

The Falmouth High School Team is pleased to invite you to a Harvest Hoorah Tournament on November 16, 2024.

Registration deadline: 11:55 p.m. Nov 13, 2024

Judge entry deadline: 6:00 p.m. Nov 15, 2024

Fees and judge obligations frozen (nonrefundable): 6:00 p.m. Nov 15, 2024

Drop deadline: 8:00 a.m. Nov 16, 2024

\$10 Penalty for drops applied: 8:30 a.m. Nov 16, 2024

Any questions, please contact Ellen Parent, Tournament Director, ellen.m.parent@gmail.com

Recommendations and reminders for the new season

- [Submit your membership dues and forms](#). While not required, the MFA and NCFL offer lower rates if you join before December.
- [Managing rosters for NSDA members](#)
- [Tabroom Account Sign-up and Linking Instructions](#)
- Set expectations early and often with the [MFA Code of Ethics](#).

Registration

Registration must be completed through [Tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com) by 11:55 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 13.

Entry Fees

- \$7.00 per entry (New schools \$3.50)
- Teams (Duo and PF) are two entries (\$14)

Drops

Coaches can drop and change entries until Saturday, Nov 16 at 8:00 a.m. Invoices will be prepared by the end of the tournament day. Late add requests are not encouraged and will be accepted only at the discretion of the tournament host. Drops after this time will be assessed an additional charge of \$10 per entry.

Call or text the MFA hotline (207-370-4632) Saturday morning once you are en route to the tournament to confirm your team and judge attendance. Drops communicated prior to arrival will be waived the \$10 penalty.

Event categories

- Lincoln-Douglas Debate: 2 levels, if numbers allow
- Public Forum Debate: 2 levels, if number allow
- Congressional Debate: Senate and House, as needed
- Speech: All [Maine State Tournament categories](#), double-entry allowed

Event/division definitions

Novice level is for students competing in their first year of high school forensics (i.e. first year competitors). Note that Oratorical Declamation is limited to freshmen and sophomore students only.

Varsity level is for competitors with more than one year of experience who wish to try a higher level of competition.

Double-entry in Speech events is for students competing in more than one event (ex. Humorous Interpretation and Extemporaneous Speaking).

Topics

Extemporaneous Speaking topics

Review carefully the [high level topics for Extemporaneous Speaking here](#). Prompts will focus only on these topics.

NOTE: Competitors *will* be allowed to access sources on the web during preparation.

Congressional Debate

[Find the docket here](#). Check with the listserv for the docket

The docket will be posted no later than one week prior to the tournament.

Lincoln-Douglas resolution

Resolved: Resolved: The United States ought to adopt a wealth tax.

Public Forum resolution

Resolved: Resolved: The United States should substantially reduce its military support of Taiwan.

Judge Requirements

Help the meet run smoothly and fairly by supplying your required, trained judges, including unaffiliated, in accordance with MFA rules. Have all your judges finalized by 6:00 p.m. Friday, Nov 15.

Fractional entries round up (i.e. three LD entries = 2 judges). Third, fifth, and seventh judge must be neutral/unaffiliated for Speech, LD, PF.

- Lincoln-Douglas Debate: one judge for every 2 LD entries
- Public Forum: one judge for every 2 teams
- Speech or Congressional Debate: one judge for every 5 entries

Judges are expected to be available for ALL rounds of competition. Fines will be assessed for judges departing early unless cleared through Tabulation.

Registering judges

All tournament participants must have an account on the tournament platform **AND** be linked to their school to fulfill your judge quota. [Complete or share the steps here prior to tournament day](#). Missing a judge results in a \$75 fine.

Note judge conflicts or shadow needs in your judge registration on Tabroom.com. Email the tournament host for any complex judge situations. Remember a parent cannot judge the category in which their child is competing.

 Best practices: Judge notes

Meeting your judge burden

If you are struggling to fulfill your judge burden, many coaches have success by announcing their need to the Maine listserv and negotiating an exchange, including pay rate. In this case, add a negotiated judge to your Tabroom roster using the judge's email address so they are appropriately linked.

If you still can't fulfill your judge burden, the tournament may have extra judges available for you to hire. If so, fees for purchasing judges will be \$70 per judge. Contact the Tournament Director for support.

If you have extra judges, contact the Tournament Director so the judge can be added to the judge hire pool.

Judging guidelines

- All ballots will be accessed through tabroom.com.
- We are all influenced by implicit bias, or the stereotypes that unconsciously affect our decisions. When judging, our implicit biases negatively impact traditionally marginalized and disenfranchised students. Before writing comments or making a decision, reflect on any biases that may affect your decision making.

Checking into tournament

To complete online check-in:

1. Confirm that each of your students, judges, and yourself are present and able to log into the following (opening multiple tabs recommended):
 - a. Tabroom.com
 - b. Respective e-mail accounts associated with Tabroom.com. All Tabroom announcements are issued by email and/or text depending on user preference.
2. Once you have confirmed that everyone is present and prepared, [follow these instructions to check into the tournament](#). Check-in closes promptly to accommodate paneling of rounds.

Awards

Tournament sweeps will be awarded to the top three teams each in Speech, Debate, and Congressional Debate. Individual awards for first through third in each category, and honorable mention as determined by Tab.

Note that ties in record will be broken first by MFA guidelines. Tabulation of awards follows standards adopted by MFA.

Schedule

The schedule is subject to change. Watch the live blog on maineforensic.org/onlinetournament for updates throughout the tournament day.

7:30-8:30 a.m. Check-in (see below)

- It is the coach's responsibility to validate that all students are ready for competition.
- Coaches should check in online when they have ensured that all students and judges are present.
- Tabulation will close check-in promptly to then panel rounds.
- Note that delays or errors in affirming your check-in may delay the tournament.

8:35 Judge and student briefings.

9:00 Rounds begin following briefings

Debate round schedule

- Round 1 9:00-9:50 a.m.
- Round 2 10:00-10:20 a.m.
- Round 3 11:30-12:20 p.m.
- Lunch 12:20-1:30 p.m.
- Final round 1:30-2:20 p.m.

Speech round schedule

- Round 1 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Round 2 10:45-noon
- Lunch Noon-1:00 p.m.
- Round 3 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- Final round 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Congressional Debate session schedule

- 9:15-noon **Session 1**
- Noon lunch
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. **Session 2**

Food

Students: Breakfast items, lunch and snacks will be on sale for students in the cafeteria. Students should not leave the school at any point during the tournament day.

Coach and judges: Complimentary breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks will be provided for coaches and judges.

Accommodations

We aim to make competition accessible and welcoming to all who wish to participate.

Coaches or students should reach out to the tournament host to request gender-neutral or ADA accommodations.

Directions

Falmouth High School

74 Woodville Road

Falmouth. ME 04105

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