

Clayton H. Schug Spring Invitational

February 12-13, 2022

Dear Colleagues:

The Pennsylvania State University Speech and Debate Society and Department of Communication Arts & Sciences invite you to attend the Happy Valley Clayton H. Schug Spring Invitational February 12-13, 2022. The Tournament will offer six rounds of open, JV and novice debate in NFA Lincoln Douglas. Each format will have elimination rounds appropriate for the number of entries. This tournament will be held remotely using Zoom.

If schools are unable to meet the judging requirement, a limited number of judges will be available for hire. Please enter the tournament in the appropriate place at Tabroom.com by February 10.

Please find further details attached. We look forward to “seeing” you!

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Tournament Information

Events offered:

Debate: NFA LD Open, NFLA LD Junior, NFA LD Novice

Judging:

Each judge will cover two debaters. A limited number of hired judges will be available for \$25 a round. Please ensure that each debate judge has a paradigm entered on Tabroom.com.

Tournament Schedule

Saturday February 12, 2022

All Tournament times as EST

9:00 am	Check-in
10:00 am	NFA-LD - Round 1
11:30 am	NFA-LD - Round 2
2:00 pm	NFA-LD – Round 3
3:30 pm	NFA-LD – Round 4
5:00 pm	NFA-LD -- Round 5

Sunday, February 13, 2022

9:00 am	Check-in
10:00 am	NFA-LD Round 6
12:30 pm	NFA-LD Elim 1
2:00 pm	NFA-LD Elim 2
3:30 pm	NFA-LD Elim 3
4:30 pm	NFA-LD Elim 4
ASAP	Awards

*Elim debate schedule subject to change

Add/Drop deadline is Thursday, February 10 at 12:00 PM, EST.

If there is small enrollment, the tournament will instead follow the one-day schedule listed below.

Saturday: All times EST.

8:00 am	Online registration, confirm attendance in Zoom.
9:00 am	Round 1
10:30 am	Round 2
12:30 pm	Round 3
2:15 pm	Round 4
4:00 pm	Elimination Round 1
5:30 pm	Elimination Round 2
7:00 pm	Elimination Round 3 (if needed)

Tournament Entry

All entries must be made directly online at <http://Schug.tabroom.com>

All debate judges MUST have a Tabroom.com account for online ballots AND a judge philosophy/paradigm on Tabroom.com

Registration

Registration/check-in will begin at 9:00 am each day.

NFA-LD Entry Restrictions and Novice Rules

There is an entry cap for students entered in NFA-LD. Teams are only guaranteed 5 entries per division of NFA-LD. You may list provisional debaters on your entry. Provisional entries will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. No entry may exceed five entries if the subsequent entry size would be more than 25% of the tournament field in the open division.

The tournament is considering offering a JV division in LD. The JV designation will constitute any debater with 0-2 semesters of college debate experience. While there can be no official sanction, the tournament staff asks all directors to consider a debater's skill level when making this designation. JV is a qualifying division for NFA in debate, the tournament director reserves the right to make decisions regarding sweepstakes and awards later.

Novice will be defined as students in their first or second semester of debate at any level. Think of it more as a 'rookie' division. High school or college debate counts towards your eligibility for this division.

Tournament Rules and Notes

Debate Tabulation. Unless size of the field dictates otherwise, the first two rounds will be random, and the rest of the rounds will be paired high-high within brackets (odd numbered rounds) and high-low within brackets (even numbered rounds). Pairing methodology is subject to change, but is not confidential, you may always ask the tournament director which pairing methodology is used for a given round.

Elimination Rounds. Students will be seeded in the appropriate elimination round using the following criteria: (1) wins; (2) opposition wins; (3) adjusted points; (4) double adjusted points; (5) total points. Brackets will not be broken in elimination rounds.

NFA-LD Debate

The tournament will use the 2021-2022 NFA-LD Resolution and the NFA-LD rules within the debates.

Judging

We want your judges! We want to hire judges for flexibility, not to make ends meet. **If you plan on having more than two uncovered debaters, please contact us ahead of time to make sure we can accommodate you.** All judges will be obligated through quarterfinals. We will ask you to stay through semifinals if we are hurting for clean/eligible judges.

All debate judges are required to have a Tabroom.com account and judge philosophy/paradigm. Previous judge philosophy paradigms may be copied and pasted into your Tabroom.com account if you are a returning judge.

Awards

The top 5 speakers will be recognized. The top 5 will be decided by dropping double high-low to determine ranking (top 10 depending on tournament size).

All participants in elimination rounds will be recognized. In debate, if a novice division is not held, novices will also be recognized based on prelim records.

Team Sweepstakes awards will be awarded to the top three schools in attendance. The formula will be available at registration upon request and will be modeled after the NFA sweepstakes formula.

Penn State competitors will be competing in the tournament and will be eligible for awards and elimination round participation. Penn State will not be eligible for Team Sweepstakes.