

Horace Mann PF Invitational

November 16, 2024 - Horace Mann School/NSDA Campus

Dear Students and Coaches,

We are excited to invite you to attend the Horace Mann Invitational Tournament, which will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024!

We will host online competitions for Open, MS and Novice PF, and in-person competitions for JV and Novice PF. Additionally, all judges will be required to use electronic ballots in all divisions. Lastly, all Open/MS/Novice/JV PF are using the 2024 November/December NSDA PF Topic.

All registration and final confirmation must be completed online. Deadlines are listed on Tabroom and below in the invitation.

We look forward to seeing you in-person or online!

Best,

Gillian Ho, Peter Benson, and Arda Altintepe

Tournament Directors

Details:

Location: Horace Mann School (231 W 246th St, Bronx, NY 10471) & Online via NSDA Campus

Three divisions will be hosted online: Open, Middle School and Novice PF.

Two divisions will be hosted in-person: Novice and JV PF.

All divisions will use the National Speech & Debate Association time format and rules. We encourage coaches to enter students in the division that best approximates their skill and experience level, and we leave that judgment up to you. The MS/Novice division is intended for any middle schooler/ high school students specifically in their first year of competition, and the JV division is intended for any high school students in their second year of competition, although there will be no strict enforcement surrounding this. There are no school entry caps.

Independent/Unaffiliated Entries:

Independent entries are allowed to enter any division.

Topic:

All divisions will be debating the NSDA November/December topic:

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

Fees:

Entry Fee: \$35 per team

Judging Fine (if a judge misses a round): \$75 per round

Judging:

Schools must either provide judges to cover their entries or pay a judge hire fee. We are requiring 1 judge for every 2 teams.

Judge Hire Fee: \$70 for the day

Judging Requirements:

Judges can be adults, though we encourage schools to bring high school debaters or debate coaches to meet their judging requirements. We will also provide hired judging if necessary, at a rate of \$70 for the day. We encourage judges to outline their preferences on their Tabroom paradigm and to present their RFD (reason for decision) on Tabroom or orally, although there will be no strict enforcement surrounding this.

Schedule:

(times below are round start times)

Round 1 – 10:00 AM

Round 2 – 11:30 AM

Lunch – 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

Round 3 – 2:00 PM

Round 4 – 3:30 PM

Awards – 5:15 PM

Dates and Deadlines:

October 7 – Registration opens at 12 AM

November 8 – Registration closes for all new entries at 11:59 PM

November 11 – Fees are fixed at 11:59 PM.

Wednesday, November 13 – Judge names are due at 5 PM

Hospitality:

Concessions: We will be selling various concessions in Olshan Lobby, where the main entrance to the school is located.

Food: There are a number of eateries down the hill by the subway station, including Dunkin Donuts, Burger King, and Broadway Joe's Pizza. We will also be providing pizza for purchase.

Parking: Horace Mann School has a limited number of parking spaces available; however, no parking spaces have the capacity to fit a school bus. However, Tibbett Avenue and W 246th Street allow for bus drop-offs.

If you are coming from Manhattan, the fastest way to get to Horace Mann is by car or by taking the 1 Train to the Van Cortlandt Park - 242nd Street stop and walking the three blocks from the subway station to the school. If you are coming from Westchester or elsewhere, driving is the recommended way to come.

Awards:

Awards will be provided to all debaters who finish with a 4-0 record. The highest placing team in each division will receive \$50 as a gift card or donation to their respective debate team.

Equity:

This tournament aims to support an environment of respect and inclusivity. All debaters are expected to exhibit values of mature behavior and mutual respect. This tournament follows the NSDA policy on harassment and discrimination, which can be found at <https://www.speechanddebate.org/harassment-discrimination-policy/>. Any concerns can be sent to the tournament administrators at the bottom of this invite.

Travel:

Getting to Horace Mann by Subway

Take the Broadway #1 train to Van Cortlandt Park and 242nd Street (last stop). Exit to Broadway and proceed north to street just before Burger King (Manhattan College Parkway). Make left and then an immediate right. Notice hill (Post Road leading to 246th Street).

Horace Mann Entrance

The Middle and Upper Division campus is at top of the hill on your right. The entrance is right before Tibbett Avenue on 246th Street.

Getting to Horace Mann by Car ([Google Maps](#))

From West Side of Manhattan: Take the West Side Highway north. Pay toll crossing Henry Hudson Bridge. Continue on Henry Hudson Parkway to 246th Street exit. Turn right at light. Continue on 246th Street for approximately five blocks.

From Saw Mill Parkway: Proceed on the Saw Mill River Parkway South as it becomes the Henry Hudson Parkway. Exit at 246th Street. Turn left at light and continue for approximately five blocks.

From Major Deegan (87) North or South: Exit at Manhattan College and Van Cortlandt Park South. From either north or south turn right at the end of the ramp and proceed to Broadway and the elevated train. Bear right onto Broadway and continue to the end of elevated structure. Turn left at light before Burger King (Manhattan College Parkway). Take an immediate right and continue uphill behind Burger King (Post Road). Make left onto 246th Street.

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