



LA REINA HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

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**La Reina / Cal Lutheran Winter Invitational
2023 Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament
Saturday-Sunday February 18-19, 2023
In-Person and Online via NSDA Campus**

Dear Speech and Debate Community:

The La Reina Speech and Debate program, in conjunction with California Lutheran University, is pleased to invite you and your program to join us for our annual La Reina / Cal Lutheran Winter Invitational, which will take place this year on February 18th and 19th, 2023. Although Cal Lutheran is not currently sponsoring a speech and debate program, we are tremendously grateful to their administration for allowing us to bring the tournament back to their campus as the pandemic winds down and we all work to return things to normal.

This year we will offer all SCJFL middle school and elementary school events online and all CHSSA and NSDA high school events in-person on the Cal Lutheran campus. Speech events will run on Saturday with three preliminary rounds plus finals, and on Sunday we will offer three preliminary rounds of debate plus a fourth round containing a hidden semifinal, with debate awards and then public final rounds available for everyone to watch. We will also offer three rounds of congress in middle school, high school novice, and high school varsity divisions. We encourage students to compete “up” for the additional challenge, particularly for experienced middle school competitors who may want to compete in-person in high school novice divisions. However, we reserve the right to collapse divisions and merge events as entries warrant but will make every effort to preserve the spirit and character of each particular event in doing so. We are also closing registration on Monday the week of the tournament to allow us to both merge/collapse events and order trophies before the tournament. Thank you for understanding.

We will be using the January/February topic in Lincoln-Douglas, the February topic in Public Forum, the 2022-2023 national topic in Policy, original fact, value, and policy resolutions in Parliamentary Debate, and Congress bills taken from the February 2023 NSDA Docket. Both LD and PF will be double-flighted, but Parli will be single-flighted. We will be using NSDA Campus for online competition and Zoom breakout rooms for online support services, tabbing, ombuds issues, middle school Parli/Extemp prep, etc.

We are looking forward to hosting everyone as we prepare for quals season.

Sincerely yours,

Matt Conrad
Head Coach

Hannah Bartels
Assistant Coach

Samantha Togno
Coach

Alanna Cronk
Coach

Tori Hoge
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 receive their postings or 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:	December 2, 2022 8:00am
Registration Closes:	February 13, 2023 5:00pm
Fees Freeze:	February 15, 2023 10:00pm
Judging Due:	February 15, 2023 10:00pm
Drop Deadline:	February 15, 2023 10:00pm
Nuisance Fines Begin:	February 15, 2023 10:00pm

Please contact us directly for any changes after the February 13th deadline.

Debate Topics:

Policy Topic:	NSDA 2022-2023 Topic (NATO)
Lincoln-Douglas Topic:	January/February Topic (open borders)
Public Forum Topic:	February Topic (right to work)
Parliamentary Debate:	One new fact, value, or policy topic will be provided each round
Congress Topics:	Bills posted online from February 2023 NSDA Congress Docket

Divisions:

Middle School, High School Novice, and High School Open in all events with limited Elementary School 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, Declamation, Original Oratory, Dramatic Interp, Duo Interp, MS Poetry, MS Speech to Entertain, MS Original Duo

Speech Pattern B: Impromptu, Expos/Info, Humorous Interp, Original Advocacy, Original Prose & Poetry, SPAR, MS Prose, Storytelling, POI

We are happy to add additional events as needed.

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

Judges

Please be sure to register your judges in the correct pool – online judges are for elementary and middle school, and in-person judges are for high school.

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 tabroom.com platform (in-person) as well as the NSDA Campus platform (online only) 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 online 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.

Prohibition of Recording Rounds

We do NOT allow the recording of individual rounds, either in-person or online. The only case in which a student may be recorded is if his/her/their parents are recording that student only. Please remember that nearly all of our students are under the age of 18 and thus can NOT legally consent to being recorded. Thank you for honoring this policy.

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 four guaranteed debate rounds with the fourth round including a hidden semifinal round and final rounds held immediately after the awards ceremony for all to watch. 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 spring 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 in each division 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 three divisions: middle school, high school novice, and high school varsity. Please designate the PO's with a 'po' for every FIVE entries. Congress bills will be posted on tabroom.com as the tournament approaches.

2023 LA REINA / CAL LUTHERAN 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 / CAL LUTHERAN SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 18-19, 2023 / ALL TIMES PACIFIC

Saturday, February 18: Speech

7:30-8:30am Registration
Online and in Overton

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

ASAP Awards in Ahmanson

Pattern A Events:

Extemp, Declamation, Original Oratory,
Dramatic Interp, Duo Interp, MS Poetry,
MS Speech to Entertain, MS Original Duo

Pattern B Events:

Impromptu, Expos/Info, Humorous Interp,
Original Advocacy, Original Prose & Poetry, SPAR,
MS Prose, Storytelling, Program Oral Interp

Sunday, February 19: Debate

7:30-8:30am Registration
Online and in Overton

8:30am Round 1

10:45am Round 2

1:00pm Round 3

3:30pm Round 4 / Hidden Semifinals

ASAP Awards in Ahmanson
Announcement of Finalists

ASAP Finals