

## VHSL STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION SHEET

The 111<sup>th</sup> VHSL State Debate Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO TOURNAMENT:** Each school is required to submit an entry form to the VHSL office within 72 hours following the super regional tournament. Entry forms will confirm participation of qualifying students. Schools must also notify the VHSL office of any student who will not attend so alternates can be notified.

**TABROOM:** Please register your students and judges on Tabroom immediately using the following link:

<http://vhslstatedebate.tabroom.com>

**HOTELS:** Schools should make their own arrangements for accommodations as needed.

**JUDGING:** Each school must provide a judge for Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate, Lincoln-Douglas and Student Congress if students qualified in those events. This judge may be the coach or a designated individual. Some Student Congress judges may be redirected to Public Forum. If you are redirected, you will be told at Registration.

We will need qualified judges for all events. Judges will be paid \$20 per round judged. Please register yourselves or other judges who may wish to attend and judge through Tabroom. **Please also note that if you are qualified to judge in more than one area you may be pulled to judge in those events regardless of preference. You will be asked to indicate a second possible area of experience when registering in Tabroom.**

**IMPORTANT:** Judges for Policy, Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum must be prepared to complete judging online through Tabroom.com. Please bring an electronic device that is capable of signing into Tabroom and completing the ballots. Remember to bring a power cord for your devices. Due to logistics, ballots for Student Congress will be paper ballots and will be provided in the chamber(s).

**CONGRESS:** All congress participants, including alternates in case of call-up, must submit legislation by the deadline date of **Friday, April 10, 11:59:59 p.m.** Students who do not meet this requirement will be disqualified from competition.

**ALTERNATES:** Alternates compete only when called up, and are subject to all rules, including Student Congress legislation posting in advance of tournament by deadline.

**CLASSES:** Classes 1, 2, and 3 will be combined. Classes 4, 5, and 6 will not. There will be no Student Congress Super Session in any Class.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 18! If you have general questions, please email Shawn Knight ([sknight@vhsl.org](mailto:sknight@vhsl.org)) or State Tournament Director, Nick Kalagian ([nkalagian@gmail.com](mailto:nkalagian@gmail.com)). To access Student Congress legislation, refer to [http://www.instantaneous.com/VHSL\\_Congress/](http://www.instantaneous.com/VHSL_Congress/).

# VHSL STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT - ROOMS

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## ROOM ASSIGNMENTS – RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE

Registration / Judge & Coach Meeting – Copley Science Center: Room 100

General Meeting for All Debate Competitors – Blackwell Auditorium

Tab Room – Brock Commons SGA Room

Ballot Pick-Up/Drop-Off – Online for Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum.

For Student Congress – Brock Commons SGA Room

Competitor Lounge Area and Awards (All Classifications) – Blackwell Auditorium

Judge Lounge – Brock Commons Dollar Tree Community Room.

Policy Debate Competition Rooms – Haley Hall (All Classifications)

Lincoln-Douglas Competition Rooms – Class 1-3: Payne Hall, Classes 4 & 5: Fox Hall, Class 6: Copley Science Center

Public Forum Debate Competition Rooms – Class 1-3: Macon F. Brock Jr. Hall & McGraw-Page Library  
Class 4: Neville House & McGraw-Page Library,  
Class 5: Old Chapel  
Class 6: Peele & Washington and Franklin Hall

Student Congress Competition Rooms– Class 1-3: Andrews - Multipurpose Room  
Class 4: Brock Commons - Truist Theater  
Class 5: Washington and Franklin Hall - Washington Room  
Class 6: Copley Science Center - Room 101

Lunch – Estes Hall (vouchers for coaches, competitors, and judges picked up at registration)

T-Shirt Retail Area – 1st Floor Lobby of Brock Commons

**MEALS:** Lunch will be provided to competitors, coaches, and judges. This lunch will be in RMC's Estes Hall. You must have a ticket (distributed at registration).

Missing a debater or judge? Text/call this number to have someone address it right away: (434)-260-3403

(Be sure to identify yourself, your school, as well as what event and room number you are in.)

# 2026 VHSL DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

7:00 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m.	Judges' and Coaches' Briefing (for all events) in Copley 100.
8:30 a.m.	General Meeting for Lincoln-Douglas, Policy, and Public Forum in Blackwell Auditorium.
8:45 a.m.	General Meeting, Swearing-In, and Pledge for Student Congress in Blackwell Auditorium. Student Congress Committees & Docket Setting in Chambers.
9:00 a.m.	Lincoln-Douglas - Round 1
9:00 a.m.	Policy - Round 1
9:30 a.m.	Student Congress - Session 1
9:45 a.m.	Public Forum - Round 1
10:15 a.m.	Lincoln-Douglas - Round 2
10:50 a.m.	Policy - Round 2
11:00 a.m.	Public Forum - Round 2
11:15 a.m.	Student Congress - Session 2
11:30 a.m.	Lincoln-Douglas - Round 3

