



JAMES LOGAN FALL TOURNAMNET MIDDLE SCHOOL SPEECH & DEBATE



Coaches & Competitors,

Welcome to the 2026 James Logan's Spooktacular Middle School Forensics Fest. We look forward to inviting competitors, coaches, and judges to the James Logan High School campus.

The tournament will take place on **Saturday, October 31, 2026**, at James Logan High School in Union City, California. In this invitation letter, you will find important information regarding registration, logistics, and changes to our tournament.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or recommendations to help us improve the tournament, please feel free to contact me. If you have questions regarding any of the information do not hesitate to reach out. We are pleased you have chosen to compete at our tournament and wish you and your team the best of luck!

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be hosting the tournament at James Logan High School located at 1800 H Street, Union City, CA 94587. Public parking is located on H Street, a small parking lot in front of the Pavilion, or back of campus. There will be another event hosted in the large parking lot that day, so please plan accordingly as parking will be limited.

Do not arrive before 6:30 AM.

We will run the tournament on Tabroom.com (<http://loganmiddle.tabroom.com/>) this year. All students and judges must be linked to their institution via Tabroom.com prior to the competition. Coaches can review the [Linking Students to Tabroom](#) document for assistance.

SCHEDULE

The schedule for all events will be posted on <http://loganmiddle.tabroom.com/>. As a reminder, **all times are posted in Pacific Standard Time (PST).**

EVENTS

Debate	Speech	Congress
Lincoln Douglas (LD)	Declamation (DEC)	
Public Forum (PF)	Dramatic Interp (DI)	
Spontaneous Arg. (SPAR)	Humorous Interp (HI)	
	Impromptu (IMP)	
	Informative (INFO)	
	Extemp (EXT)	
	Original Oratory (OO)	
	Storytelling (STO)	

SPEECH EVENTS

In the event that there are insufficient entries, we may collapse.

CROSS ENTRY

The tournament does NOT offer cross-entry for debate (excluding SPAR) events. Students may enter ONE debate event. Students entering a debate event may NOT cross-enter between speech and debate.

The tournament allows cross-entry in up to THREE speech events. Spar is also counted as a speech event when considering cross-entry. The tournament is NOT responsible for students making it to their rounds on time and pairings will not consider cross entry. Use caution when entering students in more than 2 events.

DIVISION

The Spooktacular Forensics Fest is an **OPEN MIDDLE SCHOOL** competition in all events. Coaches must only enter students who are competing at the middle school level in their events. We cannot accept any independent entries at this time. All competing students must represent a registered middle school OR academy. ***Any student competitors found in violation of this will be immediately disqualified from the competition.***

EVENT RULES

We will adhere to NSDA rules (section 2 of the High School Manual) for all national circuit/NSDA events (except Congress): this includes Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum, DI, HI, Info, EXT, OO, and STO. PF and LD will be using the September/October 2024 NSDA topics. Debate events will NOT be using the NSDA novice topics

We will be following CHSSA rules & regulations for all California state events which include Declamation (previously Oratorical Interp). We will additionally be following CHSSA rules for Congress.

SPAR will be following the format and rules listed on the [JLHS FALL FEST SPAR RULES](#) document.

If there are questions or concerns that arise regarding the rules during rounds, please have a coach submit the form to the Protest Committee within ninety (90) minutes of the conclusion of the round, or prior to the start of the next round - whichever comes first.

DATES & DEADLINES

Sunday, October 25, 2026

- The recommended registration deadline for all events is due by 11:59 PM PST.
- Please input competitors' names into Tabroom by this date.
- All payments must be RECEIVED no later than this date. If your registration is not received by this deadline, your team's entries will be immediately waitlisted.
- **ALL FEES WILL BE FROZEN ON THIS DATE.** Drops after this date will not be refunded. Any outstanding fees owed will need to be taken care of prior to the start of the tournament.

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

- Judge registration deadline at 5:00 PM PST.
- ALL drops & name changes are due at 5:00 PM PST.
- Any drops made after this deadline will incur the full registration fee penalty for that event.
- Nuisance fines apply after 5:00 PM PST.

TOURNAMENT LOGISTICS

LIABILITY FORMS

Institution Entries:

Each participating institution is responsible for submitting the required waiver documents on behalf of its registered competitors. A single institution administrator may review and sign the applicable forms on behalf of the institution and its participating competitors. The forms are available for download on Tabroom and will be due by **October 28, 2026**.

