PALOS VERDES PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL

27118 Silver Spur Road · Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Dear Speech and Debate Coaches,

We're thrilled to invite you to The 10th Annual Peninsula Invitational, hosted by Palos Verdes Peninsula High School in Rolling Hills Estates, California. Events will begin on Saturday, January, 09, 2027 and end on Monday, January 11, 2027. Monday rounds in Policy and Lincoln-Douglas debate will take place at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach. We will offer novice and varsity divisions of Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum debate, plus Parliamentary and Congressional Debate as well as all CHSSA and NIETOC speech events. We are a TOC quarterfinals bid tournament in the varsity Policy and Lincoln-Douglas divisions, a finals bid in the varsity public forum division, and a top six bid in congressional debate. We are also a bid tournament in speech for both NIETOC and the TOC hosted by The University of Kentucky (UK). Saturday and Sunday rounds will take place on our campus and at Palos Verdes High School in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Varsity Policy and Lincoln-Douglas debate will begin on Saturday, January 9 and conclude on Monday, January 11. Parliamentary debate, Public Forum, congressional debate, and novice debate divisions will begin on Saturday and conclude on Sunday. Speech events will take place on Saturday and Sunday.

Registration will take place online at Tabroom beginning on November 4, 2026, at 12:00 pm Pacific time.

All entries will initially be placed on a waitlist. Entries will be admitted after judges are entered or hired judging requested until initial entry caps are met.
Fees and obligations will be frozen on December 30, 2026 at 5:00 pm Pacific time.
Schools can enter judges until January 3, 2027 at 5:00 pm Pacific time.
We hope you are able to join us.

Sincerely,

Kimi Hendrick	Gordon Krauss	Nia Gordon
Club Advisor	Co-Tournament Director	Co-Tournament Director

HOTEL INFORMATION

We have set up a block at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach (3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503). Kings and double queens are both $199/night. The last day to book rooms is December 8, 2026. Monday rounds will be held at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach. If you have trouble booking rooms please email hendrickk@pvpusd.net.

The booking link to book at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach is listed below.

https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1790285610579&key=GRP&app=resvlink&_p=c21729c09c017af1e01e90fcedb2

TOURNAMENT RULES AND ENTRY GUIDELINES

Entries:

We ask that you please register early. Please also enter your judging as soon as possible. All entries will initially be placed on a waitlist until judging is entered or requested. This year we will almost certainly not admit everyone. Do not wait until the registration deadline.

Students should compete for the degree-granting institution in which they are enrolled. Hybrid entries will be accepted in non-TOC qualifying divisions. Students must be supervised by a responsible (and reachable) adult and may not attend against the wishes of their school. Please contact us if you have questions about this policy.

Double Entry Limitations:

Double Entry will be allowed only for those who are entered in congress and an IE event. Students competing exclusively in speech events may double-enter in up to two speech events.

Debate Topics:

The policy topic is “Resolved: The United States federal government should establish national health insurance in the United States.”
The LD topic will be the January/February topic, announced 12/1/2026.
The Public Forum will be the January topic, announced 12/1/2026.
Parli topic areas will be available on penvitational.tabroom.com on December 12.
Please email Congressional legislation to niagordon809@gmail.com by December 12.
The packet will be available on penvitational.tabroom.com on December 19.

NOVICE ELIGIBILITY

1. **General Definition For Novice:** A “novice” constitutes a high school student that has competed in less than one complete competition season. “One complete competition season” would include either five [or more] tournaments in one semester AND/OR at least one tournament in two semesters. For example, a high school sophomore that competed in LD at five tournaments in the fall of the previous year would not be a novice, nor would a high school sophomore that competed in one tournament in the fall and one during the spring of the previous year.

JUDGING

All balloting will be done electronically. All judges need to be linked to a Tabroom account to be registered. Seasoned competitors in their third or fourth year of competition are permitted to judge the novice division of their event.

All judges are required to have judge philosophies on Tabroom. Failure to do so will result in losing preferences/strikes and/or not having the judge count towards fulfilling the school's judging obligation.

Any limitations on availability need to be communicated in the "Notes" section on Tabroom. Any surprises during the tournament will be treated as "no shows" (e.g. a judge paired for round three who isn't on campus has not fulfilled her judging requirement, even if she's only in for three rounds and was on campus for the other five rounds, unless this conflict was communicated to the tournament beforehand).

Judging obligations:

Varsity Policy and Parli: 3 rounds per entry
LD, PF, and Novice Policy: 2 rounds per entry
Speech and Congress: 1 judge for every 6 entries or fraction thereof

Please request hires through Tabroom for any judging commitments you are unable to meet. Each school that has entries not covered by a judge from the school will be assessed uncovered judge fees. These will be higher than the cost to hire judges, in order to encourage schools to request hires in advance. Hired judging is limited and takes some effort to arrange. The deadline for hired judging is 1/3/2027 at 5 pm Pacific.
A Judge may only cover entries in either speech or debate, but not both.

Judges are committed to judge one round beyond when the last student from that school is eliminated from competition. Missed round fees will be assessed if judges leave before your commitment is filled.

NEW CHANGES

Tournament Location and Schedule Changes:

We are excited to announce several changes to this year's Peninsula Invitational. Parliamentary Debate, Congressional Debate, and all Speech events will be held at Palos Verdes High School. Speech will now take place over two days.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Policy Debate, And Public Forum will be held at Peninsula High School.

Tournament Ombuds and Equity Officer

Rosalyn Foster (debate.foster@gmail.com) will serve as the tournament Ombuds and Equity Officer.

In this role, Rosalyn will be available to receive concerns regarding tournament procedures, judging, conduct, access, or equity-related issues. She will help ensure that concerns are addressed appropriately and handled in a manner consistent with the tournament's commitment to a safe, fair, and inclusive environment.

EVENT RULES AND GUIDLINES

NIETOC rules will be followed for Oratory, DI, HI, POI, Informative, and Duo Interpretation. http://nietoc.com/full-details/

CHSSA rules will be followed for Extemp, Oratorical Interpretation, and Impromptu. https://chssa.org/rulesandregulations/

The TOC rules and procedures document will be followed for Policy Debate, LD, PF, and Congressional Debate. https://ci.uky.edu/UKDebate/tournament-procedures

NPDL TOC round rules will be used in Parliamentary Debate. https://www.parliamentarydebate.org/league-rules

FEES

Entry Fees:
School Fee: $50
Varsity PF/Parli: $145
Novice PF: $120
Varsity LD entry: $80
Novice LD Entry: $65
Varsity policy entry: $145
Novice policy entry: $120
Congress entry: $55
Duo entry: $65
IE entry (excluding Duo): $40

Uncovered Judge Costs:
All Debate events: $80 per round
IE/Congress: $55 per uncovered entry
Judge no show: $90 (must be paid prior to out rounds)

NOTE: In the past we've charged a $20 drop fee for changes made after the fees frozen date. We will no longer be charging these fees, but all fees as of the frozen fees date are final. We will not be waiving them.

Payments can be made through Zelle to "peninsulaspeechanddebate@gmail.com".
For all Zelle payments please list the school you are affiliated with.

Teams may mail checks to:

Peninsula High School Speech and Debate
ATTN: Kimi Hendrick
27118 Silver Spur Road
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Schools with at-need students requesting fee waivers should email gordondkrauss@gmail.com

Event schedule can't be found at:

2027 Peninsula Invitational Schedule