

LFL Mount Markham FORENSIC TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, January 8, 2021

**TABROOM REGISTRATION -
THIS TOURNAMENT WILL BE IN-PERSON AT MOUNT MARKHAM
MASKS ARE MANDATED AT ALL TIMES**

**PLEASE PLAN TO HAVE STUDENTS BRING FOOD
THERE WILL BE NO CONCESSIONS**

**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

Impromptu

Dramatic Interp

Program OI

Oral Interp*

Declamation

Extemp*

Duo

Informative

Student Congress

Junior Varsity Events (9th and 10th grade):

Oral Interp*

Extemp*

Junior High Events (7th and 8th grade):

Oral Interp

Impromptu

Duo Interp

Extemp

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
"LEATHERSTOCKING FORENSICS LEAGUE" c/o Suzanne Culver, 340
North St, West Winfield, NY 13491 or Venmo to @sculver135
Fees are due at the time of registration.**

Material/Grade Level: All material must be new for that contestant as of September 2021. 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** January NSDA topics for ALL LD and Public Forum. We will not use the NOVICE-only topic for LD.

LD Resolved: The appropriation of outer space by private entities is unjust.

PF Resolved: The United States federal government should legalize all illicit drugs.

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: We will use the practice NSDA Docket as the initial source. Additional submissions must be received by SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND to sculver135@gmail.com. The final document will be shared with competitors via email.

Awards: ALL events - medals to be shipped after 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 to prep and 3 minutes of speaking time.

OO, Info, Duo, HI, DI, and Dec must be memorized. Speakers who use binders cannot finish any higher than 2nd place. 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**.

Information on Tabroom.com. (We will use TABROOM for all Registration and Ballots whether in-person or virtual.)

Your school should have a Tabroom.com account under your name. It is free, but you have to sign up. It is very useful, and we will continue to use it for judging and scoring in the future when we are back to live tournaments. It does the things that relieve headaches that often occur in the tabroom of a live tournament.

In order for it to work properly, you need to have the judges for your school and your students linked to your account. Here is how to do that.

For coaches: (Once you have registered)

- 1) Go to Tabroom.com and log on. Then click on your email address in the upper right-hand corner.
- 2) You should reach a page that lists the tournaments including this week's tournament. There will be a taskbar near the top reading Tournaments, Competitors, Judges, etc. Click on "Competitors"
- 3) In the right-hand column, under competitor rosters, click "Add New Student."
- 4) Fill out the information. They will have to give you some of it, like the email they registered with, their cell phone number, etc. the nickname they may have used, etc. They won't link to your team if it is not right.
- 5) Then hit save student and add another. That should link them to your team and any tournaments you are registered for. Then, they will get the information when they log in on Saturday.

Students here is how to register on tabroom.com

- 1st - Go to Tabroom.com on your web browser.
- 2nd - Click on "Sign up for an account"
- 3rd - Fill out the information they request. They will want your email address. Use whatever email is connected to your phone, assuming you have one. Also, they may want your cell phone number and provider. That is necessary because it enables the tabroom to get ahold of you if you have not shown up for a round.
- 4th - They will want to know what school you are representing.
- 5th - Give this same information to your coach. He or She will need it to help link you to your team. You must be linked by Friday night. Otherwise, you will not be able to get on the site on Saturday morning.
- 6th - Test it out to see if you are linked. This will allow you to get into the tournament on Saturday.

On The day of the Tournament: Judges coaches and competitors

- 1) Log in to your account. You will see a link to the name of the Tournament.
- 2) If it still reads "Entries," chill for a bit. If it says, "Dashboard" click on it.
- 3) Once that is done, there should be a room labeled (School name) Team Room. Go there and hang out.
- 4) When it is scheduled to occur, your new round should appear on your page; click on it and enter.

- 5) Refresh your page occasionally. This will alert you to changes that may have occurred,
- 6) In most cases you will get both an email AND a text from Tabroom.com. It will alert you when your next round is scheduled to start.

Other Things to Know:

- 1) You need to have Chrome as your browser or as a browser you can use. If you do not have it, load it onto your computer as an option and open Tabroom.com with it.
- 2) You will have to click on a tab allowing the website to use your video and audio.
- 3) There are prompts to help you deal with this. It's easy.
- 4) There will usually be links to
 - a) the tabroom,
 - b) your team room, and
 - c) a larger room or two for opening and closing meetings and perhaps for judges.

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