



Midtown HS Carter/King Tournament

IE-TOC Qualifier

Dear Speech and Debate Coaches,

The Jesters Speech and Debate Team at Midtown High School is pleased to invite you to the 14th annual Speech and Debate Tournament in Atlanta, Ga.

We are pleased to be a qualifying tournament for the individual Events Tournament of Champions (KY).

The tournament is at Midtown High School on Saturday, December 2, 2023

In the **Speech** division, Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Informative Speaking, Original Oratory, POI, Dramatic Interp, Humorous Interp and Duo Interp are offered. We will follow GFCA and NSDA rules. Competitors that use scripts/notes or are overtime by more than 30 seconds may not receive first in the round.

In **Debate**, Policy, Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum. We offer Novice, Varsity divisions in all flavors of debate with a JV division in PF. If there are fewer than eight entries, JV will be folded in Varsity PF.

Entry Fees

Speech events, single	\$20.00/entry
Speech events, duo	\$30.00/entry
Lincoln-Douglas Debate	\$25.00/entry
Public Forum Debate	\$40.00/entry
Policy Debate	\$40.00/entry

PLEASE NOTE: We have been provided funds to assist Title I schools and new public school programs that started in the 2021-22, 2022-23 or the current school year. We will waive all entry fees for these programs until we run out of those funds. We ask, though, that schools who qualify for the waiving of fees meet their judge obligation. This is necessary to have entry fees waived. To have fees waived, email Mario Herrera at rioherrera@gmail.com. Funds are limited, but we hope this helps schools with need.

Judging Requirements and Fees

Speech events: 1 judge for every six entries or portions thereof. All judges are obligated for elimination rounds.

Debate events: Judging obligation is two preliminary rounds per entry. All judges are obligated for elimination rounds as usual.

Hired Judge Fees (For each missing judge)

We prefer you to bring judges!! Please do all you can to fulfill judge obligations. If you are unable to, we have a limited number of judges for hire. The cost for judges not provided is as follows:

Speech: \$75.00
Public Forum: \$100.00

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: \$125.00
Policy Debate: \$150.00

Debate Topics

Resolved: Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase fiscal redistribution in the United States by adopting a federal jobs guarantee, expanding Social Security, and/or providing a basic income.

Lincoln Douglas Debate: Resolved: The United States ought to prohibit the extraction of fossil fuels from federal public lands and waters.

Public Forum Debate: Resolved: The United States federal government should forgive all federal student loan debt.

Divisions explained

The Novice division is for FIRST YEAR debaters. We will follow the GFCA rules for novices, meaning debaters must utilize and are limited by the approved state GFCA Packet information:
<http://www.gaspeechanddebate.org/novice>.

The JV division is for students in their first or second year of high school competition. If a student is competing in their third high school season or beyond, they are not eligible for this division.

Cross Entries

Debate: one flavor of debate ONLY, no cross-entry. Speech: Triple-entry EXCEPT for Extemp. For students entering Extemp they may double-enter in one other event.

Independent Entries

Independent entries are not allowed at the Carter/King Tournament.

Should an entry manage to be accepted by mistake, the entry will be disqualified upon discovery and the entry forfeits its entry fees. *A school authorized adult must be in attendance at all times at the Carter/King Tournament.*