

Claremont High School's 20th Annual Wolfpack Invitational

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, February 7-9, 2026

Hello Speech and Debate Coaches,

Please accept our cordial invitation to the 20th Annual Claremont High School Wolfpack Invitational. We look forward to hosting your team Live and In-Person on our beautiful Claremont HS campus. We are happy to provide a friendly, affordable and In-Person alternative to other more expensive tournament options. **In this, our 20th year, We Celebrate CaliForensics! We are excited to continue to offer three full days of competition, including six preliminary rounds in debate, clearing to Double Octofinals, and offering two patterns of speech competition with TOC bids.** We accept entries from 5th-12th grade and in several events we have a dedicated Middle School Division. We do accept independent entries, but understand that all entries must have a designated adult chaperone who is present and available on campus throughout the duration of the tournament. Below you will find all of the specific details relating to the tournament. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at chamberlainofchs@gmail.com or you can reach me by phone at 951-966-4417. Stay SAFE, dear friends, and we look forward to hosting you and your squad!

Events and Divisions:

In debate, we offer Open and Middle School divisions in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Parliamentary Debate, Public Forum Debate, Policy Debate and Congressional Debate. (Note: There will be an Open division Presiding Officer contest that will preside over both divisions of Congress.) We will use CHSSA rules for all debate events. Parliamentary Debate will use the NPDL rules with the exception of all debates using the single topic announced on the Parli doc. In Middle School Parli teams may consist of 2 or 3 debaters and topic areas will be announced by the end of January. In Open divisions, we will clear all 4-2 teams up to a full Double Octofinals after six rounds. In the Middle School division, we will break up to a full Octofinals after five preliminary rounds. (No teams with losing records will advance). We will use the Jan./Feb. LD topic and the February PF topic. We are pleased to be included among the tournaments sanctioned by the NPDL for their National Ranking in Parliamentary Debate. For more information on what that can mean for you and your team, please visit <https://www.parliamentarydebate.org>.

In Speech, we offer Open divisions in the following events: Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Oratorical Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation, DUO Interpretation, Informative, Original Oratory, Original Advocacy, Original Prose & Poetry, Impromptu, Domestic Extemporaneous and International Extemporaneous. We will also offer a Middle School division in the following Speech events: Middle School Oratory, Middle School Dramatic Interpretation, Middle School Humorous Interpretation, Middle School Informative, Middle School Declamation, Middle School Impromptu. All speech events will follow CHSSA rules, including the middle school divisions. Impromptu will be two minutes of prep, no notes or resources, for a five minute speech.

A Middle School competitor is any student competitor currently in 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Middle

school students may enter any of the Open division events at their coach's discretion. We will recognize the "Top Middle School Competitor" in any event that does not have a Middle School division. In addition, we are pleased to announce that this year we are again a University of Kentucky TOC qualifying tournament, offering bids in Open Divisions of OO, DI, HI, POI, Info, Duo and Extemporaneous. The number of bids available depends on the number of competitors in each event. Speech events will break to semi-finals with thirty (30) or more entries; in some events we may have three semifinal panels. Fewer than thirty entries will break directly to finals. If there are 26 or more teams (51+ competitors), Duo will advance to semi-finals.

Initially, each school will be restricted to six entries per division for each event to allow for maximum diversity of schools at the Wolfpack Invitational. Additional entries may be entered and waitlisted. As always, we will work vigorously to clear our waitlist.

Patterns and Multiple Entry

Students may enter up to five events; consisting of one debate event and two speech events in each pattern. Exceptions: A student entering either Extemp may not enter another event in the same speech pattern.

Pattern A: Impromptu, DI, POI, Domestic Extemp, OPP, OO, **MS Declamation, MS DI, MS Oratory**

Pattern B: International Extemp, HI, Duo, Info, Declamation, OA, **MS HI, MS Informative, MS Impromptu**

Pattern C: Open Student Congress, Open Lincoln Douglas, Open Public Forum, Open Parliamentary, Open Policy, **MS Student Congress, MS Lincoln Douglas, MS Public Forum, MS Parliamentary, MS Policy**

Awards and Recognition:

Awards will be given to all Speech semi-finalists and finalists, and all Congress finalists will receive an award. All Double Octo-Finalists and higher in the debate events will receive awards. Speaker Awards will be given to the top 10 speakers in all partner debate events. We will also present Sweepstakes awards to the top five schools.

Entry Procedure and Fees:

All tournament entries will be handled through the site: www.Wolfpack.Tabroom.com. The priority entry deadline is Friday, January 30, 2026 at 11:55 pm. After this date, we will start moving entries off the waitlist from schools that have reached their entry cap. The final deadline to add entries on the website will be Wednesday, February 4th at 11:55 pm. Any "Adds" after this deadline may be considered via email (chamberlainofchs@gmail.com)

Drops may be made without penalty until Thursday, February 5th, 2026 at 11:55 pm. Any drops after this deadline will still be charged the regular entry fee. You may continue to make drops and name changes online until Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 11:55 pm.

