

The 1st Ever

Junior Debate League Invitational

Hosted by

Lincoln-Sudbury
Regional High School

Hello!

The L-S Speech & Debate Team cordially invites you and your team to the 1st ever Junior Debate League Invitational on Saturday, January 11th, 2025. The tournament will be hosted **online** using **NSDA Campus** and will feature **Middle School Divisions** in Public Forum Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Informative Speaking, and Original Oratory.

Location:

Online using NSDA Campus

Contact:

lssd101@gmail.com

Hosts:

Institution: LS Speech and Debate, lssd101@gmail.com

Teacher Advisor: Nancy Goldstone nancy_goldstone@lsrhs.net

President: Anya Sharma, sharmaa26@lsrhs.net

Senior Registration Captain: Kaylan Young, youngk26@lsrhs.net

Registration Information:

We are asking for your completed online registration by Wednesday, January 8th at 5:00 PM. We request that

every entry fulfills their judging criteria by this deadline as well.

Judging Requirements:

- One judge for every five speech entries (or fraction thereof)
- One judge for every two debate entries (or fraction thereof)
- Judge quotas are based on your team's entry at 9:00 PM on Wednesday, January 8th
- A \$30 penalty will be instituted for each missing judge
- Judges should ideally be experienced in their respective events. We understand that this is not possible for every entry, so if you are unsure about qualifications please email sharmaa26@lsrhs.net with any questions.

Hired Judging:

We understand that it can be difficult for teams to provide full judging requirements and are therefore offering very affordable opportunities to hire judges. If your team cannot provide the necessary judging commitment, you can hire a judge for \$20 per entry for the whole

tournament. The deadline to submit these requests is January 6th at 5 PM.

Fees:

The fee is **\$15** per person. For Public Forum, that would be **\$30** per entry. Schools/Teams should mail a check payable to the Lincoln-Sudbury Speech and Debate Team to cover their registration fees.

They should be mailed to:

- Nancy Goldstone
- Speech and Debate Team
- Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School
- 390 Lincoln Road
- Sudbury MA 01776

We are pleased to offer the following events: Public Forum Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Impromptu Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, and Original Oratory. Further event information will be provided on the following page.

Informative Speaking:

Informative Speaking is a 10-minute presentation written and performed by the student. Informative requires students to balance that content with delivery and style. Students in Informative must be articulate, engaging, and smooth with their delivery at both a vocal and physical level. The purpose of the event is to inform and educate the audience on a topic of significance. Students may or may not employ the use of visual aids in the performance.

Link with Resources:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/Informative-Speaking-Creating-a-Solid-Foundation.pdf>

Original Oratory:

Students deliver a self-written, 10-minute speech on a topic of their choosing. Limited in their ability to quote words directly, Original Oratory (OO) competitors craft an argument using evidence, logic, and emotional appeals. Topics range widely, and may be informative or persuasive in nature. The speech is mostly delivered from memory.

Link with Resources:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/What-to-Expect-Competing-in-Original-Oratory.pdf>

Public Forum Debate:

A Public Forum Debate is one that consists of two teams, each with two debaters. There is a set resolution or policy, with one side advocating to

implement it (the PRO) while one side is advocating to stay with the status quo (CON). We will be using the typical Public Forum Debate format, but will provide 4 minutes of prep time in order to increase accessibility. We will be using the following topic:

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

Link with Resources:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1W50Tmy04E9SfwyMLdGoGVa2xSEjmqouo>

Lincoln Douglas Debate:

A Lincoln Douglas Debate is one that consists of two teams, each with one debater. There is a set ethical or moral statement, with one side advocating for it (the PRO) while one side is advocating against it (CON). We will be using the typical Lincoln Douglas format, but will provide 4 minutes of prep time in order to increase accessibility. We will be using the following topic:

“Resolved: In a democracy, voting ought to be compulsory.”

Link with Resources:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12KJYjTYiPh2FnZKnUTLwcfRbxil6ZUIf?usp=sharing>

Other Information:

Drops:

You may drop entries until 9:00 PM Wednesday, January 8th without penalty. All drops after that time should be sent to lssd101@gmail.com AND youngk26@lsrhs.net. Your team will be assessed a \$10 nuisance fee per dropped entry.

Saturday morning:

Text 978-460-9039 between 7:30am and 8:00am to confirm your entry. This assists us in making any last-minute changes to assignments.

Awards:

Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 entries in each event!

Equity Expectations:

We expect all members of our tournament to treat one another with respect in order to foster a culture of diversity and inclusion. Should you have any issues, please email sharmaa26@lsrhs.net or nancy_goldstone@lsrhs.net to resolve any issues or concerns.

Tentative Schedule:

ALL EVENTS Schedule

Round	Time
Judge Training (REQUIRED)	8:00 AM EST
Debate + Speech Meeting (REQUIRED)	8:30 AM EST
Round 1	9:00 AM EST
Round 2	11:00 AM EST

Round 3	1:00 PM EST
Round 4	3:00 PM EST
Round 5	5:00 PM EST
Awards Ceremony	7:00 PM EST

Thank you and we hope to see you on January 11th!