

The Newton South Speech & Debate Team
Invites you to The MSDL

Winter Festival

Speech & Debate Tournament
7 January 2023

an MSDL sanctioned, double-entry tournament
for students in grades 9-12

Come spend a winter's day in friendly competition!

General Information

Delicious breakfast, lunch, snacks, and
beverages will be sold throughout the day

The Winter Festival is a double-entry tournament in all events except Group Discussion, PFD, Big Questions Debate and Congress. Double-entered students may not enter the same event more than once and may not use the same material in more than one event.

Students may not double-enter in two "prep room" events (VX, NX, RB).

All students, except those entered in Congress and Debate, may enter Multiple Reading. Those who are already double-entered may "triple-enter" in Multiple unless they are entering in Group Discussion, VX, NX or RB.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Lisa Honeyman (Tournament Director)
617-875-1347 (cell)
lisa.honeyman@gmail.com

Joshua Cohen (PF Debate Division Director)
jcohen1964@gmail.com

Sarah Culpepper (Tournament Host)
culpeppers@newton.k12.ma.us

Noa Racin, Emma Zhang & Rose Plottel
(Student Hosts)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register on-line at tabroom.com

Registration opens on Sunday, December 4, 2022

(Please see last page for updates)

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Speech Event Registration

All entries in Speech will initially be placed on the wait list.

- The registration deadline for new additions is Wednesday, January 4, at 5:00 pm.
- You may enter your own name changes and drops in the system until Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 5:00 pm. After that, email drops to lisa.honeyman@gmail.com.
- Please remember to register your novices in PR, PO, PL or KL in both their main event and the Novice OI Final event.

PFD Registration

All entries in PFD will initially be placed on the wait list.

- The registration deadline for new additions is Wednesday, January 4 at 5:00 PM.
- The registration deadline for drops is Thursday, January 5 at 5:00 PM.

REGISTRATION Fees

Individual Speech events, Congress & Multiple: \$7 per entry

DUO Interp: \$14

Big Questions Debate: \$14

PFD: \$14 per team

Registration fees may be paid by cash or check.

Checks should be made out to “**Newton South High School**”

Please note that if you have late changes that incur fees, you will be asked to pay those fees when you register even if you bring a check that was made out for the original registration amount.

DROPS & NAME CHANGES

Drops that occur after 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 5 should be emailed to Lisa.Honeymen@gmail.com or called in on Saturday morning between 7:00-7:45 am.

JUDGES

You must bring 1 judge for:

- Every 5 entries, or fraction thereof in speech events
- Every 2 entries, or fraction thereof, in Big Questions
- Every 2 entries, or fraction thereof, in PFD
- Novice PF - Varsity PF, LD, CX debaters in their junior or senior year can judge

Judges must be available to judge all preliminary rounds and out-rounds. If one of your judges must leave early, please arrange for a replacement judge to take their place. Because we may be running semi-finals in some events, judging will be tight and we need everyone to be available. There will be a \$100 fine for each missing judge. This fee is not to be used in lieu of providing required judges.

Please note that all judges must have graduated from high school and must have filed CORI/SORI background checks with the school that brings them to the tournament.

Judging requirements are finalized on Thursday January 5 at 5:00 pm. If you have drops after that time, it does not change the number of judges you are required to bring.

If you have brand new speech judges who would benefit from an extended judge training in the morning, please note that on your registration. We will try our best to keep them out of round 1 so that they can attend an extended judge-training workshop. We will have an experienced coach available to answer questions and go over ballots with our new judges throughout the morning.

We will be using online balloting for both Speech and Debate. All judges must bring an electronic device, preferably a laptop computer, in order to complete balloting. They must also be linked on Tabroom.com in order to receive ballots.

A limited number of Public Forum Debate judges will be available for hire for \$100 per judge. Please write to Joshua Cohen (jcohen1964@gmail.com) for more information.

All judge names must be finalized by
Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Awards:

- Trophies will be awarded to all finalists.
- The “Top Novice” in each non-novice event will also receive an award.
- Top speakers in PFD will receive medals.
- The top 4 Multiple entries, top 8 PFD, and top Big Questions Debate entry will receive awards.

Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top 10 schools. The top 10 scores in 10 different events plus the next two high scores in any events (figured after finals) will count toward sweepstakes. Preliminary ranks as well as ranks from semi-finals and finals will be used to determine the final standing in events that have a semi-final round.

EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Group Discussion Topic: Vaccines

Rounds will focus on vaccine mis-information, vaccine mandates, vaccine development, and vaccine access.

Extemporaneous Speaking:

Questions will focus on topics of national, international and economic interest. The final round will be questions focusing on Public Health.

Public Forum Debate:

We will use the January NSDA PFD topic: Resolved: **The United States Federal Government should increase its diplomatic efforts to peacefully resolve internal armed conflicts in West Asia.**

Congress:

Legislation will be available at msdl_newton_south.tabroom.com
Contact Mr. Joe Bowden, VP Congress, if you have questions.

If you have any judges that are particularly interested in judging congressional debate, or in being a parliamentarian, please let us know.

Multiple:

If there are 5 or fewer Multiples competing at the tournament, there will be no final round held in that event. If there are more than 5 multiples, then between 3 and 4 will break to finals. The goal will be to make a clean break and the number that will advance will be determined by the tournament director.

Speech Event TOC Bids for University of Kentucky

The Newton South Winter Festival Tournament is a Bid tournament for speech events for the 2023 [TOC](https://uktoc.org) at the University of Kentucky. For more information, check the University of Kentucky TOC website: <https://uktoc.org>

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Students must be accompanied by an adult, approved by their school administration, who will be responsible for them during the entire time they are present at the “Winter Festival” Tournament.

