

Invitation

Hello Cy Fair ISD speech & debate coaches!

CFISD Novice Night #3 will be hosted by **Cy Ranch HS**. This is a great opportunity for your beginning students to practice their skills in a low-pressure environment and to receive feedback on their efforts. It is also a wonderful chance for your varsity members to gain valuable experience as judges. For novice nights to remain viable, it is imperative that the workload be reduced on teachers volunteering to host. To that end, we are using tabroom.com to register participants and create pairings. **You need to enter your students no later than 4 p.m. on Wed., February 19th. After this deadline, adding students may not be possible. You may drop students or make name substitutions through this website until 4 p.m. on Wed., February 19th. The website will be closed to changes after this time. This is for drops and substitutions only, not adding new entries.** Students may enter one of the following events (schedule doesn't allow for cross-entry):

- Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- Public Forum Debate
- Congressional Debate
- Worlds Schools Debate
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Oratory/Informative (combined)
- Prose/Poetry
- HI/DI/POI
- Duo/Duet

In addition to entering your novice students, please register your varsity students in tabroom under judges and select what pool they would prefer to judge in. This information greatly helps with planning. Moreover, please be sure to train your varsity students on constructive criticism and discuss with them what it means to be role models for the younger participants. The spirit of this evening should be to encourage novices in speech & debate while providing supportive feedback on how they can improve. Varsity judges should behave accordingly.

If you have questions, please contact Ryan Hennessey, Director of Forensics - Cypress Ranch; ryan.hennessey@cfisd.net

Topics

Congressional Debate will use the legislation from the current TFA Docket that is available here. These will be the specific bills/resolutions debated:

- Legislation from [Spring 2025 TFA Docket](#):

Congress Legislation for Novice Night:

13, 11, 15, 12, 14

Lincoln-Douglas Debate will use the 2024 UIL Spring Topic

Resolved: Standardized testing is detrimental to equity in K-12 education.

Public Forum Debate will use the 2024 February Topic:

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

Campus Info

Dear Coaches,

- 1. Students should NOT ever be on the first floor once rounds start and should not wander around the building. Students will either be in their Squad Room or their Competition Room.**
- 2. Postings will all be on tabroom. All rounds will be on the 2nd floor.**
- 3. No food or drinks should be in the classrooms.**
- 4. If students must move desks please put them back in their original position when the round is finished.**
- 5. It is expected that students are in rounds and not hanging out in the halls.**
- 6. NO Student should not sit at or behind the teacher's desk. Please remind your students to be respectful of the classrooms they are in and ask them to not disturb anything that does not belong to them.**

Fees

Each school will be charged a flat fee of \$150 to cover expenses of the host campus. There are no other costs for participating. However, it is important that schools provide varsity students to help judge and run key parts of the tournament.

All CFISD schools should work with their campus financial secretaries to pay through a budget transfer. The budget code should be printed at the bottom of your tabroom fee sheet. Please pay ASAP.

Also, please register your varsity students in tabroom under judges and select if they would prefer to be a debate judge or an IE judge.

Last but not least, please be sure to train your varsity students on constructive criticism and discuss with them what it means to be role models for the younger participants. The spirit of this evening should be to encourage novices in speech & debate while providing supportive feedback on how they can improve.

Thank you!