



Pennsbury High School  
705 Hood Blvd.  
Fairless Hills, PA 19030



**THE PENNSBURY FALCON INVITATIONAL**



Since 2004  
*The PFI: We tab at a sprint*

Dear Fellow Forensics Coach,

Pennsbury High School forensics is honored to invite you to the sixth annual Pennsbury Falcon Invitational. We will be offering in *Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas, Student Congress, all six CFL Speech Events, Impromptu Speaking, and Public Forum* at **Pennsbury High School in Fairless Hills, PA on Friday and Saturday, January 30 & 31, 2009**. This year, we will use both PHS buildings (see next page). Debate and congress will begin at 4 p.m. Friday and continue through Saturday. Speech and Public Forum will be contested Saturday morning with break rounds in the afternoon. Awards will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Double entry is encouraged in speech events; no double entry in Congress, Debate, or Public Forum.

***We are pleased to announce that the PFI is a TOC bid at Finals for Policy Debate.***

**Fees, Entry Limits, and Judge Requirements**

Policy Debate	\$15.00	8 entries (incl. 2 novice – see below)	1 judge for every 2 teams
Lincoln-Douglas	\$12.00	8 entries (incl. 2 novice – see below)	1 judge for every 3 debaters
Public Forum	\$12.00	8 entries	1 judge for every 2 teams
Student Congress	\$12.00	10 entries	1 judge for every 5 entries
Speech Events	\$10.00	6 entries in each event*	(Speech and Congress combined)
	(Duo – \$15.00)	*Fee calculated by entry, not contestant	

*Checks payable to PHS-SAA*

**Judging Information**

Judge requirements round up in all cases; please no half judges. We have a limited number of judges for hire in Policy and LD (\$100) and Speech (\$75) – please request hires early. **There will be no hires for Public Forum.** Please provide experienced judges. We may accept may additional out-of-category judges in lieu of hiring; please contact the tournament director.

**Registration**

We will conduct registration through Chris Palmer’s [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). Select the Pennsbury Falcon Invitational under “High School Invitationals” – registration is open and will continue through **Tuesday, January 27, at 5 p.m.** Adds after this deadline, and ALL changes after Thursday, January 29, at 5 p.m. MUST be e-mailed or called in to the Tournament Director. Fees are locked at this time. Registering requires you to enter the name and cell phone number of an adult accompanying your entries.

Please note that Congress bills are due prior to registration – on **Friday, January 16** (see below).

**Contact Information**

**Please direct all inquiries to [pennsburyfalcon@gmail.com](mailto:pennsburyfalcon@gmail.com).**

**Jeff Kahn**, Tournament Director: 215-630-2678 (cell)

**Steve Medoff**, Head Coach: 215-206-6247 (cell)

On the web: <http://www.pcfonline.org/pfi.php>; <http://www.tabroom.com/>

Please see the following pages for lodging information, directions, and event descriptions. We look forward to seeing you January 30 & 31!

*Steve Medoff – Head Coach*

*Jeff Kahn – Tournament Director*

### **Location**

**Pennsbury High School East: 705 Hood Blvd., Fairless Hills, PA 19030**

**Pennsbury High School West: 608 S. Olds Blvd., Fairless Hills, PA 19030**

The tournament will begin and end in PHS East (the traditional location). Debate and Congress will run entirely in PHS East. Preliminary rounds for Speech and Public Forum will be in PHS West (Saturday registration at PHS West). Lunch, elimination rounds, and awards for ALL events will be at PHS East.

**Note: these buildings are on the same campus.** Students may walk between buildings after preliminary rounds end. The tournament will provide buses to move from West to East after preliminary rounds.

### **Directions**

*From Philadelphia and points south:* I-95 North to the exit for U. S. 1 North. Immediately exit from U.S. 1 to Oxford Valley. Turn right at the light onto Oxford Valley Road.

*From the Pennsylvania Turnpike and points North and West:* Exit at the Philadelphia Exit #351. Take U. S. 1 North toward Trenton. Follow U.S. 1 North for about six miles until the Oxford Valley Exit. Turn right at the light onto Oxford Valley Road.

*From New Jersey and points Northeast:* Exit the New Jersey Turnpike at 7A and take I-195 East toward Trenton. Follow the same road and continue when it becomes Route 29 /129. At the split, follow 29 North to the U.S. 1 South exit. After crossing into Pennsylvania on the toll bridge, follow to the third exit, the Oxford Valley exit. Turn left on Oxford Valley Road.