Individual Entries from Nonaccredited Institutions:

Competitors registering individually or representing a nonaccredited institution are responsible for completing and submitting their own required waiver documents. Each competitor must obtain the appropriate signatures and upload their completed forms individually to Tabroom by **October 28, 2026**.

1. **Spooktacular Forensics Fest Institution Participation Permission Form** → For institution entries, this form must be signed by an authorized institution administrator. For individual competitors from nonaccredited institutions, each competitor must complete and submit their own form as applicable.
2. **Spooktacular Forensics Fest Accident and Liability Form** → For institution entries, the form may be completed and signed through the institution in accordance with the form's signature requirements. Individual competitors from nonaccredited institutions must obtain the required competitor and parent/guardian signatures and submit the form individually.

When registering through Tabroom, the applicable forms may be downloaded from the right-side panel, completed, signed, and uploaded directly to the registration.

ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are tentatively as follows:

Speech/SPAR - \$25/entry

Congress - \$30/entry

LD - \$45/entry

Duo - \$50/team

PF - \$60/team

REGISTRATION PAYMENT

ALL tournament payments must be made ONLINE: <https://www.jamesloganforensics.org/fallfest>
Credit card payments will be processed through Squarespace. Once payment is submitted you will receive a confirmation email. The Tournament Director will update the Fees tab in your Tabroom account with confirmed payment or with the remaining balance.

All payments are made as a donation to the James Logan Forensics nonprofit, **Friends of Forensics (Tax ID: 94-3228131)**. If requested by your institution's administration, please contact us for the updated W-4.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

On Friday, October 30th, electronic registration will be automated for institutions who do not have outstanding fees or necessary drops. For those institutions with outstanding fees and/or late drops, registration will take place before 7:00 AM on Saturday, October 31, 2026.

JUDGING

Included in the entry fee is coverage for judging. Institutions are NOT required to provide judges. The judges we provide will be qualified James Logan High School speech and debate competitors, along with other high school volunteers provided by institutions.

There will be dedicated judge pools based on categories this year. Judges will need to be registered in one of the following pools: Debate (including Congress) and Speech. Judges WILL be able to judge outside of their pool based on qualifications.

All judge names must be entered and linked in Tabroom.com. We are planning on pre-paneling rounds and posting judge obligations the day before the tournament. We reserve the right to use any and all judges for ANY event offered at the tournament, in order to ensure that we stay on schedule.

We are asking that all judges complete the [free Cultural Competency Judge Training](#) offered by the NSDA to better the experience for all competitors.

Judging Policy (for outside volunteer judges):

- Volunteer judges may earn NSDA service points.
- Volunteer judges **MUST** be members of the institution's high school speech and debate team, a varsity competitor, and have **AT LEAST ONE YEAR** of competitive experience in the category that they are judging (speech or debate).
- Institutions may send a max of 10 people per institution. **ALL** high school volunteer judges must be accompanied by a chaperone. Their contact information must be uploaded to Tabroom.

- Please have judges create their own Tabroom account using their own email accounts. We will only accept the real names of each judge.
- Please have judges enter their CELL PHONE number on their tabroom accounts as we will use this number to send text reminders throughout the tournament.
- Please ensure that your judges can stay for their entire commitment. We do not allow judges to judge under any name but their own.

TOURNAMENT COMMITMENT

BREAKS

Speech

Speech breaks will be decided based on entry and will be released on the registration deadline.

Congress

Congress will break by chamber into a final of 12 competitors.

Debate

Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas debaters with a record of 2-1 or 3-0 after prelims will break to the elimination round. In the event of an odd number of breaks, the highest seed who did not receive a bye in prelims may receive a bye.

SPAR breaks will be decided based on entry and will be released on the registration deadline.

AWARDS

The award ceremonies will be held immediately following the speech and congress final rounds.

Names will be recognized “on stage” during the Awards Ceremony for all Speech & Debate events.

Awards will be available for the following competitors starting at:

- *Winning Records* **Debate** Events (not including SPAR)
- *Finalists* in **Speech** Events and **SPAR**
- *Finalists* and *top presiding officer* in **Congress**