



**THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM
75 BRONX SCIENCE BOULEVARD, BRONX, NY 10468**

July 14, 2015

Dear Moderators:

The Bronx High School of Science Speech & Debate Team cordially invites you and your team to join us at the Forty-Fifth New York City Invitational Tournament. We are delighted to continue our longstanding tradition of offering a challenging and competitive tournament early in the Speech & Debate season calendar.

This year's tournament will take place from Friday, October 16th through Sunday, October 18th, 2015 at the Bronx High School of Science and at our newly renovated neighboring high school, Dewitt Clinton. The New York City Invitational features varsity competition in Public Forum Debate, Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Congressional Debate, and, on Saturday and Sunday, Dramatic Interpretation of Literature, Duo Interpretation of Literature, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Interpretation of Literature, Original Oratory and Prose & Poetry.

With the addition of a nearby tournament site, we expect to host more students in every division. However, in order to ensure a fair allocation of slots, all entries will automatically be placed on a waiting list until August 16th. The entries will be reviewed and cleared based upon several factors, including geography and diversity of entries. This will most fairly distribute the available slots. Additional slots, if any, will be assigned after all schools have been considered.

Public Forum debaters will debate the September/October 2015 Public Forum Debate topic. Policy debate teams will debate the 2015-16 National high school topic on domestic surveillance. Lincoln-Douglas debaters will debate the September/October 2015 National Speech & Debate Association (formerly the NFL) LD topic. Congressional Debate legislation will be released prior to the tournament.

We have commitments from all of the members of the tab room staff from last year to assist in tabulating this year's tournament.

Bronx Science remains a qualifying competition for the National High School Tournament of Champions (TOC) in all four debate events: octafinalists in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, octafinalists in Public Forum Debate, quarterfinalists in Policy Debate and finalists in Congressional Debate. The NYC Invitational is a bid tournament for the TOC in all speech categories. Additionally, we expect finalists in certain speech categories to qualify to compete at the NIETOC.

We anticipate that the New York City Invitational will be a maximum-points qualifier to the National Debate Coaches Association (NDCA) National Championships in both Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Public Forum Debate.

Registration opens on tabroom.com on August 1, 2015 at 12:00 pm NY time. We encourage you to register early. Full tournament details are posted at nyc.tabroom.com. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at speechanddebate@bxscience.edu.

We very much value your continued support of our school and the tournament and hope to have the opportunity to personally express our appreciation and welcome you and your team at Bronx Science this October.

Sincerely,

Jean M. Donahue '77, Ph.D.

Principal

The Bronx High School of Science

Kirby Chin '88

Co-Tournament Host

Bronx Science Speech & Debate

Robert Levinson '80

Co-Tournament Host

Bronx Science Speech & Debate

Hotel Information

Below please find information about neighboring hotels near The Bronx High School of Science. There are, of course, hundreds of hotels in the NYC area so the ones listed below are just for your own convenient reference. The hotels presented are a range of prices and locations. Some of the more expensive properties are conveniently located to the NYC subway system providing easy access for schools to get to Bronx Science.

Ramada Inn Yonkers

125 Tuckahoe Road
Yonkers, NY 10710
914-476-3800

Rate: \$109 plus tax
Reservation Code: DEBA15

Book by October 2, 2015 to get the above rate.

Hampton Inn and Suites Yonkers

160 Corporate Blvd
Yonkers, NY 10710
914-377-1144

Rate: \$159 plus tax
Reservation Code: BSD

Book by September 16, 2015 to get the above rate.

Royal Regency

165 Tuckahoe Road
Yonkers, NY 10710
914-476-6200

Rate: \$159 plus tax
Code: BSSD

Book by September 15, 2015 to get the above rate.

Saddle Brook Marriott

138 New Pehle Ave
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
201-843-9500

Rate: \$129 plus tax
Reservation Code: Bronx HS Debate

Book by September 25, 2015 to get the above rate.

Aloft – Harlem

2296 Frederick Douglass Boulevard
New York, NY 10027
212-749-4000

Rate: \$249 plus tax
Reservation Code: Bronx Science Debate

Book by October 1, 2015 to get the above rate.

