

WolfCub Invitational April 20, 2024

Claremont High School

Hello Speech and Debate Coaches,

Please accept our cordial invitation to Claremont High School's WolfCub Invitational on April 20, 2024, a premier competition opportunity for middle school and upper elementary-age students (Grades 4-8). The tournament is a great warm-up to CHSSA Middle School State! We are excited to be in-person again, hosting you and your students on the beautiful campus of Claremont High School. Below you will find all of the specific details relating to the tournament. **We are pleased to again provide a free lunch to all competitors.** If you have any questions, please contact me via email at: chamberlainofchs@gmail.com.

Events and Divisions

We will offer 2 patterns. Students may enter one event in Pattern A (Debate/Congress) and up to two events in Pattern B (Speech) with the following exception: A student entering Extemporaneous or SPAR may only enter one Pattern B event. To clarify, students may enter up to three events: consisting of one debate/Congress event and two speech events. All debate entrants will have four rounds of competition, with a break to the final round if warranted. Congress entries will have three sessions and a final. Speech will consist of three rounds of competition with the winners determined from those scores. All competitors and judges must have a linked Tabroom account to participate.

Pattern A Debate Events: (We will feature 4 debates events)

1. Public Forum Debate: We will use the April PF topic (Varsity High School Topic) and CHSSA rules.

Resolved: The United Nations should abolish permanent membership on its Security Council.

2. Lincoln-Douglas Debate: We will use the March/April LD Topic (Varsity High School Topic) and CHSSA rules. CHSSA rules do not allow for a plan or counterplan.

Resolved: The primary objective of the United States criminal justice system ought to be rehabilitation.

3. WolfCub Parliamentary Debate: We will use our own unique hybrid of CHSSA and MSPDP Parliamentary formats. Teams may consist of either 2 or 3 debaters addressing a mix of prepared and spontaneous rounds. (Spontaneous round resolutions will be released 20 minutes prior to the round. During the 20 minutes of preparation time, students may consult the internet and prep with their team and coaches.) Topics and/or topic areas for Parliamentary Debate will be posted on Tabroom by April 1. A full description of rules will be available on Tabroom.

4. Student Congress: We will feature both middle school and elementary divisions. The divisions will be collapsed into one division if either does not reach 14 entries. We will follow CHSSA rules with Presiding Officers provided. We will use direct examination for questioning, with 30 seconds time blocks for two students during each questioning period. Legislation will be released by April 1.

Pattern B Speech Events: (We will feature 12 different speech events)

In Speech, we are offering: Oratory, Impromptu, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, mixed Extemporaneous, Declamation, SPAR (separate middle school and elementary divisions), Duo Interpretation, Informative, Storytelling, and Tall Tales. We will follow CHSSA guidelines for the Speech events. Prose, Poetry, and Storytelling will use NSDA rules for Middle Schools. SPAR and Tall Tales will use Claremont Rules, found on the tournament website. Students may enter up to two speech events in Pattern B. If entry numbers are low, similar events may be combined.

Awards and Recognition

Awards will be given to all competitors in each Speech event with over 8 entries. Events with fewer than 8 entries will receive awards for the top competitors. All students who advance to the final round of Student Congress will receive awards. The top 8 teams/competitors in each debate division will receive awards unless the entry field is fewer than 16. In this instance, we will award the top 4 in those divisions. We will present awards to the top speakers in partnered debate events. There will be Individual Sweepstakes awards (**The Wolf Cub Warrior Award**) given to the overall top 3 individual competitors. We will also award Team Sweepstakes (**The Wolf Cub Cup**) to the top three schools/programs.

Entry Procedure and Fees

All tournament entries will be handled through Tabroom.com. The deadline to add entries on the website will be Thursday, April 18th at 11:55 pm. Any “Adds” after this deadline may be considered via email (chamberlainofchs@gmail.com).

Judges must be entered by Thursday, April 18th at 11:55 pm. Any Judge Hire Requests must be made by Wednesday, April 17th at 5pm.

Drops may be made online without penalty until 11:55 pm Thursday, April 18th. At 11:55 pm on Thursday April 18th the online system will be frozen and invoices will be locked. Schools are responsible for payment of all registered entries as of this time. We hope this gives you plenty of time to manage your entry. Any drops after this deadline will still be charged the regular entry fee. Any changes after this deadline may be requested via email.

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The entry fee for each student in attendance is \$40. This entry fee covers up to three events!
This fee also includes lunch, with cake and ice cream for all competitors before awards!

Entry fees may be paid via PayPal at: (paypal.me/ChamberlainDeb8) Or by check payable to “CHS-ASB” and mailed to: David Chamberlain, Claremont High School, 1601 North Indian Hill Blvd. Claremont CA 91711 or presented at morning registration.

Tabroom Information

www.wolfcub.tabroom.com will contain all information for the tournament including schedule, Equity information, Congress Legislation, Parli Topics, Payment Information, and the Invitation document itself.

Judges and Chaperones

Schools must provide one judge for every two (2) entries in debate, and one judge for every five (5) entries in Congress or Speech. Judges MAY cover both debate and speech commitments at the tournament. (Note: This is a generous provision, but your judges must understand that they will be providing a full and robust day of judging since they are covering both patterns.) Judges who are signed up for debate should expect to judge any debate/Congress event, and the same with speech judges. Mature 11th or 12th grade high school students with at least two years forensics competition experience may judge. Schools may choose to purchase judge commitments at a rate of \$150 per hired judge. In emergency situations, every coach of record should be willing to judge if needed. All judges must have a linked Tabroom account that includes their phone number

All schools and programs must have an identified Coach/Adult Chaperone on campus, and available for immediate contact at all times during the tournament. They are preferably the person who is listed as the Contact for the school on Tabroom. **All programs are required to have the Person of Record physically check in and verify their contact information before the first round begins. This person must remain on campus all day.** Failure to check in could lead to drops. Individual students should not go to registration, only the Coach/Adult Chaperone for the entire program.

Wolfcub Invitational Schedule

Saturday, April 20

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| 7:30 AM | Team Registration in 800 Quad | |
| 8:00 AM | Debate Pattern | Round 1 |
| 9:30 AM | Speech Pattern | Round 1 |
| 11:00 AM | Debate Pattern | Round 2 |
| 12:00-1:30 | <i>LUNCH (Free to all competitors!)</i> | |
| 1:00 PM | Debate Pattern | Round 3 |
| 2:30 PM | Speech Pattern | Round 2 |
| 4:00 PM | Debate Pattern | Round 4 (Congress Finals) |
| 5:30 PM | Speech Pattern | Round 3 |
| 6:30 PM | <i>Cake and Ice Cream</i> | <i>Wolfpack Cafe</i> |
| 7:00 PM | Debate Pattern | Elim #1 |
| 8:00PM | Debate Pattern | Elim #2 |
| 8:00 PM | Awards | 300 MPR |