minutes of prep time per team. Speaker awards will be presented to the top 5 individual competitors in each division.

REGISTRATION AND FEES:

Registration this year will occur through the Tabroom website. Please do not email registrations unless something is wrong with the website. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, January 18th at 6pm. Fees will be set on that day. Drops after that time will not be deducted from the entry fee. We want to start and end on time. Please let TAB know as soon as you know of a change.

Fee Schedule:

-School Fee:	\$ 30.00
-Each IE or Congress entry:	\$ 12.00
-Duo Interp Entry:	\$ 20.00
- LD and Public Forum	\$ 15.00

Make checks payable to Thomas Jefferson High School Speech and Debate.

Payment of fees may be made in advance or during registration. Acceptable methods of payment are 1) School Check. 2) School or District PO. 3) Personal Check.

JUDGING: Each school is required to provide one judge every 2 Public Forum debate teams or 2 LD participants. In individual events, one judge is required for each 5 IE's (including Extemp and Impromptu) entered. One student doing two events counts as two contestants. A Dual Interp pair is counted as one entry. One judge needs to be available for every 5 Congress entries. All ballots will be submitted electronically via tabroom, so please ensure judges have accounts ahead of time. We also highly recommend that judges take the NFHS judging course found here: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/adjudicating-speech-and-debate>

Judges may only judge 1 division of debate but may cover a teams' obligation for both asynchronous speech and limited prep. So, theoretically, a judge can cover three categories. You may also use a judge to cover both asynchronous speech and extemp, spar, and impromptu.

In addition, to enforce the idea of staying on time, a 25 dollar fine will be added for each ballot that is not picked up.

Time Commitments

Debate judges must be able to judge Friday night and Saturday. You may split these commitments. Asynchronous speech judges must be available to judge multiple rounds between Thursday evening and Friday night at 10:00 PM. They should also be able to judge a live Extemp or Impromptu Round on Saturday. You may also split this commitment between days. Extemp and Impromptu judges must be able to judge other IE events unless conflicts registered.

LIMITATIONS: Each school is limited to a total of 12 PFD, or LD debate entries and 30 individual event entries. Student Congress entries are limited to 10 per squad. One student doing two events is counted as two toward the 20-entry limit. A dual interp pair is counted as one entry. However, a school may enter additional squads if they pay an additional school fee of \$30.00.

AWARDS: Awards will be given to all finalists in Individual Events and breaking students in debate. All Students earning awards will receive them by or at the State Tournament. They will either be given to coaches to distribute accordingly or mailed. If for any reason you did not receive your trophy from last year's Tournament, please reach out to the tournament director directly.

Tentative Schedule

We will not start before 3:00 PM Friday or 8:00 AM Saturday, but we may adjust this schedule between now and the tournament. If we have the judges, we may try to single flight some divisions of LD and Public Forum.

Friday, January 21st (schedule subject to change)

2:00-2:30 PM: Debate Check in

3:30 Debate Round 1, Congress session 1 (LD and PF double flighted)

5:00 Debate 2

6:00 Congress Session 2

6:30 Debate 3

8:00 Debate 4

Saturday January 22nd

8:45 Online Check in and IE Finals Sent out

9:00 Extemp/Impromptu/Spar Round 1

10:30 Debate 5 (super congress 1)

12:00 Extemp /Impromptu/Spar Round 2

1:30 LD and PF Quarters.

2:30 Extemp/Impromptu/Spar Round 3

3:30 LD and PF sems

4:30 Extemp/Impromptu/Spar Finals

5:00 All IE Ballots Due, LF and PF finals

6:30 Awards Ceremony (opened by Talent Showcase Winner)

****LD and PF judges are obligated for two rounds past the elimination of their last competitors.**

Talent Show Showcase Competition

Rules and requirements

- Open to anyone participating in the TJ Tournament including judges and coaches!
- Students must be entered as a competitor in an event in the tournament
- Video must be uploaded to YouTube using the same process and procedure for submitting a speech.
- Link must be submitted to allforonestudents1@gmail.com.
- Must include First/last name, school, and talent.
- No more than 3minutes. There will be n grace period given. Any submissions entered that are longer than 3 minutes will not be accepted. 3:01 will not be accepted. 2:59 will be accepted.
- Must be school appropriate. Much like our vision with speeches; if you are not comfortable presenting this in front of your parents, coach, principal, and school board then do not present it to us. If you are not confident the material will not cause any negative backlash, then do not do it. We want this to be fun and to give you a chance to showcase your gift.
- Recording must be of one individual. No partners, crew, teams, or posse, allowed. Pets allowed but their talent cannot be used as your talent.

Winner

- Winner will get to showcase talent as opener for the awards ceremony. In Addition, the winner's school will have their invoice total reduced by 50 percent which will be reflected immediately.