Once on Oxford Valley Road, continue past the Sheraton Hotel (the tournament hotel). Cross Lincoln Highway (Pep Boys on one corner, BP and McDonalds on the other corner) and quickly turn left continuing on this extension of Oxford Valley Road. At the second light, turn left on Hood Boulevard.

**To PHS East:** Follow Hood Blvd. for about one mile, the school is on the left side of the road.

**To PHS West:** Turn left on South Olds Blvd. The school is a quarter-mile ahead on the right.

### **Lodging**

The official hotel for the tournament is the Sheraton Bucks County on Oxford Valley Road in Langhorne (near Oxford Valley Mall and Sesame Place). A block of rooms has been arranged for the tournament. Please call sales manager **Lisa Mannon directly at 215-269-3413** or the hotel at 215-547-4100. Rooms are **\$95.00** per room per night for up to four people per room. Pennsylvania schools may send a copy of their tax-exempt ID certificate to the hotel one week prior to the tournament to save 6% sales tax. Be aware that this rate is only guaranteed until December 30, 2008 – after this date, call the numbers above to confirm availability.

### **Additional lodging**

The Oxford Valley/Langhorne area has many other hotels, including Courtyard by Marriott, Residence Inn by Marriott, Red Roof Inn, and a Holiday Inn Express. All are fine establishments. The Sheraton is a full service hotel with an indoor pool and a restaurant. It is also closer to the many restaurants in the area than the other hotels.

### **Food**

The tournament will sell pizza, drinks, and snacks for dinner Friday night, and will have cafeteria lines available for purchase for lunch on Saturday. Dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday will be provided for judges and coaches in our now legendary Judges' Lounge.

## **Event Descriptions**

**Policy Debate:** Five preliminary rounds beginning Friday afternoon, breaking to Octofinals (pending entries), and using the 2008-09 topic – ***Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase alternative energy incentives in the United States.*** Schools are limited to 8 entries in Policy; no more than two may be designated as novice (see below). No double entry.

**Lincoln-Douglas:** Six preliminary rounds of LD beginning Friday afternoon, breaking to Octofinals (pending entries), and using the January-February NFL LD topic. Schools are limited to 8 entries in LD; no more than two may be designated as novice (see below). No double entry. One judge for every 3 three entries; regrettably, we will be double-flighting LD rounds this year.

**Novice Breakout in Policy and LD:** During elimination rounds of each event, the top 4 novice entries that do not break will compete in separate Novice elimination rounds. All debate judges are eligible for the Novice Semifinal rounds. Novices are inexperienced debaters 10<sup>th</sup> grade or younger; both members of a Policy team must meet this description. Please register novice contestants at [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) AND email [pennsburyfalcon@gmail.com](mailto:pennsburyfalcon@gmail.com) about the novice entries.

**Student Congress:** Three preliminary Congress sessions beginning Friday afternoon, breaking to a Super Session Saturday afternoon. Advancement out of the preliminary rounds and final round placement will be based on student vote with weighted judges' ranks. The final round Presiding Officer will be appointed by the tournament. Schools are limited to 10 entries in Congress. No double entry. Note that Congress judges are supplied in tandem with Speech judges.

Preliminary sessions will use contestant-created legislation. Schools may submit up to three pieces of legislation, but no more than the number of entries. **Legislation must be emailed in Word (.doc) format [pennsburyfalcon@gmail.com](mailto:pennsburyfalcon@gmail.com) by Friday, January 16.**

The Super Session will once again use a specially prepared scenario and tournament appointed Presiding Officer. The scenario topic and preliminary legislation will be released via email on Monday, January 18.

**Declamation:** Contestants deliver from memory a famous or significant public address or an Oratory from a previous year (and written by someone else). This event is limited to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Dramatic Performance:** Combined Dramatic and Humorous Interpretation. Source material may be any scripted materials or prose material.

**Duo Performance:** Duo will use NFL rules (multiple characters and significant movement and blocking).

**Extemporaneous Speaking:** Contestants choose from 3 current events news topics and have 30 minutes of preparation time for a 7 minute speech, delivered without notes.

**Oral Interpretation:** Alternating rounds of Prose and Poetry, determined by coin flip at the tournament.

**Original Oratory:** Contestants write and deliver a 10-minute original speech in either informative or persuasive format.

