

Dearest High School Forensics Enthusiasts!

You are cordially invited to take part in the 45th Annual Winter Classic Speech and Debate Invitational at La Costa Canyon High School. This event will take place **Friday, December 4th, through Sunday, December 6th, 2015**. We are pleased to offer Tournament of Champions (TOC) bids in Public Forum, Congress, and Policy. We will also be offering an opportunity for an NIETOC bid in Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Original Oratory, and Humorous Interpretation, as well as an open competition in Lincoln Douglas Debate, Parliamentary Debate, and all remaining CHSSA Speech events.

This speech and debate competition will be held on La Costa Canyon High School Campus. However, all **Policy Debate will take place on the Diegueno Middle School Campus on Friday and Saturday**. Policy elimination rounds will take place on Sunday at the La Costa Canyon Campus. As always, we are committed to providing you with a professional atmosphere and a spirited competitive experience. We are exceedingly fortunate to have several members of our experienced tab room staff returning to run this event completely paperless. As such, **please have all of your judges bring an electronic device capable of accessing the internet**. Laptops and/or tablets are recommended, Smartphones will also be sufficient, though not preferred.

We will be using the online entry system available at www.lcc.tabroom.com. There are many affordable hotels on the website that offer you choices in accommodations. Hotel information will be available one month before the tournament. Food will be available on campus during the weekend so that your students, coaches, staff, family, and friends will not have to leave the tournament.

We encourage early registration, so that you may take advantage of this opportunity and get in on the action. Unfortunately, entries are limited; therefore, we may have to turn away submissions once our room capacity is met. The deadline to register is Sunday, November 29th at 8:00 PM. Teams may be added after the deadline, depending on space availability. We will pull entries from the waiting list as spots become available.

On behalf of the coaches, students, and parents of La Costa Canyon High School Speech and Debate Team, you are encouraged to join us and we look forward to experiencing Winter Classic together!

Sincerely,

Karen Franke
Director of Forensics
La Costa Canyon High School



TOURNAMENT RULES AND ENTRY GUIDELINES

Campus Rules:

Please note that this tournament takes place on both a middle and high school campus. Smoking, alcohol, and other drugs are illegal on these campuses. We will have a mandatory coaches' meeting on Friday, December 4th at 3:30 PM on the Diegueño campus for all Policy teams competing. Because school is in session on Friday, all competitors are asked to remain off of the campuses until after 3:15 PM.

Entry Limitations:

Each school may enter as many students as they like; however, Debate events will be limited to 4 per school, Congress will be limited to 10 entries per school, and all other events will be limited to 7 per school per event until November 29th. This will allow all teams to have equal access to the tournament. If you have more than 4 Policy, PF, Parli or LD, 10 Congress or 7 IE entries in a given event, please add them to the waitlist.

After November 29th, we may reopen entries to the tournament depending upon space availability.

NO INDEPENDENT ENTRIES ARE PERMITTED As mandated by the San Dieguito Union High School District, we cannot accept any independent entries.

An independent entry is defined as if the affiliation of the entry does not match the name of the accredited school where the competitor(s) is/are enrolled full time.

- All competitors MUST be affiliated with a school and have been registered through their coach.
- We are only permitted to accept entries for students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled full time in a regionally accredited school.
- Each competitor must enter as a member of the high school where they are enrolled.
- No La Costa Canyon High School entries will be accepted.

Double Entry Limitations:

- Students may only enter one event in the Debate Pattern.
- Students who enter Policy may not enter any other event.
- A student may enter two Pattern A events and two Pattern B events.
- A student who enters Parli may enter Extemp, but *additional parliamentary debate prep time will not be given to students if Debate or Pattern B is running late.*
- A student who enters Extemp may not enter a second Pattern B event.
- A student who enters Extemp may enter a Debate and Pattern A event, but *additional extemp prep time will not be given to students if Debate Pattern or Pattern A is running late.*

-The coach of a competitor who qualifies to advance in more than one event per pattern or who advances to late elimination rounds in both Debate and IE may be required to choose the event in which the competitor will advance.

Students who double enter are responsible for getting to their rounds on time.

****Please remain on campus in case we run ahead of schedule!**

Patterns:

Debate: Policy*, Public Forum, Lincoln-Douglas, Congress, Parliamentary

Pattern A: Impromptu, Expository, Humorous Interpretation, Thematic Interpretation, Original Oratory

Pattern B: Extemporaneous, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo, Original Prose/Poetry, Oratorical Interpretation, Original Advocacy

*Policy will be held on the Diegueno Middle School Campus on Friday and Saturday, which is located at 2150 Village Park Way Encinitas, CA 92024, only 4 miles from LCC. As a result, Policy debaters will not be able to double-enter.

