

Black Knight Invitational

Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School
1128 Old Route 115, Lehman, PA 18627

January 7, 2025

Dear Coaches,

The Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School Speech and Debate Team invites you to attend the Black Knight Invitational on **Saturday, February 8, 2025**.

We will offer the following competition events:

Novice

- Declamation
- Poetry
- Prose

Open/Varsity

- Dramatic Performance
- Duo Interpretation
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Oral Interpretation of Literature
- Original Oratory
- Student Congress
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- Public Forum Debate

Finals will be held in select events where numbers warrant. All competitors advancing beyond preliminary rounds will be recognized at our awards ceremony.

The following pages outline registration deadlines, fees, and event information. Please contact us with any questions. We hope to see you on February 8th!

Sincerely,

Katrina Joyce and Jason Field
Speech & Debate Team Coaches
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General Tournament Information

Date & Time

Saturday, February 8, 2025
On-site registration from 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Location

Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School
1128 Old Route 115
Lehman, PA 18627

Tournament Contact

Katrina Joyce
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Registration Deadline

Registration will be open on [Tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com) until **5 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2025.**

Drops and name changes are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Any changes made after the registration deadline must be emailed to speech.debate@llsd.org. There will be a \$5.00 fee per drop made after 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

Teams that withdraw their complete entry after 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, will be asked to pay a nuisance fee equal to 50% of their registration fee.

IMPORTANT: All competitors and judges must have Tabroom accounts.

Entry Fees

\$5.00 per Individual Entry or LD debater
\$10.00 per Duo or PF team

Double Entries

Double entries are allowed in all speech events, excluding Student Congress. There are no double entries in debate events.

Judging Obligations

1 judge for every 5 IE entries or fraction thereof
1 judge for every 2 LD/PF entries or fraction thereof

Judges are expected to be available for the duration of the tournament.

Lunch Tickets

Student lunch ticket information will be shared in the coming weeks. Lunch will be provided for coaches and judges.

Event Rules

NCFL rules will be used for Novice Declamation and all Open/Varsity events. Novice Poetry and Novice Prose will use PHSSL rules.

Congress Legislation

Please submit one piece of legislation per school by **5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.**

Upload legislation directly to [Tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com). The bill packet will be posted on Friday, January 24, 2025.

Debate Topics

Lincoln-Douglas Debate will use the **NSDA 2025 January/February topic:**

Resolved: The United States ought to become party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and/or the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Public Forum Debate will use the **NSDA 2025 February topic:**

Resolved: The United States should accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.