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**Gettysburg Fall Invitational**

**Saturday, October 19th, 2024**

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| Speech Events | Debate Events |
| * Congress * Duo Interpretation * Dramatic/Humorous * Extemporaneous Speaking * Impromptu * Informative * News Broadcasting * Original Oratory * Poetry * Program Oral Interpretation * Prose | Novice Congress  Congress  Novice Lincoln-Douglas  Lincoln-Douglas  Novice Public Forum  Public Forum  Extemp Debate |

**General Information**

* Entry is open to students in grades 7 through 12.
* Congress will have 2 sessions. Depending on entry numbers, there may be a super session.
* PF, LD, and Extemp Debate will have 4 preliminary rounds. Policy will have 3 preliminary rounds.
* Speech events will have 3 preliminary rounds.
* Novice events may be rolled into their varsity version depending on registration numbers.

**Double-Entry in Speech Events Only:**

* Students may double-enter in speech events.
* There is NO double-entry in debate events. This includes Congress and Extemp Debate.

**Fees:**

* $12 per student per entry. (Thus events requiring two people are $24.)
* **Entries are due by Friday October 7th at 5pm. Fees and judging obligations are also set at that time.**
* **All payment is expected prior to the start of the tournament.** Schools with unpaid fees and missing judge obligations may not be scheduled for Round 1.
  + Please consider using the electronic payment link (will be made available in mid-September) to ensure that your payment is received promptly.
  + If you have any questions regarding payment, please contact [jhouser@gasd-pa.org](mailto:jhouser@gasd-pa.org).

**Congress Legislation**:

* Legislation must be uploaded to tabroom no later than **Thursday October 10, 2024**, at 5 pm. Schools are permitted to submit one piece of legislation per each student entered. The bill packet will be posted on the website**.**

**Judging Burdens**

* Teams should bring the following number of qualified judges:
  + 1 judge per every 4 Speech or Congress entries
  + 1 judge per every 2 Lincoln-Douglas entries
  + 1 judge per every 2 Public Forum entries
* **Judges are obligated for all rounds** of the tournament.
* Please note that the **speech and congress judge pool is combined** – thus, all speech judges may be asked to judge congress.
* In registering a judge, a team is noting that the judge is able to judge that event. This means that the judge has experience judging the event, **or** that the judge has been adequately trained to judge that event by their team/coach prior to the start of the tournament.
  + Furthermore, it is expected that this judge knows how to assign ranks/wins/losses/speaker points, and knows how to fill out an electronic ballot.
  + We support and welcome new judges, but we may not be able to provide new judge training during the tournament. However, we encourage teams needing training materials for their judges to contact [tjurney@gasd-pa.org](mailto:tjurney@gasd-pa.org) in advance of the tournament.
* To ensure that we can pair rounds equitably in all rounds, judges **CANNOT** be current high school students.

**Hired Judges**

* We hope to have a very limited number of hired judges available. Requests for hired judges must be made through the registration website.
  + Public Forum: $150 per hired judge
  + Lincoln-Douglas: $150 per hired judge
  + Speech/Congress: $100 per hired judge

**Tabroom.com**

* Tournament postings will be conducted through tabroom.com, and judges will complete their ballots online. Prior to the tournament we ask that all teams that their competitors and judges are correctly linked and have notifications sent to their cell phones. This ensures that our tournament can run efficiently.

**Rules and Conventions for Events:**

* **Program Oral Interpretation** and **Informative Speaking** will be judged according to the rules of the NSDA. All other Interpretation events will be judged using the rules and standards which govern the NCFL.
* **Impromptu** Speakers will have 7 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.
* **Congress** will use NSDA rules. All chambers will be designated as a Senate.
* **Public Forum** will follow the 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-3-2-2 format with 3 minutes of prep time. Novice & Varsity PF divisions will use the September/October topic from the NSDA.
* **Lincoln Douglas** has 4 minutes of prep time (per debater). Novice & Varsity LD will use the September/October topic from the NSDA
* **News broadcasting** will follow PHSSL rules.
* **Extemp Debate** will follow NSDA rules.
* Time Violations in Speech Events:Each speech event has a 30 second “grace period.” If the judge in the round finds that the student has gone beyond the grace period, 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.

**Awards**

At the conclusion of our tournament, awards will be presented to:

* Finalists in Speech Events
* Top 6 in Congress
* Elimination Round Participants in debate events
* Sweepstakes Award (to the top school)

**Tentative Schedule** - An updated schedule will be provided in November. This is provided for your planning purposes.

**7:00am- 7:45am: Registration (High School Lobby)**

**8:00am: Opening Announcements (Cafeteria)**

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| **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024**  All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST)  \*Elimination rounds will occur as warranted.  Times are subject to change. | |
|  | **Congress** |
| **Session 1** | 8:30am – 11:00am |
| **Session 2** | 12:00pm – 2:30pm |
| **Finals\*** | 3:30pm – 6:00pm |
|  | **Speech** |
| **Round 1** | 9:00am |
| **Round 2** | 10:30am |
| **Round 3** | 1:00pm |
| **Semis\*** | 3:30pm |
| **Finals\*** | 5:00pm |
|  | **LD/PF/Extemp Debate** |
| **Round 1** | 8:30am |
| **Round 2** | 10:00am |
| **Round 3** | 11:30am |
| **Round 4** | 1:00pm |
| **Qtrs\*** | 3:00pm |
| **Semis\*** | 4:30pm |
| **Finals\*** | 5:45pm |
| **Awards** | **7:30pm or sooner** |