Debate Topics:

- We will be using the **November/December** N.F.L. Topic for Lincoln-Douglas Debate.
- Public Forum will debate the **December** topic.
- Parli topics will have topic areas announced 1 month prior to the tournament

Entry Deadline:

- All entries must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29th.
- **No phone entries will be accepted.**

Drop Deadline:

- Drops without charge will be accepted via the Tabroom.com website up until Wednesday, December 2nd at 8:00 p.m. All fees will be final after that time.
- You may continue making drops online through Noon on Friday, December 4th. This helps us save time at registration.

Judging Requirements:

- The LCC Winter Classic intends to run a paperless tournament. We will be requiring all judges to create an account on Tabroom.com in order to complete ballots electronically. This will save us a lot of time each day and will allow us to stay on schedule. Information regarding registering your judges and electronic balloting will be emailed well in advance of the tournament.
- Each school must bring at least one adult chaperone to the tournament.
- All judges must be over the age of 18. Current high-school students **ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE JUDGES**.
- All Schools should register the names of your judges on the Tabroom.com website.
- All judges in Policy and LD will be required to post a judge philosophy either through their Tabroom.com account or at judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com. If you do not register qualified Policy and LD judges, you will be charged.
 - *A qualified judge is an individual who has forensics competition experience or who has already had at least one year of forensics judging experience. Judges should post a paradigm on their Tabroom.com page.*
- The judging pool of the tournament is extremely important, so we ask that you provide well-qualified judges to ensure the highest quality tournament outcome.
- Please list judges by full name when entering the tournament. Judge names should remain consistent throughout the tournament. If you have judges who will be available in shifts, please communicate that with us prior to the tournament and we will accommodate your needs.

Required Judges:

-Each judge provided by a school covers entries at the following ratios:

-Policy: 1 judge for every 2 entries or fraction thereof.

Policy judges may ONLY judge Policy! Please bring experienced Policy judges.

-LD: 1 judge for every 3 LD entries or fraction thereof

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-Public Forum: 1 judge for every 3 entries or fraction thereof

-Parliamentary: 1 judge for every 3 entries or fraction thereof

-Speech: 1 judge for every 6 Speech entries or fraction thereof.

-Congress: 1 judge for every 6 Congress entries or fraction thereof.

-Each school that has entries not covered by a judge from the school will be assessed uncovered judge fees.

-A Judge may cover (PF OR LD OR Congress OR Parli) AND Individual Events, but may be scheduled to judge non-stop throughout the tournament.

-If you do not have qualified judges for LD and Policy, please plan on hiring judges to cover your entries.

-School judges are committed to judge one round beyond when the last student from that school is eliminated from competition. In IE events this means both Pattern A and Pattern B Semifinals. We will do our best to meet any needs your judges may have.

-Please make sure your judges stay for their FULL commitment! Missed round fees will be assessed if your judges leave before your commitment is filled!

Event Rules and Guidelines:

Speech & Congress: Standard CHSSA rules will be followed as closely as possible for all speech events. Exceptions will be made for out of state teams. In the Speech events we will break 14 to semis unless this is more than half the field, at which point the event will break directly to finals. We also reserve the right to break 21 to semis in events with large fields. We will take seven to finals in all speech events. We will take at least 24 to semis in Congress and at least 12 to finals. A separate P.O. contest will be held if there is enough interest to warrant.

Debate: Starting with Round 3, all prelim rounds will be power-matched. The 16 individuals/teams with the best win-loss record will advance to the Octofinal elimination round. Brackets will not be broken in eliminations.

Tournament Committee: The tournament committee will consist of the tournament director and two members from other regions. The committee will adjudicate any disputes and interpret all rules. Decisions made by the tournament committee are final.

Technology: LD, Policy, and PF Debaters may use computers (but no internet) in rounds. Teams that choose to be paperless have an obligation to supply non-paperless opponents with a viewing device for their evidence if requested. Parliamentary debaters may use computers/internet during prep. Parli Debaters are NOT permitted to use computers during rounds. In Congress, competitors are not allowed to use laptops at all.

