

Greenhorn 2023

Novice Speech Invitational Tournament
Saturday, February 18, 2023
Cajon High School, San Bernardino, CA

Dear Speech and Debate Community:

The Cajon Speech and Debate program is pleased to invite you and your program to participate in our inaugural Greenhorn Novice Invitational which will be taking place February 18th, 2023, at Cajon High School in San Bernardino.

We will be offering high school novice divisions in all CHSSA speech events on Saturday with three preliminary rounds plus finals. Novices are considered students in their first year. Students can double enter in two speech events per pattern with the exception of Extemp (single entry in pattern B with EXT). We reserve the right to merge events as entries warrant, but will do so to best preserve the spirit and character of each particular event. Lastly, due to the size of the Cajon program, we may limit the tournament size prior to the published registration deadline, so early registration is advised. We are looking forward to hosting all of you as we prepare our novices for the end of their first season of Speech.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Stowitts
Head Coach

Jacob Winter
Assistant Coach

Joanne Stowitts
Assistant Coach

TABROOM 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 and judges are not able to enter without a tabroom.com account that is linked to the school/program account. The coach should set up a judge account in [tabrooms](https://tabrooms.com) for any Juniors and Seniors who are judging.

DEADLINES – all times Pacific

Registration Opens:	December 1, 2022 8:00am
Fees Freeze:	February 16, 2023 5:00pm
Judging Due:	February 16, 2023 5:00pm
Registration Closes:	February 16, 2023 5:00pm
Drop Deadline:	February 16, 2023 5:00pm
Nuisance Fines Begin:	February 16, 2023 5:00pm

Please contact us directly for any changes after the February 16th deadline.

JUDGES

Schools are expected to provide their entire judging obligation. Each judge covers five speech entries. Experienced high school varsity competitors who are current juniors or seniors with more than 250 NSDA points can judge - all judges must have completed the NFHS Adjudicating Speech and Debate Course and have reviewed the NSDA Cultural Competency judge handout and video. Please contact us if you have questions about your judging requirements. If you do not have enough judges, you must drop some of your entries. We will charge nuisance fees if judge problems cause the tournament to run late.

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

Cajon High School is wheelchair accessible.

GENERAL RULES

School registration in part or whole may be rejected due to space considerations so please register early! The tournament will consist of three preliminary rounds of speech plus finals. We reserve the right to combine divisions if the entry warrants.

EVENT RULES

We will follow CHSSA rules for high school events plus Tall Tales rules listed below. Disputes will be resolved at the sole discretion of the tournament director. All speeches are expected to be the original work of the student for the current school year. Events with small entries will be folded into similar events.

PATTERNS

Speech Pattern A:

(nHI) novice Humorous Interpretation, (nIMP) novice Impromptu Speaking, (nOO) novice Original Oratory, (nOPP) novice Original Prose and Poetry, (nPOI) novice Program Oral Interpretation, and (n TT) novice Tall Tales.

Speech Pattern B:

(nDI) novice Dramatic Interpretation, (nDUO) novice Duo Interpretation, (nINF) novice Informative, (nEXT) novice mixed Extemporaneous Speaking, (nOI) novice Oratorical Interpretation, and (nOA) novice Original Advocacy

TALL TALES

Tall Tales should be fun! The goal is for the competitor to create a tall tale - a story with unbelievable elements, related as if it were true and factual.

Rules for Tall Tales:

1. When it is the speaker's turn, the judge will provide the competitor with a slip of paper with three words. The speaker must incorporate all three words into their story.
2. Once the competitor has their prompts, they have six minutes to prepare and present. The time may be split between prep and speaking as the competitor sees fit. The judge should provide oral time signals during prep and hand time signals while the competitor is speaking. Once the speaker is ready, they must return the slip to the judge, and use no notes during delivery.
3. Stories should be outrageous and exaggerated, and must have a beginning, a middle, and an end.
4. Judges should reward creativity, story structure, exaggeration, and inventive use of the assigned three words.
4. No speaker who fails to incorporate all three words into the speech should be ranked ahead of a speaker who did use all three words.

2023 GREENHORN NOVICE INVITATIONAL FEES

School Fee	\$20
Duo entry	\$20 per entry
Speech	\$10 per entry

Please make checks payable to "Cajon High School ASB." Institutional or personal checks are acceptable. Our school's business office is unable to process your credit card payments. Please contact head coach Mark Stowitts directly in order to pay through Venmo or Zelle.

GREENHORN INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 18, 2023 / ALL TIMES PACIFIC

Speech 7:00-8:00a Registration in room D-1

Judge Instructions 7:30-8:00a Registration in Cafeteria

Pattern A

8:00a Round 1A
11:00a Round 2A
12:00p LUNCH
2:30p Round 3A
5:00p DINNER
6:00p Pattern A Finals

Pattern B

9:30a Round 1B
12:00p LUNCH
1:00p Round 2B
4:00p Round 3B
5:00p DINNER
7:00p Pattern B Finals

8:30 AWARDS

We will try to move up the schedule if it is possible.