

# Invitation

\*\*\*Please understand that we may have some things set up incorrectly in Tabroom. If you are trying to enter and run into a problem, please email Rory McKenzie (email below) and he will work on fixing it. We appreciate your grace and patience as we adjust to a new way of doing things!

Colleagues,

Thank you for your interest in the 2022 Lindale TFA Invitational Qualifying Tournament. In addition to being a qualifier for TFA State, we are pleased to offer qualification in all relevant events for the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions! We are excited to be a qualifier in all relevant speech events as well as Congressional Debate for the Tournament of Champions held every year at the University of Kentucky.

We are excited to return to an in-person format this year. All events will take place at Lindale High School on Saturday, September 17. We are excited to offer every TFA speech and debate contest, Prose, Poetry, Impromptu, and a slew of options for your novice competitors. Please take a look at our other pages for more information.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Our students and I look forward to hosting you!

Sincerely,

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# Information/Fees

**Entries:** Entries will be accepted until our spaces are filled. We have a limited number of rooms, so plan on entering early! All entries dropped after 4:00 pm on Monday, September 12th will lose their original entry fee. We reserve the right to charge nuisance fees for drops that are not communicated with us in a timely fashion.

**Judges:**

- Policy Debate – One judge for every two entries, or portion thereof. YOU MUST PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE JUDGE. TOTAL BUYOUT IS NOT ALLOWED!
- Lincoln-Douglas – One judge for every four entries, or portion thereof.
- Public Forum Debate – One judge for every four entries, or portion thereof.
- Congressional Debate – One judge for every eight entries. If you have more entries than sections, we'll put this judge in another pool.
- World Schools Debate – One judge for every two teams. NO BUYOUT IS ALLOWED.
- Individual Events, divided into Interp and Public Speaking – One judge for every six entries, or portion thereof.

\*All judges/hire requests must be entered on the website by Monday, September 12th at 4:00 pm or you will be assessed missing judge fees, which will be set. We need to get an accurate idea of how many judges to hire. Provided judges are always preferred to fees. Schools of judges who are scheduled to judge rounds and do not pick up ballots will be assessed a fee of \$25 for every missed round. Committing to a judge and then not providing that judge will result in a missing judge fee assessed on the day of the tournament.

**Debate Event Topics:**

- Cross-Examination Debate – NFHS Topic
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate – September/October NSDA Topic
- Public Forum Debate – September/October NSDA Topic
- Congressional Debate – The current TFA docket will be used. LINK  
HERE: <https://txfa.org/documents/2022-23/Congress%20Docket%20Fall%202022.pdf>
  - Specifically, we will run items #16-20 in prelims, items #11-15 in semifinals (if necessary), and items #21-25 in finals.

**Fees:**

- Missing Debate Judge - \$150
- Missing IE Judge - \$150
- Individual Event, Duo/Duet Entry - \$15
- LD, Congress Entry - \$25
- PFD, CX Entry - \$50
- World Schools Team - \$75

**Payment of Fees:** Schools should mail a check payable to Lindale High School Speech and Debate to cover all fees. While we understand that there may be some delays of payment, we would appreciate it if you can have a Purchase Order or proof of payment (emails with business offices would suffice) by the start of the tournament. If you are unable to do this, we understand but will require that all accounts be paid in full within 30 days after the tournament. All delinquent accounts are subject to a \$100 fee.

**Cross-Entering:** Students may participate in one debate event. Students may not cross-enter between debate and Individual Events. There are no cross-entry restrictions within Individual Events, but extreme cross-entry will be done at your own risk. Students should always go to extemp draw FIRST in the event of cross-entry.

\*Novice divisions will be collapsed without sufficient entry. We will make the final call regarding novice divisions by Monday, September 12th. Novice is defined as any first-year competitor. Competing in an event for the first time does not necessarily make a competitor a novice. Trying to manipulate this rule has an extremely negative impact on our activity. Please double-check your entry to make sure that your students are entered in the appropriate division. If we have novice division in extemp, prelims will only be topics about the US Economy. Elims can include the US Economy, US Social Issues, and US Politics.

**Student Behavior:** All competitors and judges are held to the rules and regulations of the Texas Forensic Association. A coach (or another teacher) from every school or a parent must accompany students from the said school during competition. Parents/Guardians may attend the tournament with (and be responsible for) their child(ren) if a school representative is unavailable. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in forfeiting the school from competition.

**Other Notes:**

- We will make every effort as a tournament to run on schedule and will attempt to accelerate when possible. We ask for your patience and cooperation in the event that this is not possible.
- We believe that oral critiques and disclosure are valuable teaching tools in debate. However, an oral critique does not replace a well-written ballot, as that is helpful communication at this time of the year between the judge and coach.
- Panels will be provided for all TFA events in semifinals.
- We will NOT break brackets in debate.
- The third round of debate will be power-matched (hi-low).
- Please pay attention to the TFA Constitution as it will govern this tournament. You can find the full TFA Constitution here: <https://txfa.org/documents/2021-22/TFA%20Constitution%2012-1-21.pdf>
- Questions should be directed to Rory McKenzie.

# Schedule

7:30am Registration

## Individual Events

8am Extemp Draw

8:30am Section A Round 1 (Domestic Extemp, Foreign Extemp, Novice Extemp, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Poetry)

9:45am Section B Round 1 (Original Oratory, Impromptu Speaking, Humorous Interpretation, Duet Acting, Prose, Novice Oral Interpretation, Program of Oral Interpretation)

10:45am Extemp Draw

11:15am Section A Round 2

12:30pm Section B Round 2

1:30pm Extemp Draw

2pm Section A Semifinals (or Finals for events with under 25 entries)

3:30pm Section B Semifinals (or Finals for events with under 25 entries)

4:30pm Extemp Draw

5pm Section A Finals

6:30pm Section B Finals

## PF/LD Debate

8am Round 1 (Flighted)

10am Round 2 (Flighted)

12:30pm Round 3 (Flighted)

2:30pm Coach Verification

3:15pm Elim 1

4:30pm Elim 2

5:45pm Elim 3

7pm Elim 4 (If Necessary)

## CX Debate

8am Round 1

10am Round 2

12:30pm Round 3  
2:30pm Coach Verification  
3:15pm Elim 1  
5:30pm Elim 2  
7:45pm Elim 3

World Schools Debate

8am Impromptu Motion Announced  
9am Round 1 – Impromptu  
11am Round 2 – Prepared  
1pm Round 3 – Prepared  
3pm Coach Verification  
4pm Impromptu Motion Announced  
5pm Elim 1 – Impromptu  
7pm Elim 2 – Prepared

Congressional Debate

10am Prelims  
2:30pm Semifinals (if necessary, otherwise, this will be finals)  
6pm Finals (unless accelerated)

\*NOTE: Rounds will be accelerated if possible. Unnecessary elimination rounds (based on TFA IQT points numbers) will be removed from the schedule and rounds bumped up.

# Sweepstakes

The top three schools will be honored for overall sweepstakes.

Individual Events, Duet Acting and Duo

3 points for all non-advancing semifinalists

5 points for each non-placing finalist

10 points for 3rd place

15 points for 2nd place

20 points for 1st place

Congress

1 point for non-advancing semifinalists\* if held

3 points for non-placing finalists

5 points for 4th, 5th, and 6th place

10 points for 3rd place

15 points for 2nd place

20 points for 1st place

Debate

1 point for each prelim win

3 points for non-advancing Octafinalists \*if held

5 points for non-advancing Quarterfinalists

10 points for non-advancing Semifinalists

15 points for 2nd place

20 points for 1st place