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Forensics University Spring Classic

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The 4n6U team is pleased to invite you to a tournament to be held **asynchronously Thursday March 4th through Saturday March 6th, 2027**. This invitational follows NSDA rules (for events that have NSDA rules) and will be running a variety of both speech and debate events as an opportunity for teams to hone their pieces, or just try out something new.

Tournament Highlights:

- Speech and debate competition with divisions for elementary, middle, and high school students
- NO LIMIT on the number of events a student can simultaneously compete in to encourage trying a new event or genre
- Deep judging pool of alumni competitors
- Award Certificates for both individual student accomplishments and team sweepstakes

Registration takes place directly on TabRoom.com, where the tournament is called the **Forensics University Spring Classic**. We welcome any questions regarding the tournament so feel free to reach out if you need an answer about something. We hope to see your team in March!

ABOUT US

Forensics University was started over a decade ago as a way to give back to the community through free resources and ideas to help coaches, students, and parents. This site is completely donation run, with no advertisements to shift the focus from education. Anyone interested in being a contributor, whether to simply volunteer, or for a resume addition, the website is 4n6U.org and the application form is right on the site. Any profit made from this tournament will go towards both expenses of running the website so that the content can stay free and accessible to all as well as team scholarships for those teams looking to begin their process, who have had their budgets shortened by administrations, or huge shifts in a school districts economic status. Scholarships applications are submitted through the website and email.

Thanks for all you do,
The volunteer staff of Forensics University.
Contact Info: 4n6University@gmail.com / (570) 954.8846 / 4n6U.org

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Tournament Specifics

Date:	Thursday March 4 - Saturday March 6, 2027
Location:	Tabroom, via submitted recorded video performance NSDA Campus
Registration Deadline:	Wednesday, March 3, 2027 at 8pm EST/5pm PST
Method of Registration:	Tabroom.com
Name on Tabroom:	Forensics University Spring Classic
Multiple Entry:	No cap on number of events a student may enter
Payment:	Venmo: @forensicsU ● Processing fees on Venmo are 1.9%. If paying by Venmo, please email 4n6University@gmail.com to have a 1.9% credit card processing fee added to your tabroom invoice prior to paying. Check or money order to: Forensics University 2 Concord Drive Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
Cost:	$18 School Fee (Covers entry into Team Sweepstakes) $11 per individual speech entry $150 per hired judge ($100 for prelims, $50 for outrounds)
Drop Fees:	$9 per entry After Wednesday, March 3, 2027, 8pm EST $200 per dropped judge after Wednesday, March 3, 8pm EST
Each judge covers:	Up to and including 5 slots in speech or debate events. To qualify as covering for a school, a judge must be present for prelims on Thurs/Fri, and finals on Saturday. Judges can buy out participation on Saturday for $50. Judges need a linked Tabroom account.

*new programs or those in need of financial scholarship, please email 4n6University.com for a scholarship application form.

The tournament is run from the EASTERN time zone.

Divisions: High School: 9-12th grade
Middle School: 5-8th grade
Elementary School: 5th grade or below

The Events

Note: We follow NSDA rules for events that have them. Competitors found to be violating governing rules are subject to disqualification.

High School	Middle School	Elementary School
Broadcasting	Broadcasting	Broadcasting
Declamation	Declamation	Declamation
Dramatic Interpretation	Dramatic Interpretation	Platform (OO or Info)
Dou Interpretation	Duo Interpretation	Prepared Prompt Speaking (Sometimes called Impromptu)
Extemporaneous Speaking	Expository	Storytelling
Humorous Interpretation	Extemporaneous Speaking	Pro/Con Challenge
Prepared Prompt Speaking (Impromptu)	Humorous Interpretation	Congress
Informative Speaking/Expository	Prepared Prompt Speaking (Impromptu)	
Original Oratory	Original Oratory	
Poetry	Poetry	
POI/TI	Prose	
Prose	Storytelling	
Extemp Commentary	Extemp Commentary	
Pro/Con Challenge	Pro/Con Challenge	
Congress	Congress	

Limited Prep Events:
Students are expected to adhere to all time limits, just as if they were in person.
Prepared Prompt competitors do not need to record their prep time.
Extemp competitors do not need to record their prep time.
Extemp Commentary competitors do not need to record their prep time.

Broadcasting rules (same for High School, Middle School, and Elementary School): The students will create a prepared news script using recent material. The contestants may find material in AP script (available at local television stations), newspapers, internet sites, etc. Each contestant must compose/prepare his/her own scripts. The **three-minute** time limit in the round must be observed (there is a 5 second grace period), with a minimum time length of 2:30. A brief commercial (15 seconds – suggested length) must be included in the broadcast. Contestants must present all of the copy as it appears in the script. An introduction and sign-off are required.

ALL BELOW EVENTS FOLLOW NSDA RULES:

Duo Interpretation (same for all divisions): students are permitted to perform from the same room or two separate rooms, at student, coach, and school discretion.

High School Declamation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Original Oratory, Poetry, Program Oral Interpretation, and Prose: a maximum of ten minutes with a thirty second grace. A contestant who does not fall within the time limit cannot be ranked first in the round.

High School Extemp: 30 minute prep time, 7 minute speaking time limit with a 30 second grace

Prepared Prompt Speaking (Impromptu): Speaking time limit of five minutes with a thirty second grace.

Declamation: Middle School and Elementary Time limits including introduction have no minimum but a maximum of ten minutes.

Students submit a **Single Video** which will be included in all their rounds including out rounds. That single video will be submitted by the coaches via tabroom.

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Tentative Schedule - All times in EST

Registration Locked	Wednesday, March 3, 2027 8pm EST
Videos due to tournament	Wednesday, March 3, 2027 8pm EST
Preliminary Rounds for all events	Thursday, March 4 and Friday, March 5, 2027
Preliminary Ballots Due	Friday, March 5, 2027, 8pm EST
Postings for Semi-Final and Final Rounds	Night of Friday, March 5, 2027
Semi-Final rounds (for events with 12 or more competitors)	Evening of Friday, March 5 and Morning of Saturday, March 6, 2027
Finals for all events	Saturday, March 6, 2027
Awards Announced	Evening of March 6, 2027

Further queries may be directed to Jes Niemiec at **(570)954-8846 (text or call) or** **4n6University@gmail.com**

Judge Time Requirements

Judges must be available for prelims on Thursday/Friday AND finals on Saturday.

Prelim Rounds will release late Wednesday, March 3, 2027, as soon as all videos are locked. Judges will be required to have their ballots submitted for those rounds by 8pm EST/5pm Pacific on Friday, March 5, 2027, giving them more than 36 hours to complete their prelim rounds. Judges can expect to get 2-3 prelim rounds to complete in that time.

Final Rounds will release on Friday night, March 5, 2027 and will be due Saturday by 1pm EST/10am Pacific. Judges will not be assigned more than one round to complete within that window of time.

Awards will release as soon as all ballots are tabulated Saturday night.