



LA REINA HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

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**La Reina High School and Middle School
2022 Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament
Saturday-Sunday, December 3-4, 2021
Online via NSDA Campus**

Dear Speech and Debate Community:

The La Reina Speech and Debate program is pleased to invite you and your students to participate in our 7th annual invitational which this year will be taking place virtually on Saturday and Sunday, December 3rd and 4th, 2022 on the NSDA Campus platform.

We will be offering middle school, high school novice, and high school open/varsity divisions in all relevant CHSSA and SCJFL speech events on Saturday with three preliminary rounds plus finals and then on Sunday will offer 3 debate rounds in all formats plus 2 elimination rounds, along with middle school and high school divisions of congress. Students are welcome and encouraged to double enter in speech events and to compete “up” in debate and congress for the additional challenge. For the purposes of our tournament, we are defining “novices” as high school students who’ve attended 5 or fewer tournaments and we encourage experienced middle school competitors to compete in high school divisions with coach permission. We also reserve the right to collapse divisions and merge events as entries warrant, but will do so to best preserve the spirit and character of each particular event.

We will be using the November/December topics in Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum, the 2022-2023 national topic in policy, and an original mix of fact, value, and policy resolutions in Parliamentary Debate. Both Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum will be double-flighted but Parli will be single-flighted with a prep room and topic announce over Zoom. All events will be conducted live on the NSDA Campus platform.

Lastly, due to the size of the La Reina program, we may limit the tournament size prior to the published registration deadline, so early registration is advised.

We are looking forward to hosting all of you and wish you a joyous holiday season!

Sincerely yours,

Matt Conrad
Head Coach

Hannah Bartels
Assistant Coach

Alanna Cronk
Coach

Tori Hoge
Coach

Samantha Togno
Coach

Web Registration

Entries will only be accepted online at tabroom.com. If your program has never set up accounts on tabroom.com, please contact us for assistance in setting your program up on that website. Students are not able to compete on the NSDA Campus platform and judges cannot access their ballots without a tabroom.com account that is linked to the school/program account.

Deadlines – All Times Pacific:

Registration Opens:	October 1, 2022 8:00am
Fees Freeze:	November 29, 2022 5:00pm
Judging Due:	November 29, 2022 5:00pm
Registration Closes:	November 29, 2022 5:00pm
Drop Deadline:	November 29, 2022 5:00pm
Nuisance Fines Begin:	November 29, 2022 5:00pm

Please contact us directly for any changes after the November 29th deadline.

Debate Topics:

Policy Topic:	NSDA 2022-2023 Topic (NATO)
Lincoln-Douglas Topic:	November/December Topic (China environment vs. economy)
Public Forum Topic:	November/December Topic (Great power competition)
Parliamentary Debate:	One new fact, value, or policy topic will be provided each round and flight
Congress Topics:	Bills will be posted on tabroom.com as the tournament approaches

We are happy to add additional divisions of debate (September/October or January/February topics) should there be sufficient interest.

Divisions:

Middle School, High School Novice, and High School Open in all events. Experienced middle school students are encouraged to compete in the high school novice division with coach approval. We define a “novice” as a high school student who has attended 5 or fewer tournaments.

Patterns:

Speech Pattern A: Extemp, Dramatic Interp, Original Oratory, Prose, Duo Interp, Original Prose and Poetry, Oratorical Interp

Speech Pattern B: Impromptu, Humorous Interp, Informative, Poetry, Program Oral Interp, Storytelling, Declamation

Debate: all events in one pattern. Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum will be double flighted.

Judges

Schools are expected to provide at least 50% of their judging obligation. Each judge covers two teams (Parli) or four Public Forum teams or four Lincoln Douglas debaters/duo entries or six speech entries in each pattern. Please contact us if you have questions about your judging requirements. Schools will pay a judging penalty fee per speech slot, Congress entry, Lincoln Douglas/Duo Interp or Policy team not covered by school provided judges.

Experienced high school varsity competitors in their senior year can also judge novice and middle school division students.

All judges are expected to have an electronic device (laptop/desktop computer, iPad/tablet, or at minimum a compatible smartphone) capable of accessing the NSDA Campus platform and we will charge nuisance fees if judge problems cause the tournament to run late. All debate judges are also expected to have a basic judging paradigm available on tabroom.com for students to review before rounds.