The coach, or designated responsible adult, is expected to be physically present at the tournament site at all times when students from their school are there.

In order to be able to host tournaments, we rely upon the generosity and good will of the faculty and staff at Newton South. Please be respectful of their classroom spaces, as well as their belongings. No one, including judges, should sit at or touch anything on a teacher's desk. If you discover that something is amiss, please report it to the TAB room **as soon as possible** so that we can address the issue before Monday morning.

Students found in parts of the building that have been designated as off limits - including, but not limited to, the field house or the roof - may be disqualified from the tournament and asked to leave.

Standard rules of professionalism and etiquette
must be abided by at all times.

Saturday Morning Check-in

Please call (617) 559-6590 to check in between 7:00-7:45 am on Saturday morning. *NOTE: This is a land line, so texting will **not** work. (We do not have cell reception in many portions of our building.)*

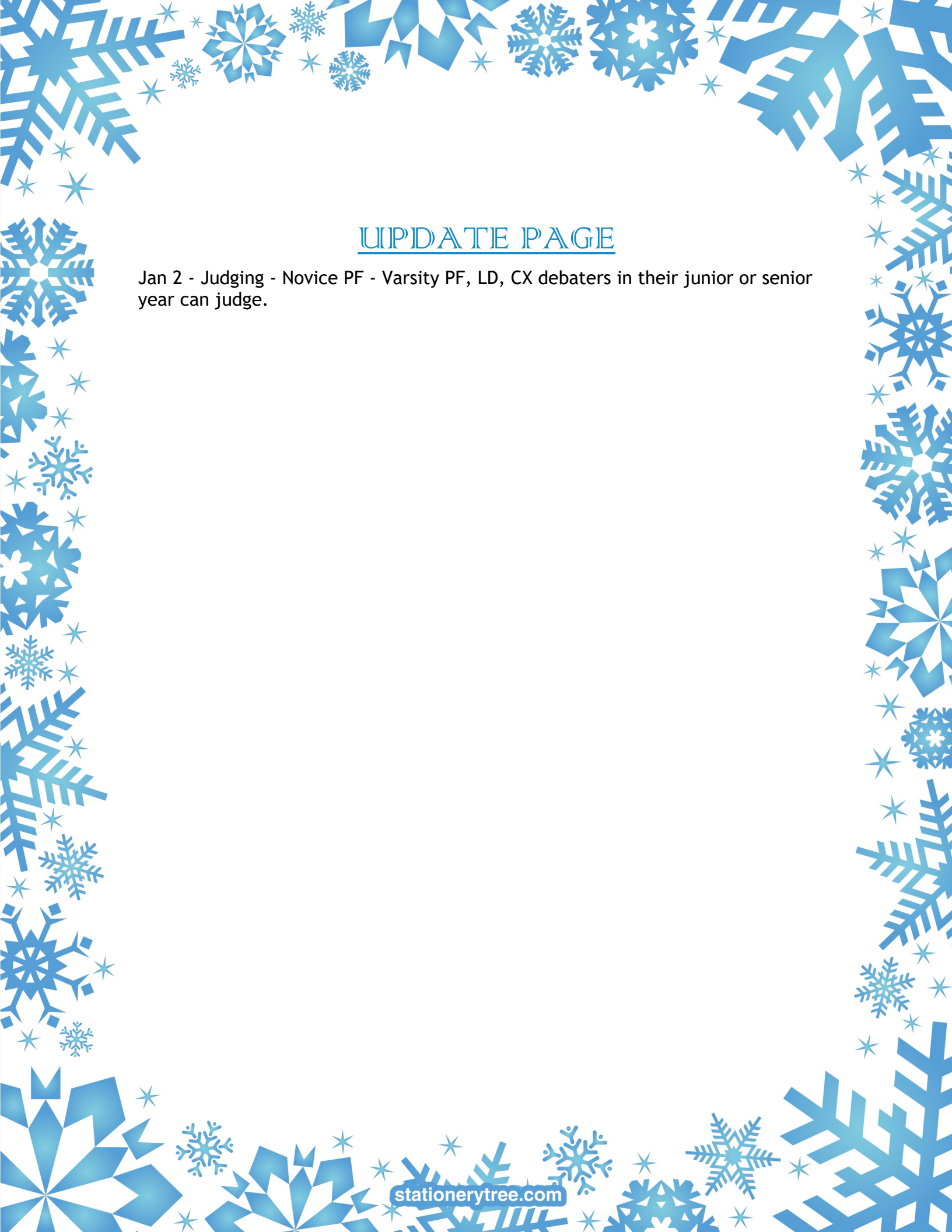
If there is no answer, do not leave a message. Instead, try again in a few minutes. Even if you have no drops, please call so we can begin to re-panel rounds at 8:00 am and start the tournament on time. MSDL rules permit a \$25 penalty fee assigned to schools that fail to check-in during the morning call-in period.

Tentative Schedule for SPEECH Events	
7:00-7:45	Call In – 617-559-6590
8:15 - 8:45	Registration
8:15	New Speech Judge Meeting
9:15	Meeting for ALL speech judges
9:15	Student Meeting in the Cafeteria
9:30	Time Slot 1
Rounds will follow throughout the day	
3:45	Draw for Finals in Library
4:15	Finals
6:30	Awards

Tentative Schedule for DEBATE – PF & BQ	
7:00-7:45	Call In – 617-559-6590
8:15 - 8:45	Registration
8:15	Mandatory Meeting for ALL PF debate judges
8:45	Round 1
Rounds will follow throughout the day	
4:00	Elimination rounds
6:30	Awards

Our Address

Newton South High School
140 Brandeis Road
Newton, MA 02459

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Jan 2 - Judging - Novice PF - Varsity PF, LD, CX debaters in their junior or senior year can judge.