## Lunch Times

12:00 p.m.	Public Forum Debaters
12:30 p.m.	Lincoln-Douglas Debaters
12:45 p.m.	Policy and Student Congress Debaters
1:00 p.m.	Public Forum - Round 3
1:30 p.m.	Policy - Round 3
1:45 p.m.	Lincoln-Douglas Round 4
1:45 p.m.	Student Congress - Session 3
2:30 p.m.	Public Forum - Round 4
3:00 p.m.	Lincoln-Douglas - Round 5
3:20 p.m.	Policy - Round 4
3:30 p.m.	Student Congress - Session 4
3:45 p.m.	Public Forum - Round 5
4:15 p.m.	Lincoln-Douglas - Round 6
5:00 p.m.	Voting for Outstanding Senators
5:10 p.m.	Policy - Round 5
5:30 p.m.	Lincoln-Douglas - Round 7
7:15 p.m.	Awards (For all Classifications)

# Internet Access

**RMC has created a guest access account for this tournament.**

**Internet access is necessary for judges participating in Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum Debate.**

- Connect to RMC Connect.
- If a browser page does not automatically open up, then launch one.
- A "Welcome to the RMC Network" banner page will load.
- Click the check box to accept the network policy.
- Choose to Connect Guest.

**Judges** - It is recommended that you have debaters seated in the room with you so you can observe the screens to ensure no connectivity issues. As a reminder from the resource manual - "Any student who opts to use a laptop in debate competition must provide his or her own laptop and is not allowed connectivity to other computers, persons, or the Internet. The penalty for students found using connectivity will be immediate disqualification from the tournament and forfeiture of all rounds. Use is limited to taking notes and retrieving evidence that the student has pre-written and stored on the laptop. Students are also responsible for their own battery and power; tournaments are not responsible for providing outlets."

# CAMPUS MAP

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RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE



Event	Building	#/A	Location	Event	Building(s)	#/A	Location
Registration	Copley (Room: 100)	38	D-3	LD	Classes 1-3 - Payne Classes 4 & 5 - Fox Class 6 - Copley	81 37 38	D3 C-3 D-3
Judge Meeting	Copley (Room: 100)	38	D-3	PF	1-3 - Brock Jr. / Lib. 4 - Neville / Lib. 5 - Old Chapel 6 - Peele/Wash-Frank	39/36 45/36 21 20/22	D-3/C-3 D-2/C-3 C-3 C-3/B-3
Comp. Lounge	Blackwell Auditorium	16A	C-3	CX	Haley	41	D-3
Judge Lounge	Brock Commons (Dollar Tree Room)	34	C-3	Con (1-3)	Andrews (Multipurpose Room)	61	C-2
Tab	Brock Commons (SGA Room)	34	C-3	Con (4)	Brock Commons (Trust Theater)	34	C-3
Lunch*	Estes	35	C-3	Con (5)	Wash/Frank (Washington Room)	22	B-3
Awards	Blackwell Auditorium	16A	C-3	Con (6)	Copley (Room: 101)	38	D-3

\*Lunch Schedule: Public Forum - 12:00; Lincoln-Douglas - 12:30; Policy/Congress - 12:45

\*→ = Only entrance to Estes Dining Hall.

T-Shirt / Initial Tab Needs: Lounge Area on the first floor Lobby of Brock Commons.

Coffee/Snacks - Jacket Java Located in Brock Commons (Building #34, Location C-3)

**Missing a judge or competitor? Or just need help with something? Text 434-260-3403**

# Directions to Randolph-Macon College

Registration will be held outside of Room 100 of the Copley Science Center.

Take 95 to exit 92 or 92B, proceed towards Ashland onto England Street.

Continue on England until Henry St. Turn right on Henry and then proceed to parking.

GPS address: 300 England St

**PARKING:** No parking pass is required on the weekend.

## **Cars**

Cars should park at the following lots first (using the letters from the campus map): V, D, O, Q, E, or C or A (across the tracks).

Street parking is allowed, as long as not on a yellow line or no in front of housing.

The ONLY place on-campus that anyone should NOT park is the Day Field lot (F) - we have athletic competitions going on and Campus Safety always wants to keep this lot available. If someone parks there may be ticketed.

Same directions at the beginning apply to cars: The College is located off I-95 Exit 92 (coming from 95 South) or 92B (coming from 95 North). At that exit, proceed West on Va. 54 (England St.) toward Ashland. Continue on England St. and turn Right onto Henry Street to desired parking lot.

## **Bus Drop-off/Parking:**

The College is located off I-95 Exit 92 (coming from 95 South) or 92B (coming from 95 North). At that exit, proceed West on Va. 54 (England St.) toward Ashland. Continue on England St. and turn Right onto Henry Street. Turn into the Blackwell Lot for Drop Off and Pickup. Buses should proceed through the parking lot, turn left onto Caroline street and then right onto Henry Street. Continue approximately 1 mile to Archie Cannon Drive. Turn right and then Archie Cannon Ashland Elementary School (Gandy) will be on the right. Park in their parking lot.

## Souvenir Merchandise

Souvenir T-shirts, long-sleeved T-shirts, and hooded sweatshirts, personalized with the names of all competitors, will be available for sale to students at State Debate.

MSP Design Group, the official apparel printer for all VHSL State Championship events, will provide a variety of styles. If you have a specific design or customized artwork/idea that you would like the printer to consider, you may email [info@mspdesigngroup.com](mailto:info@mspdesigngroup.com) or call 1-800-899-5416 to discuss your concept. Be sure to contact them as soon as possible so they will have time to consider your request.

