

Shikellamy High School Forensics – Blue, Maroon, and White Tournament

November 1, 2025

Dear Forensic Coach,

The Shikellamy High School Forensics Team invites you to attend the annual Blue, Maroon, and White Tournament, one of the oldest continuing major high school invitational tournaments in Pennsylvania. This year's tournament will be held at Shikellamy High School in Sunbury, PA on Saturday, January 17, 2026..

Past tournaments have welcomed over 600 students from more than 50 schools throughout Pennsylvania and surrounding states. We are proud of our tradition. Come celebrate more than 50 years of forensics with us as we enjoy some great competition in central Pennsylvania.

Enclosed you will find:

1. General tournament information
2. Directions to Shikellamy High School
3. Event descriptions
4. Registration Information

Please join us on January 17, 2026!

Sincerely,

Ellen Boyer, Director
Shikellamy Forensics

General Tournament Information

Date: January 17, 2026
Place: Shikellamy High School, Sunbury, PA
Registration: 8:00-8:30 am
Awards Assembly: 4:30-5:00 pm
Registration Deadline: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 8 PM
Registration: USE www.tabroom.com. The site is very easy

to navigate. Set up an account and go to the
BMW Tournament.

Cost: \$15.00 school fee
\$10.00 per speech/LD contestant entered
\$20.00 per duo team
\$20.00 per public forum team

NO CROSS-X or PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE THIS YEAR!!!!!!

Judging requirements lock Wednesday night. Drops may be made on tabroom.com until 4:00pm Thursday, January 15. After this time, all fees are locked. On Saturday, there will be a \$5.00 fee for all drops in addition to the registration fee. It will not be possible to add students or change events on Saturday. Simple name changes are always free.

Make your check payable to "Shikellamy Forensics."

Lincoln-Douglas Topic: January/February Topic <https://www.speechanddebate.org/topics/>

Public Forum Topic: January Topic <https://www.speechanddebate.org/topics/>

This year we are NOT offering Cross-X or Parliamentary Debate at BMW!!!!

ENTRY LIMITS – Novice - •4 entries per Speech event (check with me if you have more)
*2 LD entries
•2 Public Forum teams (PHSSL rules)

**DOUBLE ENTRIES WILL BE PERMITTED IN NOVICE SPEECH EVENTS,
Dec, Prose, Poetry, Oratory, Dramatic Performance (DI & HI combined), DUO**

Varsity - •4 entries per Speech event, including Congress
(check with me if you have more to see if there is room)
*3 LD entries
•3 Public Forum teams (PHSSL rules)

- **DOUBLE ENTRY PERMITTED IN THE FOLLOWING
VARSITY EVENTS: DI, HI, Duo, Informative, Oratory,
Poetry, Prose, POI, Storytelling**

Novice definition: Any Middle School student, 9th or 10th grader — or — any junior or senior in their **first** year of forensics competition.

Judging Requirements:

- 1 judge for every 1 or 2 L/D debaters
- 1 judge for every 5 slots or portion thereof in IE
- 1 judge for every 1 or 2 Public Forum Teams

Judges For Hire: A limited supply of judges will be available at a cost of \$70.00 per judge. **You must notify us of your need to hire a judge at the time you register.** JUDGE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SET AS OF REGISTRATION ON WED. Jan. 14 at 8:00 PM. **Dropping students after Wed. WILL NOT DECREASE YOUR JUDGE QUOTAS.** No extra judges will be available on the day of the tournament.

Lunch - Lunch will be served in the cafeteria. Lunch tickets can be ordered online at www.tabroom.com at a price of \$7.00 each. Students and observers can also purchase lunch tickets in the lobby during registration. Lunch will be provided for coaches and judges.