Westin – TimesSquare

270 West 43rd Street
New York, NY 10036
212-201-2700

Rate: \$339 plus tax
Reservation Code: Bronx Science Debate

Book by September 16, 2015 to get the above rate.

Sheraton – Four Points Chelsea

160 West 25th Street
New York, NY 10001
888-627-7033

Rate: \$309 plus tax
Code: Bronx Science Room Block

Book by September 16, 2015 to get the above rate.

Westin – Grand Central

212 East 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017
212-490-8900

Rate: \$279 plus tax
Code: Bronx Science Speech & Debate

Book by September 16, 2015 to get the above rate.

Directions & Transportation Information

The Bronx High School of Science is located at 75 Bronx Science Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10468 between Paul and Goulden Avenues. Please note that “Bronx Science Boulevard” is the same as “West 205th Street.”

Public Transportation. Take the #4 or D/B train to the Bedford Park Blvd stop. Walk west on Bedford Park Boulevard and turn right on Paul Avenue. The school is about a 10 minute walk from the train station.

DeWitt Clinton High School is located at 100 West Mosholu Parkway South, Bronx, NY 10468, which is less than a 10 minute walk from Bronx Science.

Public Transportation. Take the #4 to Mosholu Parkway stop. Walk west on Mosholu Parkway to the school. The school is less than 5 minutes from the train station.

From Bronx Science, walk north on Paul Avenue to Mosholu Parkway. The school is less than 10 minute from Bronx Science.

For those schools that need local private transportation to Bronx Science, below please find information for some local bus & taxi companies.

Bus Company

Vallo Transportation

718-961-7600

Grandpa’s Bus Co., Inc.

718-276-7100

Academy Bus Company

800-442-7272

Local Taxi Cab Company

Miles Private Car Company

718-884-8888

Fees and Judging

Tournament Fees

School Fee \$50 per school

Each student entered at the tournament must represent their currently enrolled high school. In Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate and Duo Interpretation, both team members must be currently enrolled at the same high school. Each school must designate and have one adult moderator who will present for the duration of the tournament and who will be responsible for any issues related to the school's entries.

Registration Fees

Event	Fee (per entry)
Public Forum Debate	\$110
Policy Debate	\$110
Lincoln-Douglas Debate	\$80
Congressional Debate	\$30
Dramatic Interpretation	\$30
Duo Interpretation	\$30
Extemporaneous Speaking	\$30
Humorous Interpretation	\$30
Original Oratory	\$30
Prose & Poetry	\$30

Judging Obligations

Public Forum Debate	1 full time judge for every 3 teams or half for a fraction thereof
Policy Debate	1 full time judge for every 2 teams or half for a fraction thereof
Lincoln-Douglas Debate	1 full time judge for every 3 debaters or half for a fraction thereof
Congressional Debate	1 full time judge for every 7 debaters or half for a fraction thereof
Speech	1 full time judge for every 6 entries or half for a fraction thereof

Judging Fees

There is a limited pool of hired judges available at \$250 per judge for the debate events and \$200 for speech events. Failure to fulfill a judging obligation may result in the inability of students to compete at the tournament. Any school-affiliated judge that misses a round will be assessed \$50 per missed round.

Nuisance Fees

Drop Penalty after 7:00 pm NY time on October 12, 2015

- Lost of original entry fee plus \$10 per single event entry or \$20 for a double entry event

Late Name Penalty after 7:00 pm NY time on October 12, 2015

- \$10 per name change

Changes at Registration on October 16, 2015

- \$25 for each change

Payment

Schools are assessed final fees by 7:00 pm NY time on October 12, 2015 and final fees must be paid in full before the commencement of the tournament. Any school failing to pay the assessed fees in full before the deadline will not be permitted to compete. Final fees are payable regardless of attendance (drops or otherwise) at the tournament.

Schools can ONLY pay via check made payable to *The Bronx High School of Science*. Please write *Big Bronx* in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to:

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The Bronx High School of Science
75 West Bronx Science Boulevard
Bronx, NY 10468

Other Information

Other information related to the tournament will be released on nyc.tabroom.com.

Should teams have any questions, please email speechanddebate@bxscience.edu.