



PALOS VERDES PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL

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Colleagues and friends:

We're happy to invite you to the seventh annual Peninsula Invitational, hosted by Palos Verdes Peninsula High School in Rolling Hills Estates, California. Events will begin on Saturday, January 20, 2024 and end on Monday, January 22, 2024. We will offer novice and varsity divisions of Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum debate, plus Parliamentary and Congressional Debate as well as all CHSSA and NIETOC speech events. We are a TOC quarterfinals bid tournament in the varsity Lincoln-Douglas division, a semifinals bid in the varsity policy division, a finals bid in the varsity public forum division, and a top six bid in congressional debate. We are also a bid tournament in speech for both NIETOC and the TOC hosted by The University of Kentucky (UK). Saturday and Sunday rounds will take place on our campus and at Palos Verdes High School in Rancho Palos Verdes. Monday rounds in Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum debate will take place at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach.

Varsity Policy debate, Lincoln-Douglas debate, and Public Forum debate will begin on Saturday, January 20 and conclude on Monday, January 22. Parliamentary debate, congressional debate, and novice debate divisions will begin on Saturday and conclude on Sunday. Speech events will take place on Sunday only. This year we are only allowing debaters entered in parliamentary and congressional debate to double-enter in speech events.

Registration will take place online at <http://penvitational.tabroom.com>, beginning on October 1, 2023, at 10:00 am Pacific time.

All entries will initially be placed on a waitlist. Entries will be admitted after judges are entered or hired judging requested until initial entry caps are met.

Fees and obligations will be frozen on January 10, 2023 at 5:00 pm Pacific time. Schools can enter judges until January 12, 2023 at 5:00 pm Pacific time.

We hope you are able to join us.

Sincerely,

Scott Wheeler

Tournament Director

Kimi Hendrick

Club Advisor

HOTEL INFORMATION

We have set up a block at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach (3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503). Kings and double queens are both \$169/night. There is also a smaller block at the Courtyard Los Angeles Torrance/Palos Verdes for \$159/night. Monday rounds will be held at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach. If you have trouble booking rooms at either please email me at scottwheels@mac.com.

To book at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach please use the following link:
<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1693236373342&key=GRP>

To book at the Courtyard Los Angeles Torrance/Palos Verdes please use the following link: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1702922716490&key=GRP>

The cutoff date is December 8, 2023.

TOURNAMENT RULES AND ENTRY GUIDELINES

Entries:

We ask that you please register early. Please also enter your judging as soon as possible. All entries will initially be placed on a waitlist until judging is entered or requested.

Students should compete for the degree-granting institution in which they are enrolled. Hybrid entries will be accepted in non-TOC qualifying divisions. Students must be supervised by a responsible (and reachable) adult and may not attend against the wishes of their school. Please contact us if you have questions about this policy.

Double Entry Limitations:

Students may only compete in one debate event. Students competing in parliamentary and congressional debate may double-enter in speech events. Students may not enter more than two speech events per pattern. Parliamentary debaters who advance to elimination rounds will have to drop from Pattern A speech events. Parliamentary debaters who advance to octafinals will have to drop from Pattern B speech events. Students who double-enter are expected to get to their rounds on time. Students competing in parliamentary debate may double-enter in either pattern.

Patterns:

Speech Pattern A: Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Thematic Interpretation/Program Oral Interpretation, Original Prose/Poetry

Speech Pattern B: Extemp, Impromptu, Original Oratory/Advocacy/Persuasive, Informative/Expository, Oratorical Interpretation/Declamation

Debate Topics:

The policy topic is “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.”

The LD topic is “Resolved: The United States ought to substantially reduce its military presence in the West Asia-North Africa region.”

The Public Forum is “Resolved: The United States federal government should repeal Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act.”

Parli topic areas will be available on penvitational.tabroom.com on December 23.

Please email Congressional legislation to scottwheels@mac.com by December 23. The packet will be available on penvitational.tabroom.com on December 30.

Judging:

All balloting will be done electronically. All judges need to be linked to a Tabroom account to be registered. Seasoned competitors in their third or fourth year of competition are permitted to judge the novice division of their event.

All judges are required to have judge philosophies on Tabroom. Failure to do so will result in losing preferences/strikes and/or not having the judge count towards fulfilling the school’s judging obligation.

Any limitations on availability need to be communicated in the “Notes” section on Tabroom. Any surprises during the tournament will be treated as “no shows” (e.g. a judge paired for round three who isn’t on campus has not fulfilled her judging requirement, even if she’s only in for three rounds and was on campus for the other five rounds, unless this conflict was communicated to the tournament beforehand).

Judging obligations:

Varsity Policy and Parli: 3 rounds per entry

LD, PF, and Novice Policy: 2 rounds per entry

Speech and Congress: 1 judge for every 6 entries or fraction thereof

Please request hires through Tabroom for any judging commitments you are unable to meet. Each school that has entries not covered by a judge from the school will be assessed uncovered judge fees. These will be higher than the cost to hire judges, in order to encourage schools to request hires in advance. Hired judging is limited and takes some effort to arrange. The deadline for hired judging is 1/2/2023 at 9 am Pacific.

A Judge may only cover entries in either speech or debate, but not both.

Judges are committed to judge one round beyond when the last student from that school is eliminated from competition. Missed round fees will be assessed if judges leave before your commitment is filled.

Event Rules and Guidelines:

NIETOC rules will be followed for Oratory, DI, HI, POI, Informative, and Duo Interpretation. <http://nietoc.com/full-details/>

CHSSA rules will be followed for Extemp, Oratorical Interpretation, and Impromptu. <https://chssa.org/rulesandregulations/>

The TOC rules and procedures document will be followed for Policy Debate, LD, PF, and Congressional Debate. <https://ci.uky.edu/UKDebate/tournament-procedures>

NPDL TOC round rules will be used in Parliamentary Debate. <https://www.parliamentarydebate.org/legislative-code>

Entry Fees:

School Fee: \$40

Varsity debate entry: \$100

Novice debate entry: \$70

Congress entry: \$40

Duo entry: \$50

IE entry (excluding Duo): \$30

Uncovered Judge Costs:

All Debate events: \$75 per round

IE/Congress: \$50 per uncovered entry

Judge no show: \$75 (must be paid prior to out rounds)

NOTE: In the past we've charged a \$20 drop fee for changes made after the fees frozen date. We will no longer be charging these fees, but all fees as of the frozen fees date are final. We will not be waiving them.

Schools with at-need students requesting fee waivers should email scottwheels@mac.com.

Event schedules

Can be found at <http://penvitational.tabroom.com>.