

# Claremont High School's 15th Annual Wolfpack Invitational

## Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, February 12-14, 2022

Hello Speech and Debate Coaches,

Please accept our cordial invitation to the 15th Annual Claremont High School Wolfpack Invitational. We look forward to hosting your team **virtually** (We tried! But, OMICRON!!) on the NSDA Campus platform and providing a great weekend of outstanding competition. We have shifted our tournament dates from early January into February again this year, to provide a friendly and affordable alternative to other more expensive tournament options. **In this, our fifteenth year, we are excited to continue to offer three full days of competition, including six preliminary rounds in debate, clearing to Double Octofinals and offering two patterns of speech competition, all at the same low prices as last year!** We accept entries from 5th-12th grade and we do accept independent entries. Please understand that all entries must have a designated "virtual chaperone" who is present and available via Zoom and Cell Phone at all times during the tournament. Below you will find all of the specific details relating to the tournament. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at [chamberlainofchs@gmail.com](mailto:chamberlainofchs@gmail.com) or you can reach me by phone at 951-966-4417. Stay SAFE, dear friends, and we look forward to hosting you and your squad!

### Events and Divisions:

In debate, all competition will be virtual, synchronous live events. We offer both Novice and Open divisions in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Parliamentary Debate, Public Forum, and Congressional Debate. (Note: There will be an Open division Presiding Officer contest that will preside over both divisions of Congress.) Novice and Varsity divisions of debate will be collapsed into one Open division if there are fewer than 16 entries in one of the divisions. A Varsity debater is any high-school age debater in their second season or greater of high school competition or any middle school debater in their third season or greater of debate competition. A Novice debater is any debater still in their first academic year of high school competition, as long as they do not have two or more prior years of middle school competition. In Open divisions, we will clear all 4-2 teams up to a full Double Octofinals after six rounds. In Novice division, we will break up to a full Octofinals after five preliminary rounds. (No teams with losing records will advance). We will use the Jan./Feb. LD topic and the February PF topic. We do not use separate topics for the novices. We are pleased to be included among the tournaments sanctioned by the NPDJ for their National Ranking in Parliamentary Debate. For more information on what that can mean for you and your team, please visit <https://www.parliamentarydebate.org>.

In speech, Duo will be recorded and asynchronous. Duo competitors must attend the round and when it is their turn to present, they will provide the judge a link to their speech recording via the chat, if necessary. Their speech recording, following NSDA standards for asynchronous Duo, must be uploaded on Tabroom by Thursday, February 10th at 11:55 pm. All other speech events will be presented as virtual, synchronous live events. We offer Open divisions in events including: Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Oratorical Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation, Informative, Original Oratory, Original Advocacy, Original Prose & Poetry, Duo, Impromptu, Domestic Extemporaneous and International Extemporaneous. We will offer a Novice speech division in two events: Novice Oratory (which will combine

OO and OA) and Novice Impromptu. A novice speech competitor is any middle school student or a first year high school competitor. In addition, we are pleased to announce that this year we are again both a NIETOC and a University of Kentucky TOC bid tournament, offering bids in Open Divisions of OO, DI, HI, POI, Info, Duo and Extemporaneous. The number of bids available depends on the number of competitors in each event. Speech events will break to semi-finals with thirty (30) or more entries; in some events we may have three semifinal panels. Fewer than thirty entries will break directly to finals. The exception is Duo Interpretation, where NIETOC counts the number of competitors rather than entries. If there are 26 or more teams (51+ competitors), Duo will advance to semi-finals. For additional information on bid count and what a NIETOC bid can mean for your team, please visit [www.nietoc.com](http://www.nietoc.com). For more information on UK TOC, please go to <https://ci.uky.edu/UKDebate/tournament-champions-1>.

Initially, each school will be restricted to six entries per division to allow for maximum diversity of schools at the Wolfpack Invitational. Additional teams may be entered and waitlisted. As always, we will work vigorously to clear our waitlist.

### **Patterns and Multiple Entry**

Students may enter up to five events; consisting of one debate event and two speech events in each pattern. Exceptions: A student entering either Extemp may not enter another event in the same speech pattern.

Pattern A: Impromptu, DI, POI, Domestic Extemp, OPP, OO, and Novice Impromptu

Pattern B: International Extemp, HI, Duo, Info, OI, OA, and Novice Oratory

### **Awards and Recognition**

Awards will be given to all Speech semi-finalists and finalists, and all Congress finalists will receive an award. All octo-finalists and higher in the debate events will receive awards. Speaker Awards will be given to the top 10 speakers in all partner debate events. We will also present Sweepstakes awards to the top five schools.

### **Entry Procedure and Fees:**

All tournament entries will be handled through the site: [www.Wolfpack.Tabroom.com](http://www.Wolfpack.Tabroom.com). The priority entry deadline is Monday, January 31, 2022. After this date, we will start moving entries off the waitlist from schools that have reached their entry cap. The final deadline to add entries on the website will be Tuesday, February 8th at 11:55 pm. Any “Adds” after this deadline may be considered via email ([chamberlainofchs@gmail.com](mailto:chamberlainofchs@gmail.com))

Drops may be made without penalty until Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 at 11:55 PM. Any drops after this deadline will still be charged the regular entry fee. You may continue to make drops and name changes

online until Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 11:55 pm.

