

**LFL Mount Markham
FORENSIC TOURNAMENT**
SATURDAY, November 1st, 2025

START TIME: 9:00 AM!

GPS Location - 545 Fairground Road, West Winfield, NY 13491

**THIS TOURNAMENT WILL RUN WITH:
3 DEBATE ROUNDS & FINALS AS NEEDED
3 SPEECH ROUNDS & FINALS AS NEEDED
2 CONGRESS ROUNDS**

Varsity, Intermediate & Novice (see level descriptions on page 2)*
Lincoln-Douglas Public Forum

Varsity Events:

Original Oratory/Informative	Humorous Interp	Impromptu
Dramatic Interp	Program OI	Oral Interp*
Declamation	Extemp*	Duo
Student Congress	Sight Reading	

Junior Varsity Events (9th and 10th grade):
Oral Interp* Extemp*

Junior High Events (6th to 8th grade):

Oral Interp	Impromptu	Duo Interp
Extemp	Declamation	Original Oratory
Dramatic Performance	Sight Reading	Student Congress
Public Forum	Lincoln-Douglas	

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO COMBINE EVENTS AS NEEDED.

**DOUBLE-ENTRY: ALLOWED IN SPEECH OR SPEECH W/CONGRESS.
ALLOWED IN DEBATE W/SPEECH.**

Entry Fees: \$10.00 per speaker. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "MOUNT MARKHAM SPEECH & DEBATE ". Fees are due at the time of registration.**

Material/Grade Level: All material must be new for that contestant as of September 2025. Remember that speakers must not "switch material" during the course of the tournament day. Speakers must comply with the criteria in the category descriptions.

Topics: We will use the **regular** November NSDA topics for ALL LD and Public Forum. We will **not use** the novice topic for LD.
Lincoln-Douglas Debate – 2025 November/December Topic

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

Public Forum Debate – 2025 November/December Topic

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

Lincoln-Douglas & Public Forum Debate shall consist of the following subdivisions:

(1) Varsity: a student (or two-person team) in any grade level of high school, prepared to debate both sides of the announced resolution.

(2) Intermediate: a student (or two-person team) in any grade level of high school who has had no more than two years of experience at the intermediate level, prepared to debate both sides of the announced resolution.

(3) Novice: a student (or two-person team) in the ninth or tenth grade who has had no interscholastic experience in any form of debate prior to September 1 of the present year of competition, prepared to debate both sides of the announced resolution.

(4) Middle School: student(s) who are in 6th through 8th grade regardless of level of experience.

STUDENT CONGRESS: As this is the first tournament of the year, we will use the practice **NSDA OCTOBER Docket** as our initial source.

Awards: ALL events to be distributed at the tournament!

JUDGING GUIDELINES:

Each school **must** register one judge per every **two (2) debate entries**, and/or one judge per every **four (4) speech entries**.

**A speaker who reports to the wrong section (room) will be ranked last in the section. If there are problems, report them to the TAB room immediately. **

- Judges should return ballots promptly and rank each student with no ties.
- Judges will need to familiarize themselves with the category rules and expectations using the attached sheets.

Changes: Should be made in tabroom. Last-minute changes can be texted to me...315-725-1431.