

# The Novice/JV Scarsdale Invitational

## Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

This year the Scarsdale Invitational is again focusing on providing a space for the community to team-build by focusing on an experience where our newer students (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders) are the focus of the tournament and where our student leaders (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders) can develop as educators, instructors, and mentors. That is why we are only hosting novice and JV categories with the hope that schools will bring their upperclassmen to be judges. It is early in the season, so getting a number of ballots for each student is critical, which is why we are only hosting prelims, rather than dedicating a lot of tournament time to tabulation and elims that make the tournament day last longer. We hope that all of our students, especially your new team members, will enjoy a day of education, friendly competition, and an introduction to our wider community.

### **The Basics**

The tournament will be at Scarsdale High School on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We will be offering Novice LD, JV LD, Novice PF, JV PF, Declamation, JV OI, JV Extemp and JV Congress. All competitors must be either 9<sup>th</sup> graders or 10<sup>th</sup> graders and registered by a degree granting institution. Upperclassmen with at least 2 years of competitive experience/200 NSDA points will be allowed (and in fact encouraged!) to judge.

All teams will be placed on the waiting list initially. I will then clear teams from the waitlist. Entries with names and entries from schools that have continuously demonstrated good citizenship will be given priority on a first come/first served basis. This year, Scarsdale HS is undergoing construction so I don't have access to either our Auditorium or our student Cafeteria. This may put some constraints on the number of entries I can take from any given squad as I have to keep the numbers under the occupancy capacities of the common space I will have access to.

**We will be debating the November/December resolution for LD (Resolved: The United States ought to adopt a wealth tax.), and the November/December PF topic (Resolved: The United States should substantially reduce its military support of Taiwan.).**

All schools must be checked in by 9:30 AM electronically and be ready to go for round 1 at 10 AM. Debate will run 4 single flighted rounds (no elims). Speech will run 4 prelims (no elims). Congress will run 3 sessions (no elims). The bills will be provided by the tournament (from the NSDA Bill Packet for October) and we will set one bill to be debated each session.

**IN PF, THERE WILL BE NO COIN FLIP. PRO SPEAKS FIRST EACH ROUND AND SIDES WILL BE ASSIGNED. This way each debater will debate twice on each side. There will be NO MAVERICKS ALLOWED IN PF.**

The length of each Congress session is designed in length to have each student the opportunity to speak once.

There is NO double entry allowed.

The cost for the tournament includes lunch for all student competitors and judges in the student cafeteria (pizza) as well as a light breakfast and lunch in the judge lounge for all adults (defined as college aged or older).

### **Judging/Chaperoning**

In **Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum**, the judging ratio will be 1 to 2 (or fraction thereof) since we are single flighting. Judges can be adults or third/fourth year debaters with at least 200 NSDA points (or their equivalent, which is about 10 tournaments worth of rounds).

In **Speech**, the judging ratio will be 1 to 5 (or fraction thereof). Judges can be adults or third/fourth year debaters with at least 200 NSDA points (or their equivalent, which is about 10 tournaments worth of rounds).

In **Congress**, the judging ratio will be 1 to 10 (or fraction thereof). We will gladly accept adult judging. All provided student judges **MUST** be able to be a Presiding Officer. We will expect all student Presiding Officers to conduct a fair and balanced session as they may be Presiding over a chamber that has students in their own. The sessions are designed to have 12 – 15 students with enough time for each student to speak once.

Every school must have an adult chaperone ON SITE for the ENTIRETY of the tournament. Additionally, the email on record on tabroom.com ought to be a SCHOOL RELATED OFFICIAL, not a student, not an outside person. ***Only an adult may register the school upon arrival. This adult needs to have functional knowledge of how a tournament runs and must be explicitly in charge of all students and judges from that school. This person should be enabled to receive emails from Tabroom about the tournament. Schools that do not have a singular responsible point person will not be allowed into the tournament.*** During the tournament, judges should be in the judge lounge or one of the student common spaces where information will be available. Schools should be responsible for making sure their judges have all the information that they need without the tournament staff having to track people down.

No independent entries will be allowed. As tournament director, I do not need to specify what that means. This invitation is not a legal document, simply a method of giving information. Do not try to lawyer me. That will be the clearest way to ensure you will not attend this tournament. If you have questions, ask.

## **Fees**

The cost is \$20 per student that enters. Therefore, a PF entry is \$40 and all other entries are \$20. This price internalizes the cost of lunch for the student/student judges, adult hospitality, and awards.

It is not our intention to offer hired judging, but if you are stuck, email me, and we can talk.

All checks should be made payable to **SUFSD**. If you would like to pay electronically, I can generate a link to a MySchoolBucks product where you can pay by credit card. We will upcharge you 4.5% on your registration to pay the swipe fee for this method of payment.

If a judge misses a round, there will be a \$25 fine assessed to the school.

## **Dates and Deadlines**

October 7<sup>th</sup> – Registration opens at noon.