Judge Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 11:55 PM. Please note that we will be printing invoices on Friday. If you do not have judges registered by this deadline, you will be charged for missing / hired judges regardless of whether or not you bring additional judges to the tournament. We will need Thursday to finalize our hired judging commitments. Entry fees must be paid by check or online and received by Thursday, February 10th or entries may be dropped from competition.

**Entries are NOT complete unless all student competitors and judges have completed their Participant/Judge Tournament Eligibility Survey. A Link to this Participant/Judge Tournament Eligibility Survey will be posted to our Tabroom website by January 15th.**

School Fee: **NONE**

Parliamentary Debate: \$50

Public Forum Debate: \$50

LD Debate: \$40

IE & Congress: \$20

Duo: \$30

Using clear information to indicate which program you are paying for, pay using the PayPal link [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=STMWQDNSMBQFU&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=STMWQDNSMBQFU&source=url) OR make checks payable to "Claremont High School ASB" and mail to:

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### **Extemp & Parli Topic Selection and Congress Legislation**

We invite the community to submit potential Congressional legislation, Parliamentary Debate resolutions or Extemporaneous topic areas for consideration. All topic selection decisions will be made by the tournament director. If you or your students would like to create congress resolutions, suggest Extemporaneous topic areas, or submit Parliamentary Debate resolutions, please email all ideas to ([chamberlainofchs@gmail.com](mailto:chamberlainofchs@gmail.com)). Congress legislation must be received by January 15, 2022 so that the chosen Congress legislation can be posted online three weeks prior to the tournament. The deadline for Parli resolutions

and Extemp topic areas will be January 31, 2022.

### **Online Information**

<http://www.Wolfpack.Tabroom.com> will contain all information for the tournament including schedule, the Invitation document, Congress legislation, Equity Policy, Liability Forms and our Participant Eligibility Survey.

### **Judge Requirements:**

Schools must provide one judge for every three (3) debate entries. A school must provide one judge for every 6 IE/Congress entries. (Note: if a school has debate entries, it is expected that they will provide qualified debate judges.) Judges will only count toward a school commitment if they have a linked Tabroom.com account. Schools who do not meet their judge commitment by the deadline will be charged \$300 per missing judge. Hired judges are available upon request at \$150 per IE or Congress judge, and \$225 per debate judge. If you need to hire, please indicate this on Tabroom prior to the judge registration deadline.

**Judge Double Duty:** You **cannot** double-enter your judges to cover both speech and debate patterns. If you need an exception due to the nature of your squad's entry (i.e. 12 debate entries and 1 IE entry), please email [chamberlainofchs@gmail.com](mailto:chamberlainofchs@gmail.com) and we will work with you for a solution.

**Part Time Judges:** If you have different judges on different days, please register all judges, and mark each one as Unavailable for the day that they will not be in attendance. The minimum shift for a judge is a full day. All debate judges from a school are committed for one additional round beyond when your last competitor is eliminated from the event. Because of the small judge commitment required, this rule will be enforced. All Congress and IE judges must be available for all of the rounds on their day(s).

**Judge Training:** With the switch to the virtual environment, we need schools to provide training for judges in advance. The NSDA has provided great tools, at no cost to anyone, at <https://www.speechanddebate.org/judge-training/> It will help everyone become a better, unbiased judge, navigate the online ballots and platform, and if they are new, explain the basics of the events they might judge. Judges will need to certify on the Participant/Judge Tournament Eligibility Survey that they have completed all of the training.

### **Event Specific Rules:**

All Public Forum will use the February topic and all Lincoln Douglas will use the January/February topic. Sides will be assigned for all prelim debates.

Parliamentary Debate will enjoy open prep and topics will be announced via a shared document approximately 10 minutes after the pairings for each round are published. The document will be made available before the tournament.

# **15th Annual Wolfpack Invitational Tournament Schedule**

## **Saturday, February 12**

**7:00 AM Judges and Coaches sign-in to Wolfpack Zoom**

8:00 AM Debate & Congress Round 1

10:00 AM Debate & Congress Round 2

12:00 PM Speech Pattern A Round 1

1:30 PM Speech Pattern B Round 1

3:00 PM Debate & Congress Round 3

5:00 PM Speech Pattern A Round 2

6:30 PM Speech Pattern B Round 2

## **Sunday, February 13**

**7:00 AM Judges and Coaches sign-in to Wolfpack Zoom**

8:00 AM Speech Pattern A Round 3

9:30 AM Speech Pattern B Round 3

11:00 AM Debate Round 4 & Congress Semis

1:00 PM Speech Semifinals (Pattern A & B Combined)

3:00 PM Debate Round 5 & Congress Finals

5:00 PM Speech Finals (Pattern A & B Combined)

7:00 PM Debate Round 6 (double flighted if needed)

**7:30 PM Speech Awards**

## **Monday, February 14**

**8:00 AM Judges and Coaches sign-in to Wolfpack Zoom**

9:00 AM Debate Open Double-Octofinals & Novice Octofinals (double flighted if needed)

10:30 AM Debate Open Octofinals & Novice Quarters

12:00 PM Debate Open Quarterfinals & Novice Semis

1:30 PM Debate Open Semifinals & Novice Finals

2:30 PM Debate Open Finals

**Pattern A:** Domestic Extemp, Impromptu, DI, POI, OPP, OO, Novice Impromptu

**Pattern B:** International Extemp, HI, Duo, Info, OI, OA, Novice OO