



Dear Competitors, Coaches, and Judges,

The Titan Speech & Debate Team cordially invites you to attend the 22nd Annual Nova Titan Invitational, held **in person** at the Nova Middle and High School campuses in beautiful Davie, Florida on October 7th and 8th, 2023. We will be offering quality competition in four debate categories: World Schools Debate, Congressional Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and Public Forum Debate (Varsity and Junior Varsity divisions), as well as eight Individual Events: Mixed Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Original Oratory, Informative Speaking, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, and Program Oral Interpretation! As in years past, we are privileged to offer bids to the Tournament of Champions in the following categories:

Congress - Top 16

Gold PF - Semifinalists/Finalists

Silver PF - Quarters

IE (Extemp, OO, Info, HI, DI, Duo, POI) - If 24 or fewer entries, Top 3; if 25 to 72 entries, Top 7; if 73 to 125 entries, Top 14; if 125 or more Top 24.

I am also proud to announce that we have the honor and privilege of offering bids to the National Individual Events Tournament Of Champions (NIETOC) in all major Speech categories!

Please join us for a weekend filled with outstanding competition and superb hospitality - and then a travel/rest day!

Sincerely,

Jose Denis, Director of Forensics

Steven Sigler, Assistant Director of Forensics

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Siddharth Sudhakar, Team President



Nova High School, 3600 College Ave. Davie, FL 33314

October 7th & 8th, 2023

Contact Info

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Registration

All Registration will take place on Tabroom at <http://novatitan.tabroom.com>. No on site registrations will be permitted. Any questions concerning registration, please email the Tournament Director.

Entry Limits

In order to keep the tournament manageable, we will impose limits on registration. All entries will be added to a waitlist. We will begin to clear the waitlist on September 6th. We will give preference to an equal number of students from schools in order to make sure we can accommodate the most diverse pool possible. We will follow the following entry caps:

- Lincoln-Douglas Debate & Public Forum Debate (per division): 96 entries
- World Schools Debate: 24 entries (limit 2 per school)
- Congressional Debate: 144 entries
- All Speech Events: 60 entries

Eligibility

Only teams representing degree-issuing high schools are eligible to register. We will not accept independent entries, camp entries, or for-profit club entries. Additionally, due to liability reasons, no teams will be accepted into the tournament without a responsible adult chaperone available for the duration of the tournament. An adult, for these purposes, is



defined as someone twenty-one years of age or older, who is presumably an employee of the team's school or a parent. The contact information for this adult must be given to the Tab Room at registration.

Events

We will be offering Open/Varsity divisions in Public Forum Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Congressional Debate, Mixed Extemporaneous Speaking, Informative Speaking, Original Oratory, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, and Program Oral Interpretation. All events will follow NSDA rules.

Public Forum Debate – Public Forum will follow the 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2-2 format with 3 minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken based on record, points (drop high/low), total points, opponent's seed, and random methodology. Both divisions will break all 4-2 or better records. Both PF divisions will use the September/October topic from the NSDA.

Lincoln Douglas Debate – Lincoln-Douglas will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format with 4 minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken based on record, points (drop high/low), total points, opponent's Seed, and random methodology. We will break all 4-2 or better records. LD will use the September/October topic from the NSDA.

Congressional Debate – There will be a single, open division of Congressional Debate. Chambers will be composed of no more than 15 members, although 12 is the target. Competition will feature two preliminary sessions that are 2 hours long. It is our goal to have anywhere from 8 to 10 Chambers, where the top 2 competitors from each chamber will advance to the Final Round of competition. There will be one Final Round chamber. Please submit all Legislation to Titan2022Legislation@gmail.com. All schools with valid entries must submit at least 1 piece of legislation, with a cap of 3 pieces of legislation per school. All chambers will be designated as a Senate, and will feature direct questioning.



World Schools Debate - World Schools Debate features a dynamic form of debate combining the concepts of “prepared” topics with “impromptu” topics, encouraging debaters to focus on specific issues rather than debate theory or procedural arguments. This highly interactive style of debate allows debaters to engage each other, even during speeches. This challenging format requires good teamwork and in-depth quality argumentation. Rules for World Schools Debate shall follow the official [NSDA World Schools Debate Invitational Manual](#)

Humorous & Dramatic Interpretation – The time limit for all interpretation events is 10 minutes with a 30 second “grace period.” Selections used in these contests must be cuttings from a single work of literature. The same selection used in the first round of competition must be used throughout the entirety of the tournament. The presentation may not use physical objects or costuming. The selection must be presented from memory. A student entered in two events may not use the same selection of literature in both events.

Duo Interpretation – The time limit for all interpretation events is 10 minutes with a 30 second “grace period.” Students may not physically touch or look at one another during their performance. Selections used in these contests must be cuttings from a single work of literature. The same selection used in the first round of competition must be used throughout the entirety of the tournament. The presentation may not use physical objects or costuming. The selection must be presented from memory. A student entered in two events may not use the same selection of literature in both events.

Program Oral Interpretation - The time limit for all interpretation events is 10 minutes with a 30 second “grace period.” The same selections of literature used in the first round of competition must be used throughout the entirety of the tournament. The presentation may not use physical objects or costuming, but the binder/manuscript may be used as a prop.

Extemporaneous Speaking - This is a mixed division of both United States and International topic areas. We will procure topics phrased for contest use and based on subjects discussed in standard periodicals during the current school year; Each topic will be in the form of a question.



