

Dear Coaches, Parents and Teachers:

This year, the new Metropolitan DC Speech and Debate League is reaching out to all middle and high school debate teams and schools in the Mid-Atlantic area regardless of league affiliation. There is no league membership fee required to attend MDCSDL tournaments. We exist to host speech and debate tournaments on a monthly basis in order to provide competition prior to any National Tournament you plan to attend. Schools from Virginia prepare for the VHSL Districts, Regionals and Finals; Maryland Schools get ready for the Chesapeake District Tournament, and everyone is invited to our tournaments. We are not TOC, UDL, NSDA, VHSL, or CFL, but everyone is invited for only \$25 per debater. You can use our tournament results to add NSDA points!

Details below:

Registration

Tournament registration will be through www.tabroom.com.

You will find our tournament locations mostly in Washington, DC, but there are some in Maryland and Virginia depending on the date.

Our registration is very affordable compared to many national tournaments. Registration is only \$25/student for all forms of debate in all divisions. Space is limited, so please fill out tabroom.com as soon as possible. Schools must be represented individually and Independent Parents may register students as long as there are judges; we do not have judges for hire.

Food & Drinks

All breakfast items \$1

Breakfast bagels, Donuts, Drinks, 2 items of Fruit

All Lunch Items \$1

1 Pizza Slice, Hotdog, Soda/Juice/Tea

Snacks \$1

Gum, Chewy bars, etc..



Events

The following events will follow NSDA rules:

-----Elementary 5th Grade and Middle School & High School-----

- Student Congress 2 Sessions
- Public forum NOVICE, JV, VARSITY 4 Rounds with Final 5th

-----High School Only-----

- Serious and Humorous Interpretation 3 Sessions
- Duo interpretation 3 Sessions
- Extemporaneous speaking 3 Sessions
- Policy debate NOVICE & OPEN 3 rounds with final 4th

-----5th Grade Only-----

NEW!! Half Time Public Forum, every speech is 2 minutes, Crossfires all 3 minutes

Awards are given to the top 3 teams. There are no Speaker Awards for debate.

NSDA topics are used each month.

Each middle school tournament will also include 5^{th} grade events. Topics can be found on the tabroom site when you register. And the 5^{th} grade topic is always closely related to the PF topic.

Schedule

All tournaments start with registration from 8:15-:8:45am

Round one (1) will start at 9:00 AM for all events.

Lunch officially served between 12:00pm-1:00pm,

The awards ceremony is scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM.

OCT 22 is our first HS tournament at THE SEED SCHOOL! Look for all

tournaments on Tabroom.com!

Email <u>metrodcdebate@gmail.com</u> for more information