

**LFL Mount Markham  
FORENSIC TOURNAMENT**  
*SATURDAY, February 12, 2022*

**TABROOM REGISTRATION -  
TOURNAMENT RUNS THROUGH NSDA CAMPUS VIA TABROOM**

**THIS TOURNAMENT WILL RUN WITH:  
3 DEBATE ROUNDS & FINALS AS NEEDED  
3 SPEECH ROUNDS & FINALS AS NEEDED  
2 CONGRESS ROUNDS**

**COACHES: PLEASE UTILIZE THE TEAM UTILITY ROOMS TO KEEP  
TRACK OF YOUR STUDENTS**

**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**

**Entry Fees: \$10.00 per speaker. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
"LEATHERSTOCKING FORENSICS LEAGUE" or VENMO @sculver135  
Fees are due at the time of registration.**

**Material/Grade Level:** All material must be new for that contestant as of September 2020. 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** November NSDA topics for ALL LD and Public Forum. We will not use the NOVICE only topic for LD.

**Lincoln-Douglas Debate Resolved: The appropriation of outer space by private entities is unjust.**

**Public Forum Debate Resolved: On balance, Turkey's membership is beneficial to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.**

**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:** As this is the first tournament of the year, we will use the practice NSDA Dockets as initial sources. Additional submissions must be received by FRIDAY, February 4th to [sculver135@gmail.com](mailto:sculver135@gmail.com). The final document will be shared with competitors via tabroom by February 7th.

**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 **five (5) speech entries**.

Please provide judge's 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 prep time and 3 minutes speaking time.

**OO, Info, Duo, HI, DI and Dec** must be memorized. Speakers who use binders cannot finish any higher than 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each round in these categories. 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**.

\*\*A speaker who reports to a wrong section (room) will be ranked last in the section. If there are problems, report them to the TAB room immediately. \*\*

- Judges should return ballots promptly and rank each student with no ties.
- Judges will need to familiarize themselves with the category rules and expectations using the attached sheets.

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