**Impromptu:** Contestants choose from 3 prompts in their assigned rooms and have 2 minutes of preparation time for a 5 minute impromptu speech. Contestants are present for all speakers (unless double entered). Our version of impromptu emphasizes creativity – it is not Extemp or Oratory.

\*Please see <http://www.pcfonline.org/pfi.php> for our Impromptu ballot.

**Public Forum:** For the first time, we will offer 5 preliminary rounds of PF beginning Saturday morning, breaking to Octofinals (pending entries), using the January NFL PF topic. Public Forum will follow CFL rules with assigned sides and Pro speaking first. Schools are limited to 8 entries in PF. No double entry. Note that PF requires 1 judge for every 2 entries as we do not double-flight PF rounds; in addition, no judges may be hired in PF.

### **Tournament Notes**

We anticipate that all Speech events will break to Semifinals; however, depending on entries, some events may break to Quarterfinals or straight to Finals. This information will be posted during preliminary rounds.

**Arrival times:** Please note that we do not create schematics until just before the tournament starts. As a result, it is very important that we have all final registration changes reported as early as possible Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. If you will not arrive by 3:30pm Friday or 8:30am Saturday, even if you will arrive in time for the rounds, please call 215-630-2678 to confirm your entry. This will allow us to begin and end the tournament on schedule.

**Double Entries:** Students in speech events may double enter in any two speech events, but may not use the same piece in two events. Double entry in two Duos is not permitted. No one participating in LD, Policy, Congress, or PF may double enter.

**Sweepstakes awards:** Trophies will be presented to the top three schools in Debate/Congress and Speech. In addition, the Ultimate Sweepstakes award will be presented to the school with the most points under our formula, accounting for entry size and success in previous years.

**Registration:** Schools that register Friday night do not need to re-register Saturday morning, so long as all PF and Speech entries are confirmed on Friday.

Please note: Pennsbury students will be eligible to compete and break in all events.

**Additional questions:** Please direct all inquiries to [pennsburyfalcon@gmail.com](mailto:pennsburyfalcon@gmail.com). You may also reach Tournament Director Jeff Kahn at 215-630-2678 or Head Coach Steve Medoff via e-mail (T4TempleU@aol.com) or phone, 215-736-2392 (home), and 215-206-6247 (cell).

**Tentative Tournament Schedule (subject to change)**

<b>Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup></b>	PHS East	3:00 – 3:30 pm	Registration at PHS East (cafeteria lobby)
		3:45 pm	Opening Assembly
		4:00 pm	Policy and LD Round 1
		4:00 – 4:15 pm	Congress agenda setting and elections
		4:15 – 6:45 pm	Congress Session 1
		5:45 pm	Policy and LD Round 2
		7:30 – 10:00 pm	Congress Session 2
		8:30 pm	Policy and LD Round 3

<b>Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup></b>	PHS East	8:15 am	Policy and LD Round 4
		9:30 – 12:00 pm	Congress Session 3
		10:30 am	Policy and LD Round 5
		1:00 pm	LD Round 6

PHS West	8:00 – 8:30 am	Speech/PF Registration at PHS West
	8:40 am	Opening Assembly (Speech/PF)
	8:45 am	PF Round 1
	9:00 am	Speech Round 1
	9:30 am	PF Round 2
	10:30 am	Speech Round 2
	10:45 am	PF Round 3
	11:30 am	PF Round 4
	12:00 pm	Speech Round 3
	12:30 pm	PF Round 5

**Elimination Round Schedule – All Events**

PHS East	12:45 pm	Policy Octofinals
	2:00 pm	Congress Super Session
	2:45 pm	Policy Quarterfinals
	3:00 pm	LD and PF Octofinals
	3:15 pm	Speech Semifinals
	4:15 pm	LD and PF Quarterfinals
	4:45 pm	Policy Semifinals
	5:15 pm	Speech Finals, LD and PF Semifinals
6:15 pm	LD and PF Finals	
6:45 pm	Policy Finals	

**Awards for all events will be held at 7:30pm in the PHS East Auditorium. The awards will end with Policy Debate immediately following the conclusion of the Final Round.**

Please note once again that Speech and PF preliminary rounds take place at PHS West, then shift to PHS East for lunch, elimination rounds, and awards. Policy, LD, and Congress begin Friday night in PHS East and remain there throughout the tournament.