



October 27, 2025

Hello Debate Coaches and Sponsors!

General Information

The Norfolk Senior High forensics program will again be hosting the Roger Maxwell Fall Tournament. We will offer debate events on Saturday, November 22, 2025.

The following events and divisions will be offered:

Debate

Policy (O/N)

Lincoln Douglas (O/N)

Public Forum (O/N)

Student Congress (O/N)

We may collapse divisions depending on numbers.

Registration is available via: <http://norfolkne.tabroom.com>.

Registration deadline is November 18 at 5 p.m. **Please ensure your entries are complete at that time. Fees will be assessed at that time.** Adds/changes after that time will be subject to approval by the tournament directors. Please make sure any late adds have judges supplied. If you have any questions about the tournament, feel free to email: chrisbegeman@npsne.org.

*****If you would like to pre-order a lunch voucher, please do so on the tabroom site. Each voucher will be good for up to \$7.50 of concession fare (pizza, candy, drinks, etc). Please note these must be paid for in advance and no refunds or change will be given.*****

Congress Legislation is available **on the link below**. Please note the docket order has been set. For both the novice and open houses:

1. The docket is set and bills are numbered in the order to be debated.
2. All legislation must have at least an authorship/sponsorship speech and a negative speech before motions to table or previous question.

“At this tournament we will be utilizing the month-long docket selected by the Nebraska Congressional Debate Committee. However, we welcome legislation from non-Nebraska teams. The submission deadline for legislation to be considered for this



docket is November 1. If you would like your legislation to be included in our docket, please email your legislation to the tournament host who will then add it to the docket.”

Updates for all events will be made on the tabroom.com website.

In past years, we have had schools not cover entries with judges at registration, and add them the day before or day of the tournament. We hire judges based on entry and judge numbers at the registration deadline. Please have judges hired and registered on the website at registration time.

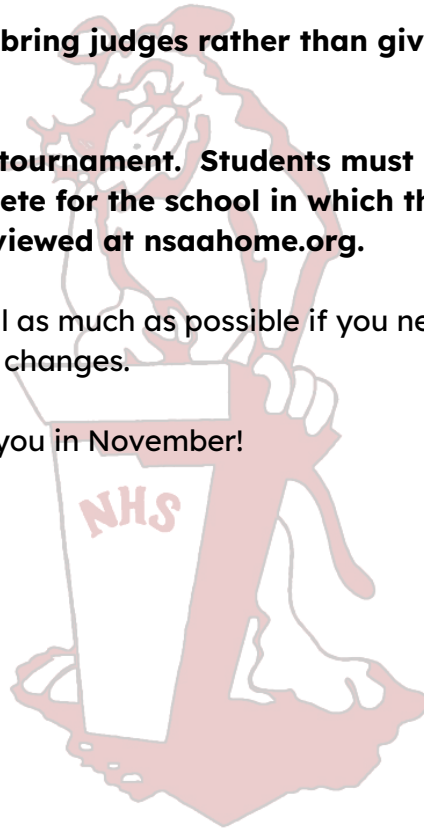
We would prefer that you bring judges rather than give us money for open judging slots!

This is a high school only tournament. Students must be eligible according to NSAA and may only compete for the school in which they are currently enrolled. The NSAA bylaws can be viewed at nsaahome.org.

Also, please try to use email as much as possible if you need information, have questions, or need to make changes.

We look forward to seeing you in November!

Chris Begeman
Abby Ullrich





Tentative Schedule

We may accelerate the schedule! Please do not leave the building.

Saturday

Registration (All events) 7:15 – 7:45 a.m. (In the forum area)

Policy Debate

Round I 8:30 a.m.

Round II 10:15 a.m.

Round III 1:00 p.m.

Round IV 3:00 p.m.

Awards 5:00 p.m. (in the Little Theatre)

LD/Public Forum

Round I 8:30 a.m.

Round II 9:15 a.m.

Round III 10:30 a.m.

Round IV 12:30 p.m.

Round V 1:45 p.m.

Semifinals &
(Consolation Sems) 3:15 p.m.

Awards 5:00 p.m. (in the Little Theatre)

Finals &
(Consolation Final) ASAP

Congress

Opening Remarks 8:15

Session I 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Session II 10:15 – 12:00 p.m.

Session III 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Session IV 2:45 – 4:30

Awards 5:00 (in the Little Theatre)

Consolation elims are TBA depending on entry numbers.



Event Information

Debate will follow **NSDA** rules for times and event rules. (Policy debate will have 8 minutes of prep time).

We will use the November/December topic for **Public Forum**:

- Resolved: The United States federal government should require technology companies to provide lawful access to encrypted communications.

Lincoln Douglas will use the **November/December** topic in varsity and novice divisions:

- Resolved: The United States ought to rewild substantial tracts of land.

Policy Debate will use the current national resolution:

- Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic.

Congress docket is available on the on the Nebraska legislation document:

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/16McKBTp1HC87nLFKy6np-PH6aOzYldlCQ-azwwwmNZ4M/edit?usp=sharing>
- Page 2 has the Norfolk Agenda

Our intention is to follow the National Speech and Debate Association guidelines of having one parliamentarian and two point recorders in each house.

For **NOVICE** divisions, we ask that students be in their first year of competition in debate. If a student has previously competed in any debate event, they should be placed in the varsity divisions. If you have questions or concerns, please contact chrisbegeman@npsne.org.



Tournament Fees and Awards

The fees for the tournament are as follows:

- C-X Debate \$25
- L-D Debate \$25
- PF Debate \$25
- Congress \$15

For debate entries, please provide **one adult judge** for every two entries or fraction thereof. If you have two entries, you'll need one judge. If you have three entries, you'll need two judges. The tournament has a LIMITED number of judges available for hire. **Policy judges** are \$200 per judge (we *hope* to have some available). **LD and PF** judges are \$125 **Congress** is \$25 per uncovered entry. If you have students competing in **congress**, we ask that you provide one judge for every 5 entries (we may need to use the judge in another event--please note secondary events when entering your judge).

WE ASK THAT THE JUDGES YOU PROVIDE BE QUALIFIED TO JUDGE VARSITY AND NOVICE DIVISIONS. IF THIS IS AN AREA OF CONCERN FOR YOU, PLEASE EMAIL **BEFORE** YOU COMPLETE YOUR ENTRY. PLEASE DO NOT ENTER A JUDGE AND LIST AS "**NOVICE ONLY.**" Unless you have prior confirmation, these judges will not be accepted and you will be assessed a judge fee for any judge that is removed. If you have policy entries, you need to bring policy judges. If you have LD entries, you need to bring LD judges. We typically run short in these areas, and we need judges.

The top four debate teams/entries and the top six speakers will receive awards. In congress, the presiding officer(s) and top six speakers will receive awards.

Sweepstakes awards will be given for

- Richard Cross Top Overall Team
- 2nd and 3rd place teams will receive awards