Awards:

Individual Awards: Individual awards will be presented to all debaters advancing to the Octofinals in debate events. All finalists in speech events and Congress will be presented awards. The 1st and 2nd place Presiding Officers will also receive awards.

Speaker Awards: We will also award speaker awards for debaters. Top 10 speakers will receive awards from the tab room.

Sweepstakes Awards: In order to be eligible for debate sweeps, you must only be entered in debate events, and to be eligible for speech sweeps you must only be entered in speech events to be eligible for overall you must be entered in both speech and debate events.

Results:

Results for each round will be posted as soon as they have been recorded. Please do not request to see results at the tab room unless you question the posted results.

Supervision:

All schools must be accompanied by an adult and must remain under adult supervision throughout the tournament. No exceptions!

If you have teams competing at both LCC and Diegueno, you **MUST** have an adult at both sites.

Entry Fees:

School Fee:	\$50
Policy:	\$90
LD:	\$50
PF:	\$60
Congress:	\$15
Congress PO:	\$15
Parli:	\$75
Duo:	\$30
IE (excluding DUO):	\$15

Drop Fees: (After 8:00PM 12/2/15)

Policy:	\$90
LD:	\$50
PF:	\$60
Congress:	\$15
Congress PO:	\$15
Parli:	\$75
Duo:	\$30
IE (excluding DUO):	\$15

Uncovered Judge Costs:

Policy:	\$120 / uncovered entry
LD:	\$80 / uncovered entry
IE/SC:	\$40 / uncovered entry
PF:	\$80 / uncovered entry
Parli:	\$80 / uncovered entry

Judge Deposit / Judge Bond:

- In the past, the Winter Classic had required a \$200 judge deposit. We will not require it this year. Schools whose judges miss an assigned ballot will be charged \$40 per round / missed ballot.

SPECIAL NOTE

OUR CAMPUS CAN GET VERY CHILLY AT NIGHT. ADVISE YOUR STUDENTS TO BRING WARM CLOTHES TO WEAR BETWEEN EVENING ROUNDS!!!

We look forward to seeing you at our tournament!

45th Annual LCC Winter Classic Tournament Schedule

	Debate (LCC)	Speech & Parli Prep	Policy Debate (DNO)
Fri., Dec. 4th			
1:30 PM	Registration	Registration	Registration (At LCC)
3:30 PM	Round 1	(Parli Prep @ 3:30)	Coaches' Meeting
4:00 PM			Round 1 (Digueno)
5:30 PM	Round 2	(Parli Prep @ 5:30)	
6:30 PM			Round 2 (Digueno)
7:30 PM	Round 3	(Parli Prep @ 7:30)	
Sat., Dec. 5th			
7:00 AM		Registration for IE Only Schools	
8:00 AM		Pattern A Round 1	Round 3 (Digueno)
9:30 AM	Round 4 & Congress Semis	(Parli Prep @ 9:30)	
10:30 AM			Round 4 (Digueno)
11:30 AM		Pattern B Round 1 (Extemp Draw @ 11:00)	
1:00 PM	Round 5 & Congress Finals	(Parli Prep @ 1:00)	Round 5 (Digueno)
3:00 PM		Pattern A Round 2	
3:30 PM			Round 6 (Digueno)
4:30 PM	Round 6	(Parli Prep @ 4:30)	
6:30 PM		Pattern B Round 2 (Extemp Draw @ 4:00)	
8:00 PM	Octofinals (SF)	(Parli Prep @ 8:00)	
Sun., Dec. 6th			
8:00 AM		Pattern A Round 3	
9:00 AM			Octofinals (LCC)
9:30 AM		Pattern B Round 3 (Extemp Draw @ 9:00)	
11:00 AM	Quarterfinals (SF)	(Parli Prep @ 11:00)	
11:30 AM			Quarterfinals (LCC)
12:00 PM		Pattern A Semifinals	
1:00 PM	Semifinals (SF)	(Parli Prep @ 1:00)	
2:00 PM			Semifinals (LCC)
2:00 PM		Pattern B Semifinals (Extemp Draw @ 2:00)	
3:00 PM	Finals (SF)		
3:30 PM		Pattern A Finals	
4:30 PM			Finals (LCC)
5:00 PM		Pattern B Finals (Extemp Draw @ 4:30)	
6:30 PM		Awards	

Debate: Policy, LD, PF, Parli, Congress

Pattern A: Impromptu, Expos, HI, TI, OO

Pattern B: Extemp, DI, Duo, OPP, OI, OA