Welcome to the 3rd
Battle of the Knights
presented by the
Arizona College Prep Middle School
Speech and Debate Team
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We are excited to welcome you to the third annual Battle of the Knights at ACP Middle School!

We want all competitors, coaches, and judges to have the best experience possible. We reserve the right to limit entries based on room availability. Because of this, we ask that you get your entries in as soon as possible. All entries above 10 competitors in Congress and above 6 in all other events will be added to the waitlist. Waitlisted entries will be admitted after October 9 if space permits.

Please contact us at the email below. We will be happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

The ACP Middle School Speech and Debate Team
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JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Coaches: Please train your judges. Ensure all judges have a linked Tabroom.com account prior to arriving at the tournament.

1. **JUDGE ENTRY:** Schools must enter the appropriate number of judges on the Tabroom.com website by Wednesday, October 14.

2. **JUDGE QUOTA: Please ask if you are uncertain about the quota you owe!**
   - 1 qualified judge for every **6** Congress entries.
   - 1 qualified judge for every **2** BQ entries (solo or team).
   - 1 qualified judge for every **5** IE entries

3. **REPORT TIMES FOR JUDGES:** All judges will be required to sign-in the morning of Saturday, October 17 by 7:30 a.m.

4. **AVAILABILITY:** Each team must fill their entire judge quota for the entire tournament. **Judges must be available for the entire tournament.**

5. **REQUIREMENTS:** Each judge should have already created a Tabroom.com account and be linked to the team for whom they are judging. They need to have a clear **understanding of the rules**, their own computer with access to the internet to judge the rounds, and their own **stopwatch/timing device like a cell phone**.

6. **EQUITABLE, HONEST, and ATTENTIVE:** Each judge will be required to be honest, open-minded, and fair in their judgment. Judges should not allow themselves to be distracted during the rounds by their cell phone, their computer, etc. If a student feels that their judge did not give all students in the round equal treatment, please have *their coach* report these indiscretions to the ASDCA DEIJ Committee immediately after the round.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

1. Please send in your entry fee check or P.O. prior to the tournament or have your check or P.O. available at registration the day-of. Teams without a check or P.O. by Round 1 will not be eligible to compete.

2. Please make checks payable to "ACP Middle School Speech and Debate." Your invoice will be available on Tabroom.com.

3. Entry fees: $10 per entry in BQ Debate, Congressional Debate, IE events.

ENTRY AND EVENT INFORMATION

1. **TABROOM:** All competitors must have linked tabroom accounts before arriving at the tournament.

2. **ENTRY LIMITS**: Schools may enter 15 total students in Congressional Debate and 6 competitors/teams in each Debate / IE event. We will open up more slots if space permits. Coaches may add additional desired entries on the waitlist in the order of preference to be pulled off the waitlist.

3. **ENTRY DEADLINE: The entry deadline is Monday, October 12 (one week prior to the tournament), at 6:00 p.m.** Fees will be assessed at this time. Get your entries in early. If we must limit entries, it will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis.

4. **DROPS / CHANGES:** You will be allowed to make drops and changes on Tabroom.com until **Monday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m.** After that time, you will need to email the Tabroom Manager vega.miranda@cusd80.com . Please email as soon as you know you have a change to your entry because there may be students still on the waitlist that we could add to the tournament. **PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL REGISTRATION TO REPORT DROPS AND CHANGES.** Check and recheck your entry before the deadlines.

5. **NO SHOWS:** Please report all students who will not be competing before the tournament begins. If a student must drop after the tournament has begun due to an illness or other urgent situation, please contact the tabroom staff immediately.

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

1. **CHAMBER ASSIGNMENTS:** Students will be randomly assigned to chambers.

2. **FINAL SESSION**: We will advance an equal number of speakers from each prelim chamber to the final.

3. **EVENT RULES:** We will use the NSDA rules. We will be using direct questioning.

BIG QUESTIONS DEBATE

1. **TOPIC:** *Resolved: Technological progress has surpassed humanity's ability to use it ethically.*

2. **EVENT RULES:** We will use the NSDA rules.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

1. **EVENT RULES:** We will use the NSDA rules for Informative Speech, Original Oratory, Storytelling, DUO Interpretation, and Prose. *Per NSDA rules, Prose for Middle School is a 7 minute maximum.*

2. **TIME LIMITS:** All IE events have a specified time limit with a 30-second "grace period". See the event rules on Tabroom.com for the actual time limit. Judges should use an accurate (stopwatch, not a countdown) timing device.

3. **SEMI-FINALS:** If we have 20 or more entries at the start of the tournament we will break to Semi's. If we have less than 20 entries in an event we will break straight to Finals.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. Registration is OPEN now.
2. Registration Closes & Fees Frozen: 10/12 at 6:00 pm. Those waitlisted will be pulled up at this time.
3. Judges Due: 10/13 at 6:00 pm.
4. Tournament Day! 10/17. See the attached tentative schedule.

Tentative Schedule

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ACP Middle School: 1150 W. Erie St., Chandler, AZ 85224

We will push up round times when possible. Please continue to check Tabroom.com for postings.

Registration/Judge Check-In – 7:00am - 7:30am (in Courtyard)

JUDGES & COACHES MEETING - 7:30am (Library)

STUDENT MEETING - 7:30am (Cafeteria)

BQ Debate		**Congress**		**Speech**	
Round	**Time**	**Round**	**Time**	Prelim 1	8:00am
Prelim 1	8:00 -9:15 am	Prelim 1	8:00-9:15 am	Prelim 2	10:00 am
Prelim 2	9:15-10:30 am	Prelim 2	9:30-10:45 am	Prelim 3	12:00 pm
Prelim 3	10:30-11:45 am	Prelim 3	11:00-12:15 pm	Semifinals	2:30 pm
Prelim 4	12:30-1:45 pm	Final	1:00-3:30 pm	Finals	4:30 pm
Quarters	2:00-3:15 pm	Awards Ceremony in the Gym - **6:30 pm**			
Semis	3:30-4:45 pm				
Finals	5:00-6:15 pm				

Important Locations:

Information Table & Check-in – In the courtyard

Student Restrooms - D building, B building, & K Building

Adult Restrooms - Men & Women on map

Family Restroom - see map

Judges' Hospitality Room – Faculty Lounge (Pick-up Food & Drinks)

Coaches' and Judges' Lounge – E100

Competitors' Concession and Lounge – Cafeteria