

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
2022 INVITATIONAL**

January 2022

Dear Coaches,

The Ben Franklin Speech and Debate Team is pleased to invite you and your team to compete in the Benjamin Franklin Speech & Debate Invitational, February 4 & 5, 2022. Due to the increase number of Covid-19 in the area as well as an abundance of caution for our students and families, we will be hosting the tournament virtually this year, via NSDA Campus on Tabroom.

We will be offering the following events: Declamation (9th & 10th graders only), Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Original Oratory, Oral Interpretation, Dramatic Performance, Humorous Performance, Student Congress, Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate, Advance Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate (open division).

Please submit your entry no later than **Wednesday, February 2, 2022** via Tabroom.com. Drops and late entries without penalty is 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February, 3, 2022. Your promptness will be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to having you and your teams join us in an exciting weekend of competition and memories. Please, do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions regarding entries, accommodations or directions.

Sincerely,

Barbara Fontenot, Coach

Stephanie Garrison, Coach

***DEADLINES:**

ENTRY DUE:	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022
LAST DAY TO DROP WITHOUT FEE:	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022
LAST DAY TO ADD:	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

***IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:**

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***ENTRY LIMITS:**

SPEECH: STUDENTS MAY ENTER 3 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS AND ONE TEAM EVENT.
DEBATE: ONE DEBATE CATEGORY ONLY
CONGRESS: OPEN TO ALL

***TIME LIMITS:**

THE FIRST TIME A STUDENT/TEAM GOES OVER THE 30 SECOND GRACE PERIOD, JUDGES SHOULD NOTIFY TABROOM. CONTESTANTS GOING TWO MINUTES BEYOND GRACE (30 SECONDS) WILL BE STOPPED BY THE JUDGE.

***JUDGING REQUIREMENTS:**

DEBATE: 1 JUDGE FOR EVERY THREE ENTRIES OR FRACTION THEREOF
IE.: 1 JUDGE FOR EVERY FOUR ENTRIES OR FRACTION THEREOF.

EACH SCHOOL MUST PROVIDE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF JUDGES. NAMES MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ENTRY. IF A SCHOOL CANNOT PROVIDE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF JUDGES, YOUR ENTRY MUST BE ADJUSTED. A LIMITED NUMBER OF JUDGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR HIRE.

WE WILL ASSIGN ALL PRELIMINARY ROUNDS. YOU WILL RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS FROM TABROOM. ALL JUDGES NOT ASSIGNED ARE OBLIGATED TO REMAIN AVAILABLE IN THE EVENT OF A NO-SHOW. SCHOOLS ARE OBLIGATED TO REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR JUDGING FOR AT LEAST ONE ROUND BEYOND THEIR ELIMINATION. SCHOOLS FAILING TO PICK UP ASSIGNED BALLOTS WILL BE FINED \$25.00 FOR EACH BALLOT NOT PICKED UP.

AWARDS:

CERTIFICATES SHALL BE AWARDED TO THOSE STUDENTS PLACING 1ST, 2ND AND

3RD IN EACH EVENT.

FEES:

\$ 6.00 FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT, LD, AND CONGRESS

\$12.00 FOR EACH TEAM EVENT (PF)

EVENT RULES:

PLEASE SEE THE NCFL AND LHSSL CONSTITUTIONS IN ADDITION TO THE NEW COACHES MANUAL FOR COMPLETE RULES GOVERNING EACH OF THE EVENTS OFFERED. SEE THE ROSTRUM FOR THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY DEBATE RESOLUTIONS. PLEASE NOTE THAT BINDERS WILL BE USED FOR OI AS REGULATED BY THE LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE.

LAPTOPS WILL BE ALLOWED IN EXTEMP PREP AND DEBATE, BUT USERS MUST FOLLOW LEAGUE RULES REGARDING INTERNET ACCESS. COMPETITORS IN VIOLATION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

*WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR TOURNAMENT. YOUR ASSISTANCE IN HAVING YOUR JUDGES PICK UP THEIR BALLOTS ON TIME, YOUR STUDENTS GETTING TO THEIR ROUNDS ON TIME WILL HELP GREATLY ENHANCE YOUR TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE AND WILL BE APPRECIATED.

SANCTIONING:

THIS TOURNAMENT IS SANCTIONED BY THE NEW ORLEANS CATHOLIC FORENSIC LEAGUE AND THE LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN 2022 INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE
(ALL TIMES ARE CST)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022

12:00PM	REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION VIA TABROOM
12:30-3:30	STUDENT CONGRESS
4:00-5:30	DEBATE RD I
5:30-7:00	DEBATE RD II
7:00-8:30	DEBATE RD III
8:30-10:00	DEBATE RD IV

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

7:30AM	EXTEMP DRAW
8:00-9:30	INDIVIDUAL EVENTS RD
9:30-11:00	INDIVIDUAL EVENTS RD II
11:00-12:15PM	DEBATE QUARTER FINALS
12:15	EXTEMP DRAW, SEMI FINALS
12:45-2:15	INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: SEMI FINALS
2:30	DEBATE: SEMI FINALS
4:00	EXTEMP DRAW, FINALS
4:30 – 6:00	INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: FINALS
6:00	DEBATE FINALS
7:30	AWARDS