October 17<sup>th</sup> – We will begin clearing entries from waitlist

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> - Registration closes for all new entries at 5 PM

Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – **Fees are fixed at 8 PM.**

Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Judge names are due at 8 PM

## **To Register**

Register by going to <http://www.tabroom.com> and selecting "High School Invitationals" from the menu. If you do not have a tabroom.com account already, simply create one, and then create your school's chapter account and follow the onscreen instructions to register your students in the Scarsdale Invitational. If you encounter any technical problems, please email [joespeechtabroom@gmail.com](mailto:joespeechtabroom@gmail.com)

## **Day of the Tournament**

**When you arrive, you must arrive through the Brewster Road main entrance under the tower. Do not enter through Post Road.** When you arrive, there will be a table set up in the lobby for registration and to tell you where to send your adults and students. I will not know the specific locations until about a week out from the tournament so I will send that information out when I know it.

Registration will be from 9 AM – 9:30 AM.

We will hold a MANDATORY speech judge meeting and a MANDATORY debate judge meeting at 9:30 AM. This is critical as many of our judges will be on the judging side for the first time and we want to set some clear expectations for our upperclassmen judges.

## **Travel**

Directions for bus to SCARSDALE HIGH SCHOOL (to googlemap, use 2 Brewster Road, Scarsdale 10583)

### **By Public Transit**

Take the MetroNorth HARLEM LINE (the blue one) to Scarsdale. If coming from the south, you get off on the correct side and should come right up the stairs. If coming from the north, you will have to cross the bridge. To get to the High School from the train station, you can take a taxi from Central Taxi Scarsdale. Their dispatch is directly connected to the train station. Come out of the train station and turn left at the Starbucks. Their dispatch is at the end of the building (914) – 723 – 0016. It is a quick 3 – 4 min ride from the train. The High School is walkable from the train station. I can do it easily in 12 – 15 minutes. At teenager speed? That's probably longer.

From North – Take 87 south to 287 east. Get off at exit 5 which is Route 100. Get off at the exit and follow Tarrytown Road (which is the road you are merged onto) for several lights. At the county center (which will be on your left), make a right onto Central Park Ave (Rt 100). Go down Central Park Ave until you get to East Hartsdale Ave and take a left (you will have passed a Dunkin Donuts on your right just before the turn). Follow East Hartsdale Ave through town. This road will become Fennimore Ave right after you pass over the Metro North tracks. Take a right onto Brewster Road. The school will be about 5 blocks down on the left. Take the third entrance into the high school into the traffic circle. Drop kids off at that circle and have the kids enter through the front doors.

From South – Take 87 north to exit 4 and follow the signs for Central Park Ave. When you get to East Hartsdale Ave, you will take a right instead of a left and follow the directions above.

Directions for cars (or other vehicles that can go on parkways)

From the Hutch – Get off at Mamaroneck Road, exit 22. Take a right onto Mamaroneck Road towards Scarsdale. Follow Mamaroneck Road to its end and take a left onto Route 22. Take a right at Olmsted. (If you pass the HS on your right, you have missed Olmsted). Take the next left onto Brewster Rd. Take the third entrance into the high school into the traffic circle. Drop kids off at that circle and have the kids enter through the front doors.

From the Bronx River Parkway North – Get off at Crane Road which is a VERY sharp turn. Off the exit, take the first left which is a U turn and stay to the right. Take the next right (if you don't, you end up back on the Parkway). Go through the light and take the 2<sup>nd</sup> right onto Church. Go through the light and veer right. The High School will be on your left. Take the second entrance.

From the Bronx River Parkway South – Get off at Green Acres. Take a left off the exit up to Walworth Ave. At the light, take a right. At the next light, take a left onto Fennimore. Follow directions above from Fennimore.

## **The Schedule**

Electronic Check in on Tabroom is from 8:00 AM – 9:30 PM

In person Check in/Registration is from 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM.

MANDATORY SPEECH JUDGE MEETING – 9:30 AM (location TBA)

MANDATORY DEBATE JUDGE MEETING - 9:30 AM (location TBA)

These will be separate meetings

This year, I need to offset the lunch times due to our smaller capacity student common spaces. Speech will have 3 rounds, lunch, then round 4. Debate will have 2 rounds, lunch and then 2 rounds. Congress will have 1 session, lunch, and then 2 sessions.

### **Speech Schedule**

Round 1 – 10:00 AM

Round 2 – 11:15 AM

Round 3 – 12:30 PM

Lunch - 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Round 4 – 3:00 PM

Awards – 4:30 PM

### **Debate Schedule**

Round 1 – 10:00 AM

Round 2 – 11:30 AM

Lunch – 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Round 3 – 1:30 PM

Round 4 – 3:00 PM

Awards – 4:30 PM

### **Congress Schedule**

Session 1 – 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Lunch – 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Session 2 – 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM

Session 3 – 2:15 PM – 3:30 PM

Awards – 4:30 PM

In debate, awards will be provided to all entries 3-1 or better.

In speech and congress, awards will be provided to approximately the top 30% of entries.

Prior to the awards ceremony, we will publish on the live doc which students should expect to be called forwards for awards in order to expedite awards.