Electronic Device Failure Policy

We *strongly* encourage all students and judges to use a wired Internet connection and have a backup device and backup connection (like a hotspot) ready to go in the event of device failure or loss of an Internet connection. In the event of device failure or loss of connection, students and coaches should notify the tournament immediately and will have 10 minutes to restore their connection and return digitally to their round. If the student or judge is unable to return in time, we will make reasonable accommodations to attempt to allow the affected students to finish their round – speech students may have to give their speeches to their judge in a backup competition room or will be judged on the basis of their interrupted performance. Policy, Parli, and Public Forum debaters may have to continue as “mavericks” without their partner and Lincoln-Douglas debaters may have to forfeit their round.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy

We believe that the cross-cultural understanding that forensics develops in understanding how different people experience the world differently and understanding different sides of an argument is one of the most important life skills that the activity develops. Thus we are proud to support the ongoing efforts of the NSDA and other forensics organizations to promote understanding. We will be including relevant language on our tournament ballots and will address judge sensitivity during our judge training.

Accessibility Policy

In keeping with our above DEI policy, we encourage coaches to contact us directly regarding any accommodations that the tournament needs to make to create an inclusive environment for all students.

General Rules:

School registration in part or whole may be rejected due to space considerations so please register early! Every year several schools cannot attend or have their entries restricted. The tournament will consist of three preliminary rounds of speech plus finals and three debate rounds plus two elimination rounds. All divisions will receive awards. We reserve the right to combine divisions if the entry warrants.

Sweepstakes:

We will offer two sets of sweepstakes awards – 1st through 3rd in speech and 1st through 3rd in debate.

Events Rules:

We will generally follow CHSSA rules for high school events and SCJFL rules for middle school events, with exceptions considered on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the tournament director. All speeches are expected to be the original work of the student and may not have been used in competition prior to August 2022. Extemp will be combined national and international, with rounds themed around questions of domestic, international, and economic issues. Impromptu topics will relate to the holiday season. Events with small entries

will be folded into similar events. We will also use the “sudden death” format to tabulate the placement of students in final rounds rather than “total cume.”

Debate Rules:

We again will generally follow CHSSA rules for high school competition and SCJFL rules for middle school competition, with exceptions considered on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the tournament director. Each program may have one hybrid team with another program but double entries will not be allowed in debate due to the tournament schedule. “Maverick” debaters in Policy, Public Forum, and Parliamentary Debate will only be allowed under extreme circumstances. We also will not break brackets to avoid teams from the same program hitting each other. Computers are allowed in all debate events except Parliamentary Debate, in which case computers may be used in prep but not during actual rounds.

Congress Rules:

Congress will have two divisions, middle school and high school. Please designate the PO's with a 'po' for every FIVE entries. Congress bills will be posted on tabroom.com as the tournament approaches.

2022 LA REINA INVITATIONAL FEE SHEET

Entry Fees

School Fee		\$70
Number of Speech/Congress entries	_____ X \$12 per entry	_____
Number of Duo Interp entries	_____ X \$20 per entry	_____
Number of Parli teams	_____ X \$40 per entry	_____
Number of Public Forum teams	_____ X \$40 per entry	_____
Number of Lincoln-Douglas entries	_____ X \$40 per entry	_____
Number of Policy teams	_____ X \$80 per entry	_____
Entry Fee subtotal		_____

Uncovered Entry Fees

Number of Speech/Congress entries uncovered	_____ X \$25 per entry	_____
Number of Duo Interp entries uncovered	_____ X \$25 per entry	_____
Number of Parli teams uncovered	_____ X \$75 per entry	_____
Number of Public Forum teams uncovered	_____ X \$75 per entry	_____
Number of Lincoln-Douglas entries uncovered	_____ X \$75 per entry	_____
Number of Policy teams uncovered	_____ X \$150 per entry	_____
Uncovered Entry Fee subtotal		_____

Total Fees Due _____

Please make checks payable to "La Reina High School and Middle School." We will only accept institutional checks – no personal checks allowed. Should you need to pay by credit card, please contact us directly and our school's business office will be able to process your credit card payment over the phone. We are not able to process payments via Venmo, PayPal, Zelle, etc. at this time.

LA REINA INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 3-4, 2022 / ALL TIMES PACIFIC

Saturday, December 3: Speech

7:30-8:30am	Registration Online
8:30am	Round 1A
10:00am	Round 1B
11:30am	Round 2A
1:00pm	Round 2B
2:30pm	Round 3A
4:00pm	Round 3B
5:45pm	Pattern A Finals
7:15pm	Pattern B Finals

Pattern A Events:

Extemp, Dramatic Interp, Original Oratory, Prose, Duo
Interp, Original Prose/Poetry, Oratorical Interp

Pattern B Events:

Impromptu, Humorous Interp, Informative, Poetry,
Program Oral Interp, Storytelling, Declamation

Sunday, December 4: Debate

7:30-8:30am	Registration Online
8:30am	Round 1
10:45am	Round 2
1:00pm	Round 3
3:15pm	Round 4 / Elim #1
5:30pm	Round 5 / Elim #2