

PHSSL ONLINE WINTER CLASSIC

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Speech Events

Dramatic
Duo Interpretation
Extemporaneous Speaking (live)
Commentary (live)
Humorous
Informative
Persuasive
Poetry
Program Oral Interpretation
Prose

Debate Events

Congress
Lincoln-Douglas
Public Forum
Policy Debate
Parliamentary Debate

General Information

- Congress will have 2 sessions.
- Public Forum, Lincoln Douglas, Parliamentary Debate, and Policy Debate will have 3 preliminary rounds.
- Speech events will be judged asynchronously, with the exception of commentary and extemporaneous speaking which will be held live.

Fees:

\$5 per entry. Entries and judges are due by **Wednesday January 7 at 3pm**. Fees and judging obligations are also set at that time.

Fees should be submitted by check, preferably by Wednesday January 7. Checks should be made payable to PHSSL, but should be sent to **Ben Edwards at Upper St Clair High School. Please see your invoice for the address.**

Congress Legislation:

The tournament will post a legislation packet to our tabroom site by Friday December 19.

Judging Burdens

- Teams should bring the following number of qualified judges:
 - 1 judge per every 4 Speech or Congress entries
 - 1 judge per every 2 Lincoln-Douglas entries
 - 1 judge per every 2 Public Forum or Parli entries
 - 1 judge per every 2 Policy teams
- **Judges are obligated for all rounds** of the tournament.
- Please note that there will be a **live extemporaneous, commentary, and congress judge pool AND an async speech pool** – thus, some speech judges will need to be available to judge “live” the night of January 7 while others can judge asynchronously between January 7 and January 10.
- In registering a judge, a team is noting that the judge has been properly trained to judge that event. This means that judges should understand the basic standards for the event, know how to assign ranks/wins/losses/speaker points, and know how to fill out an electronic ballot.
 - We support and welcome new judges, but judge training should be completed prior to the tournament. We encourage teams needing training materials for their judges to contact us in advance of the tournament.

- To ensure that we can pair rounds equitably in all rounds, judges **CANNOT** be current high school students.

Hired Judges

We will have a limited number of hired judges available for \$100 per judge. Requests for hired judges must be made through the registration website.

Tabroom.com

Tournament postings will be conducted through tabroom.com, and judges will complete their ballots online. Prior to the tournament we ask that all teams that their competitors and judges are correctly linked and have notifications sent to their cell phones. This ensures that our tournament can run efficiently.

NSDA Campus

We will be utilizing NSDA Campus to host our virtual tournament. This service is integrated within Tabroom.com and offers video capabilities for our tournament. Be sure to test your ability to use this tournament platform by using a test room at <https://campus.speechanddebate.org/>. This will allow you to ensure that the application can see your camera and microphone. Note that you must be using Chrome! (Be sure to do this using the device you'll use on tournament day - and from the location you'll be competing/judging.)

Rules and Conventions for Events:

All events will follow rules and standards as established by PHSSL bylaws. Please see PHSSL.org for more information.

Speech is Asynchronous EXCEPT Extemporaneous Speech and Commentary

- Competitors will submit recorded videos of their performances. These videos must be submitted no later than Tuesday January 6 at 5pm. Video links are submitted under each entry's information. We strongly prefer "unlisted" YouTube videos as they are not viewable to the general public (only those who have the specific link). It is the affirmative obligation of the coach / competitor to ensure their link is viewable and submitted properly, and on time. If you need assistance or have any questions, please allow enough time to ask them prior to the submission deadline.
- Ballots in asynchronous events will be distributed to judges on Wednesday January 7th and will need to be completed by Saturday January 10.

Awards and Bids

No awards will be given by the tournament - this tournament intends to provide competition experience as well as the opportunity for students in the bid-earning level to earn bids for the PHSSL State tournament.

Tentative Schedule - An updated schedule will be distributed the week of the tournament. This is provided for your planning purposes.

<p>All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST) *Elimination rounds will occur as warranted. Times are subject to change.</p>	
Congress	
Session 1 4:00-6:00	
Session 2 6:30-8:30	
Extemp & Commentary Speech	

Rd 1 Prep Starts 4:00pm Rd 1 Starts 4:30pm	
Rd 2 Prep Starts 5:10pm Rd 2 Starts 5:40pm	
Rd 3 Prep Starts 6:20pm Rd 3 Starts 6:50pm	
LD/PF	Policy & Parli
Round 1 4:00pm	Rd 1: 4:00
Round 2 5:00pm	Rd 2: 5:30
Break	
Rd 3: 6:30pm	Rd 3: 7:30
*Final: 7:30pm (tentatively)	