Contestants may make notes during the preparation time, but the use of notes, cards, briefs or other aids is prohibited during the speech. The time limit is 7 minutes with a 30 second “grace period.” The Final Round will utilize a 2-minute cross-examination period.

Impromptu Speaking - Procedures about draw and topic areas will be released closer to the tournament. The speaker has seven minutes in which to prepare a response and present a speech without consultation of prepared notes. The maximum time limit is 7 minutes with a 30-second “grace period,” which includes both preparation and speaking. If the judge finds the student has gone beyond grace, the student may not be ranked 1st, but need not be ranked last based on time. The ranking is up to the individual judge’s discretion. No minimum time is mandated.

Informative Speaking - This contest comprises only memorized speeches composed by the contestants and not used by them during a previous contest season. Audio/visual aids may or may not be used. No electronic equipment is permitted. The use of live animals or any additional people is not allowed during the speech. The time limit is 10 minutes with a 30 second “grace period”. Not more than 150 words of the speech may be direct quotations.

Original Oratory - The contest comprises only memorized orations actually composed by the contestants and not used by them during a previous season. No visual aids are permitted. The time limit is 10 minutes with a 30 second “grace period.” Not more than 150 words of the oration may be direct quotation from any other speech or writing and such quotations must be identified in a printed copy of the oration supplied upon request of the tournament director. Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited.



Strikes

Limited strikes will be available in PF. They will be due Friday, October 6th, by 8:00 PM.

Rounds/Elimination Rounds

Public Forum: Competitors in all divisions are guaranteed six preliminary rounds. JV Public Forum will advance to Quarterfinals, while Varsity Public Forum Debate will advance to Double-Octofinals.

Lincoln-Douglas: Competitors in all divisions are guaranteed six preliminary rounds. Lincoln-Douglas Debate will advance to Quarterfinals.

Congress: Congress advancement will be based upon the total number of preliminary chambers, which will be dependent on the total number of entries. Specific details on advancement will be released closer to the tournament date.

Entry Deadlines:

This website will begin accepting entries on August 16th. The deadline for entering competitors is September 29th. All late entries, thereafter, should be emailed to the tournament director at josem.denisjr@browardschools.com.

Judges

Please bring 1 trained judge for every 5 entries in Individual Events, 1 trained judge for every 2 entries in LD/CD/PF. If you have Congress entries: include 1 trained judge for 5 debaters in Congressional debate. As this tournament will have Parliamentarians, please notify the Tournament Director which of your judges is eligible to be selected as a suitable Parli.



On Tournament Day

To facilitate a prompt, fair tournament, we will follow this procedure:

Coaches - At 7:00 AM, in location (TBA), we will open registration. Coaches will have an area to register their teams, make payments and collect meal tickets, copies of codes, ballots, etc. On-site Registration is not the time to report drops. If you have drops on Friday morning, please call or text 954-305-5433; please be clear which name and event is to be eliminated.

Judges - will need to check into the Judge Lounge (TBA). On Saturday, Judge Call will commence at 7:30am, and there will be a short Judge's meeting giving an overview of all events. **Please do not arrive later than 7:30 as we will start Extemp Draw promptly at 8:00.**

Students will be directed to go to the cafeteria upon arrival. Please see to it that someone from the school is there with them.

Students and Coaches should enter Nova High School along College Avenue. There will be a member of our Security Staff and Nova Debate Students directing cars.

Note: There is a lot of construction being done on campus, so we do ask that students/coaches/parents stay away from those areas.

Directions:

From the Southwest, take 826N to I75E to I595E - exit University Drive. Proceed south to Nova Drive. Turn Left. Continue to College Ave. Turn right and the school will be on your left. From the Southeast, take I-95N to I-595W. Proceed to Davie Road. Take Davie Road to Nova Drive, turn right. Turn left on College Ave. School will be on your left. From the North, take I-95 or Sawgrass to I595 and follow the directions above. Parking will be available in the front lots (facing College Ave, or the back lot, facing 39th St.)



There are several affordable hotels in the area:

Hampton Inn - Ft. Lauderdale/Plantation

7801 S.W. 6th Street. Plantation, FL 33324

Phone: 954/382-4500 800/675-2116

Courtyard by Marriott- Plantation

7780 SW 6th St, Plantation, FL 33324

Phone: 954/475-1100

Fees

\$50 per IE or Congressional Debate entry. \$80 per Duo team. \$50 per LD entry. \$80 per JV PF team. \$90 per Varsity PF team. These fees **include** lunch Saturday and Sunday for each competitor. Please make all checks payable to "Nova High School."

Hired Judges

Hired IE judges will be available for a cost of \$150; in any debate division, judges cost \$150 for one day. Please provide adequate notice for debate hired judges. Please make all checks payable to "Nova High School".

Drops

Drops occurring after October 3rd will forfeit entry fee. Drops occurring after October 5th will incur an additional \$20 drop fee. **Day of tournament drops will incur a \$50 drop fee.**



Food:

The cost of registration covers meals for all students, coaches and judges on Saturday and Sunday. Please email the Tournament Director no later than September 30th about any dietary restrictions.

Dates & Deadlines:

August 16th- September 29th Enter Your Students!

September 19th - email your Congressional Debate bills (new topics, NSDA format) to:
josemdenisjr@gmail.com

October 3rd - last day to drop competitors without penalty

October 7th to October 8th - Tournament

Please call us with any questions at 954-305-5433, or email: josemdenisjr@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you in October!!