Judge Registration deadline is Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 11:55 PM. Please note that **invoices are frozen at midnight, Thursday** and we will be printing invoices on Friday, February 6. If you do not have judges registered by this deadline, you will be charged for missing/hired judges regardless of whether or not you bring additional judges to the tournament. Entry fees must be paid by check or online and received by Saturday, February 7th before the start of rounds, or entries may be dropped from competition. Please make arrangements ahead of time if you need an alternative payment plan.

School Fee: **NONE**

Open Parliamentary Debate: \$60 (Middle School \$50)

Open Public Forum Debate: \$60 (Middle School \$50)

Open LD Debate: \$50 (Middle School \$40)

Policy Debate: \$60 (Middle School \$50)

IE & Congress: \$20

Duo: \$30

Using clear information to indicate which program you are paying for, pay using the PayPal link
https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=STMWQDNSMBQFU&source=url OR make checks payable to "Claremont High School ASB" and mail to:

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Extemp & Parli Topic Selection and Congress Legislation

We invite the community to submit potential Congressional legislation, Parliamentary Debate resolutions or Extemporaneous topic areas for consideration. All topic selection decisions will be made by the tournament director. If you or your students would like to create Congress resolutions, suggest Extemporaneous topic areas, or submit Parliamentary Debate resolutions, please email all ideas to (chamberlainofchs@gmail.com). Congress legislation must be received by January 9, 2026 so that the chosen Congress legislation can be posted online three weeks prior to the tournament. The deadline for Parli resolutions and Extemp topic areas will be Friday, January 30, 2026.

Judge Requirements:

Schools must provide one judge for every three (3) debate entries. A school must provide one judge for every 6 IE/Congress entries. (Note: if a school has debate entries, it is expected that they will provide qualified debate judges.) Judges will only count toward a school commitment if they have a linked Tabroom.com account. Schools who do not meet their judge commitment by the deadline will be charged \$400 per missing judge. Hired judges may be available upon request at \$175 per IE or Congress judge, and \$250 per debate judge. **All Judge Hire Requests must be indicated on Tabroom no later than Friday, January 30th.**

Judge Double Duty: You **cannot** double-enter your judges to cover both speech and debate patterns. If you need an exception due to the nature of your squad's entry (i.e. 12 debate entries and 1 IE entry), please email chamberlainofchs@gmail.com and we will work with you for a solution.

Part Time Judges: If you have different judges on different days, please register all judges, and mark each one as Unavailable for the day that they will not be in attendance. The minimum shift for a judge is a full day. All debate judges from a school are committed for one additional round beyond when your school's last competitor is eliminated from the event. This means that even if all of your students are done debating after Round 6, we still need your scheduled Monday judges for that first round in the morning. Because of the small judge commitment required, this rule will be enforced. All Congress and IE judges must be available for all of the rounds on their day(s).

Event Specific Rules:

All Public Forum will use the February topic and all Lincoln Douglas will use the January/February topic. Sides will be assigned for all prelim debates.

Parliamentary Debate will enjoy internet prep in the location of their choosing after the topics are announced via a shared document, approximately 10 minutes after the pairings for each round are published. The document and additional Parli specific information will be made available before the tournament.

Food for Competitors:

Saturday and Sunday will feature three different lunch vendors, including a Chinese Food, Mexican Food and Italian Food option. Lunch tickets may be pre-ordered for a discounted rate of \$8 each. Lunches will cost \$10 each on the day of the tournament. Please see Tabroom.com during the registration process for Lunch Pre-Order Options. There will also be a complete Snack Bar with a variety of options throughout the competition. ***Note: All food and snacks will be complimentary for those reaching Monday's elimination rounds.***

20th Annual Wolfpack Invitational Tournament Schedule

Saturday, February 7

7:00 AM Judges sign in at the Library; Coaches register online or come to Tab

8:00 AM Pattern C Debate & Congress Round 1
10:00 AM Pattern C Debate & Congress Round 2
12:30 PM Speech Pattern A Round 1
2:00 PM Speech Pattern B Round 1
3:30 PM Pattern C Debate & Congress Round 3
5:30 PM Speech Pattern A Round 2
7:00 PM Speech Pattern B Round 2

Sunday, February 8

7:00 AM Judges sign in at the Library; Coaches register online or come to Tab

8:00 AM Speech Pattern A Round 3
9:30 AM Speech Pattern B Round 3
11:00 AM Pattern C Debate Round 4 & Congress Semis
1:00 PM Speech Semifinals (Pattern A & B Combined)
3:00 PM Pattern C Debate Round 5 & Congress Finals
5:00 PM Speech Finals (Pattern A & B Combined)
7:00 PM Pattern C Debate Round 6 Open Only (double flighted if needed)
7:30 PM Speech Awards

Monday, February 9

8:00 AM Judges sign in at the Library; Coaches register online or come to Tab

9:00 AM Debate Open Double-Octofinals & MS Debate Elim 1 (double flighted if needed)
10:30 AM Debate Open Octofinals & MS Debate Elim 2
12:00 PM Debate Open Quarterfinals & MS Debate Elim 3
1:30 PM Debate Open Semifinals & MS Debate Elim 4 (If needed)
2:30 PM Debate Open Finals

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