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Special Attention:

- **No additions will be permitted after Wednesday, January 14 at 8:00pm.**
- **Registration Fees are FROZEN Wednesday, January 14 at 8:00pm**
Substitutions will be permitted up to and including registration.
- **Drops after Thursday, Jan. 15, at 4:00 pm will be assessed a \$5.00 fee per drop. Changes should be made on www.tabroom.com before 4:00pm. Drop Fees will be added after 4:00pm Thursday.**
- **IF YOU DROP STUDENTS AFTER THIS DATE, YOU STILL NEED TO BRING ALL REGISTERED JUDGES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Coaches: Please include your **school phone, cell phone, e-mail and home phone** on the registration.

CONGRESS BILLS: **One Congress bill per school** should be e-mailed to spehtc@shikbraves.org by noon on Jan. 6. Bills will be available on-line by Jan. 7 at 3:00 PM. They will be posted as a packet on tabroom.

Cancellation policy: Since Philadelphia and Pittsburgh schools will be attending the tournament; any decision to cancel will be made by Friday at 7:30 am. If you have not heard from us by 8:15 am on Friday, the tournament will be held regardless of inclement weather. Of course, we do not want you to take unneeded risks, so if you decide not to come on Saturday morning because of weather, please call Ellen Boyer (570) 809-0939. **It is also very helpful if you can TEXT with any Sat. drops or changes by 7:30 am. Sat. morning. Please include the school name in any texts sent Saturday.**

Further questions: Please call or text Ellen Boyer at (570) 809-0939, or e-mail at boyere@shikbraves.org or Craig Specht at spehtc@shikbraves.org.

Debate Topics

Lincoln-Douglas Debate – NSDA 2026 Jan/Feb Topic

Public Forum Debate – NSDA 2026 - Jan. Topic

Blue, Maroon, and White Tournament Directions to Shikellamy High School

• From Philadelphia, Lancaster, Harrisburg:

PA Turnpike west to **exit 19 (Harrisburg East exit)**. Follow the signs to **Lewistown (Route 322)** until you have crossed the Susquehanna River. Within a few miles of the river take **Route 11 North (Selinsgrove)**. Follow **Route 11 North** until you reach Shamokin Dam and The Inn at Shamokin Dam. Take the **exit to your right** to Sunbury. Stay in right hand lane on bridge. Once you cross the bridge **go straight** to the stop sign (Weis warehouse is directly ahead of you). **Turn left** onto Second Street. Proceed several blocks to Walnut Street. **Turn right onto Walnut**. School is on left (approximately 3 1/2 blocks). Park in the front lot across the street from the school. Buses may continue on Second Street to the traffic light which is Chestnut Street. Take a right onto Chestnut and continue approximately five blocks to Tenth Street. Turn right on Tenth and proceed to Walnut Street. Make a right on Walnut and students can be unloaded in front of the school. Buses should then proceed past the field house, turn right, and park behind the school.

• From Scranton:

Use **Route 80** to the **Danville exit**. Proceed **into the town of Danville** to the stoplight. **Turn right** onto Route 11 and proceed into the town of Northumberland (11 miles). Follow Route 11 as it turns left to a stoplight. **Proceed straight through the stop light** (Do not follow Route 11!). Then cross two river bridges. After the second bridge, **bear right** onto Front Street. **Turn left** at second light onto Market Street. Proceed to the second stoplight. **Turn right** onto Fourth Street. Proceed to the second stop sign. **Turn left** onto Walnut Street. School is on left approximately 2 1/2 blocks. Park in the front lot across the street from the school. **BUSES** should **Turn right** onto Fourth Street and then **LEFT** at the **FIRST** stop sign which is Chestnut St. Continue approximately 3 blocks to Tenth Street. Turn right on Tenth and proceed to Walnut St. Make a right on Walnut and students can be unloaded in front of the school. Buses should then proceed past the field house, turn right, and park behind the school.

• From Western PA:

Take **Route 80** to **Route 147 exit**, just after you cross the Susquehanna River. Take **147 South** into the town of Northumberland. Make a **LEFT** at the stop light where **147** meets **Route 11 North**. Take **Rt. 11 North** to the next stop light **TURN RIGHT** and cross the two river bridges.