



May 21, 2022 Speaking and LD Debate Tournament

Version 1.1

We welcome you to a speaking tournament hosted by Climb the Mountain featuring **3** rounds of Speech Presentations for Elementary and Middle School Students and also 3 rounds of LD Debate for High Schoolers with judge feedback, Semi-finals and Finals and awards and recognitions **ALL ONLINE using Zoom!**

1. Support Each Other Positively and Inclusively

At all times, treat each other with courtesy and respect. Every person. Every room. We want a fun, positive, and educational environment.

2. Events and Speaking Times

- **Elementary and Middle School Students can enter two different speaking events.**
- Impromptu Speaking. 6 minute speeches including preparation. (this is the only event high schoolers can do)
- Extemp Speaking. 30 minutes preparation, then give speech.
- Platform Event (Persuasive, Informative, and After Dinner Speaking) speeches.
- Interp Event (Plays, Poetry, Prose, or combinations of those) speeches.
- PowerPoint Speeches.
- Elementary speaking times are 5 minutes. Middle school speaking times are 7 minutes.
- **For High Schoolers: LD Debate. Standard Format of 6-3-7-3-4-6-3. Topic is the June NSDA Nationals topic.**

3. Judges

Thank you for serving as a judge. You are helping students grow and become better communicators.

- ALL Judges carefully read and follow the judging instructions given to you.
- At all times, make every effort to have an inclusive, equitable speaking and debating environment.

Judges do the following at the end of rounds:

1. **ASAP, submit just the speaker points and the ranking (speeches) or winner (debates).**
2. Give constructive feedback to speakers orally with 1) at least 1 good thing each speaker did; 2) at least 1 thing each speaker needs to improve on.
3. After oral feedback, submit Speaker Comments: again, with 1) at least 1 good thing each speaker did; 2) at least 1 thing each speaker needs to improve on.

4. Parents

We welcome parents supporting their children's growth as speakers! We ask that you abide by our tournament rules:

- You should watch by viewing your child's computer screen. If that doesn't work for you—you can log in to Zoom with another computer. We ask that you keep your sound and video turned off.
- No video recording, no photographs, no screen shots during debates.
- Please, no talking with students from other schools.
- No coaching your kids nor any students during prep time nor during the debate or speeches.
- You should remain neutral and quiet during the rounds (no sound, no video). You may applaud for all competitors after the final speech.
- We encourage you to be supportive of your speaker/debater at all times including especially after the round. Show how proud you are of your child.
- Complaint about a judge? Two things: 1) Remember not everyone agrees even if you feel really strongly your child should have won. 2) If a judge violated a rule and especially if they did not treat students with courtesy and respect—please report it to your coach who can bring the issue to the attention of the tournament directors.

5. Coaches

We want to make sure you and your team know what is going on—topics, pairings, etc.

- We will show Speaking Postings (with speaking order, room, and judge) and Debate Postings (who debates who, on what side, with what judge, and in what room) in the Zoom Main Room.
- Please train your teams to read the pairings.
- Have a judge no show before the tournament starts? Contact Jim Hanson at jim@climbthemountain.us as soon as possible and provide a replacement judge.

6. Speaker/Debater/Judge Registration--Due Tues. MAY 18.

BY TUESDAY MAY 18: Email Jim Hanson at jim@climbthemountain.us with . . .

First and Last Names of each speaker and debater, are they elementary, middle school, or high school, and what event(s) they will be doing.

Reminder: High school students can only do impromptu speaking. Elementary and middle school students can do two speaking events.

Judge Names with their cell phone number and email address.

Important: Students and Judges need to have their correct names showing in Zoom. Tell them to include their name in Zoom—if they want extra beyond the name—type that in AFTER their name.

7. Paying Fees

Judging Needs

Your first speaking judge covers 2 speaking events; Each additional judge covers 4 speaking events.

Example: 5 speakers need 2 judges; 10 speakers needs 3 judges.

Your first debate judge covers 1 debater; Each additional judge covers 2 debaters.

Example: 3 debaters needs 2 judges; 7 debaters need 4 judges.

If a judge no-shows, we add \$35.00 to your fees per round missed.

WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF HIRED JUDGES AVAILABLE. Contact Jim Hanson at least one week before the tournament to see how many judges are available.

Fees

Fee Per Debater: \$12.00

Additional Fee for each debater needing a judge: \$60.00 (the fee is not per judge).

Fee Per Speaker: \$12.00 (one event); \$18.00 (two events)

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Pay Fees

Jim Hanson will provide an invoice. You will be able to pay via credit card or check.

8. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (All times Pacific Coast Time)

9:00am Students check-in with their Coaches in their School Room

Go to the Zoom Meeting—Look for THE POSTING SHOWING BREAKOUT ROOMS FOR EACH SCHOOL. Go to that room to check-in with your coach.

9:00am Judges check-in with their Coaches in their School Room

Then judges need to review the judging instructions.

Judges should also make sure they have received an email from Jim Hanson indicating they can receive ballots.

By 9:25am, COACHES Report Missing Judges and Students.

9:30 Students gather in the Zoom Main Room.

9:40 Round 1

11:10 Round 2

Break

12:50 Round 3

2:30 Semi-Finals

4:10 Semis Awards in Zoom Main Room

4:30 Finals

6:00 Finals Awards in Zoom Main Room