



DOUGLASS SPEECH AND DEBATE

Dear Coaches:

You are cordially invited to the Frederick Douglass High School Winter Invitational! We are delighted to host our first ever tournament, and hope that you will come out to join us at Frederick Douglass High School in Lexington on **Saturday, January 21st.**

CATEGORIES

We will be offering all KHSSL speech along with Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas debate events. Please visit the **KHSSL handbook** for rules.

ENTRIES

We will be offering unlimited entries; however, only the top three scores in each event will count toward sweepstakes. Students may triple in IE, but be aware that we will not hold rounds for a late performer. Students entering debate may only enter ONE event. It is recommended that students enter no more than 2 limited prep events. Each entry will be charged \$6, with Policy, Public Forum, Duo Interpretation and Improvisational Duo charging \$12.

ENTRY DEADLINE is 11:55 pm Eastern on TUESDAY, JANUARY 17th.

You may drop online for free until noon EST on Thursday, January 19th. After that, drops will be \$10. Adds will be allowed based on space in our school and judging quota. Substitutions are free. Please let us know about any changes before Saturday if possible.

JUDGES

You must provide one judge for every SIX IE entries or fraction thereof; 6 entries = one judge, 7 entries = 2 judges, etc. Remember that Duo Interpretation and Improvisational Duo count as 1 entry here. LD/PF: you must provide one judge for every TWO entries or fraction thereof. In the event you cannot provide the required number of judges, you may hire judges for \$30 each. Schools must provide at least one judge and can only hire two judges. We want your judges, not your money! Any judging drops will be charged \$50 each. Your judges should be familiar with the KHSSL rules and ballots. Of course, there will be lots of goodies in our hospitality room for coaches, judges, and drivers! Please note that there will be two judge pools -- one for LD/PF, one for IE. Please email me and/or mark in the tabroom judge notes if you have judges in the IE pool that can judge debate or vice versa, including congress. This will help with overall flow of the tournament.

DEBATE EVENTS

LD/PF: Unless entry numbers are high to warrant elimination rounds, we will run three or four preset preliminary rounds and determine placings using typical tiebreakers. This way, students are guaranteed more rounds of competition.

Topics can be found on the [NSDA website](#).

AWARDS

We will be awarding trophies for the top 6 performers in each speech event. Debate awards will be given to the top four. Speaker awards may be given based on number of entries, and a top novice award will be given in both LD and PF. We will be offering separate debate and speech sweepstakes awards, awarding the top 3 schools in each.

FOOD

Pizza and other general edible and drinkable goodness will be available for purchase at the school.

SCHEDULE (subject to change)

7am – 8am Registration

8am Extemp draw, LD/PF rounds begin (and will run throughout the day)

8:30am Round 1 IE

10:00 Round 2 – Extemp draw 9:30

11:30 Round 3 – Extemp draw 11:00

3:00 Finals – Extemp/Broadcasting draw 2:30

5:00pm AWARDS

DIRECTIONS

Frederick Douglass High School is located at 2000 Winchester Rd, Lexington, KY 40509. You can plug it into your chosen direction-giving program, but it is super easy to locate: A straight shot off of 1-75 Exit 110.

Hope to see you on January 7th!

Sincerely,

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