

Pine-Richland Novice Tournament

October 29th



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Location: Pine-Richland High School
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Hello Coaches!

This letter is to cordially invite you to the novice only tournament, held this year at Pine-Richland High School. As usual, this tournament's goal is to create a comfortable learning environment for our speech and debate newcomers in the area. Please note that only brand new members and those with very limited experience in their event may attend. Below you will find important information regarding the tournament. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our team through either of the contacts listed above.

Entries: The below events are offered at this tournament. There is no cap on the number of entries your team may provide, as we want this to be an open experience for any new competitors.

- Dramatic Performance (combination of Dramatic and Humorous Interpretation)
- Duo Interpretation
- Congress
- Original Oratory
- Extemporaneous Speaking
 - Topic Areas: The US Supreme Court, US Midterm elections, Global Leaders, US Foreign Policy
- Impromptu
 - Topic Areas: Quotes, Pop Culture, Destinations, Story Starters
- Lincoln Douglas Debate
 - Resolved: The People's Republic of China ought to prioritize environmental protection over economic growth
- Public Forum Debate
 - Resolved: The United States' strategy of Great Power Competition produces more benefits than harms.
- Parliamentary Debate
 - Topic Areas: Higher Education, State Government, Philosophy, and Halloween.
- Prose
- Poetry

With entries, teams are required to provide judges for competition. Please bring:

- 1 Judge for every 2 debate entries or fraction thereof
- 1 Judge for every 5 speech entries or fraction thereof

Continuing Upper St Clair tradition, to allow for upperclassmen participation you are encouraged to bring your experienced competitors as judges in this event. Please make sure your selected judges are aware and cognizant of the judging criteria in the event they are judging to allow for the most authentic experience possible. Judges should try their best to indicate a winner on Tabroom as soon as possible. RFDs can be adjusted up to 24 hours after the tournament's conclusion.

Anticipated Tournament Outline: Subject to change			
Schedule	Speech	Debate	Congress
7:30 AM-8:00 AM	Check In		
8:00 AM-8:30 AM	Judges Meetings, Extemp to Prep, Rounds blasted no later than 8:30AM		
8:30 AM-9:00 AM	Round 1	Round 1	Session 1
9:00 AM-9:30 AM			
9:30 AM-10:00 AM	Round 2	Round 2	
10:00 AM-10:30 AM			
10:30 AM-11:00 AM	Round 3	Round 3	
11:00 AM-11:30 AM			
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM			
12:30 PM-1:00 PM	Round 4	Round 4	Session 2
1:00 PM-1:30 PM			
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Downtime while final scores are calculated		
2:00 PM-3:00 PM	Awards Ceremony (in Cafeteria)		

Lunch Tickets will be sold for \$5 per person. Snacks will also be available for purchase in the cafeteria.

Let us know again if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you on October 29th!

- The Pine-Richland Forensics Team

