



# THE GLENBROOKS



## INDIVIDUAL EVENTS & DEBATE TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER 19-21, 2016

Dear Colleague:

The debate communities of Glenbrook North and Glenbrook South cordially invite you to the 37<sup>th</sup> edition of The Glenbrooks Speech & Debate Tournament. Three levels of policy debate, two levels of Lincoln- Douglas, two levels of Public Forum, six speech events, Congressional Debate, and a new NSDA pilot debate event will be held at Glenbrook South, Glenbrook North, Maple School and Attea Middle School. We hope you can join us!

There are some important changes to our event this year:

In response to feedback from coaches across the country, all policy debate events will be held at the same location in 2016. Glenbrook North will host Varsity, Junior Varsity and Novice Policy in 2016. The policy debate events will return to Glenbrook South in 2017.

After a brief hiatus, the Glenbrooks are pleased to bring back the Glenbrook Round Robin in policy debate, to be held after the invitational on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Entry is by invitation only. It is our goal to ensure only the finest competition and judging at the Glenbrook Round Robin by limiting the pool to seven excellent two-person teams – invites will be sent to the coaches of exceptional teams in the first couple of months of the season. We are interested in adding post-tournament round robins in Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum for future years.

We have expanded the Varsity Public Forum division from a cap of 132 entries in 2015 to 192 entries in 2016. We are also adding a 7<sup>th</sup> prelim round in Public Forum and the finals will take place at the tournament hotel on Monday. Each year, this is our longest waiting list – we are thrilled to be able to admit an additional 60 teams this year! We are also increasing the entry limit per school from three teams in 2015 to four teams in 2016.

We will be rolling out a Novice Public Forum division for the first time this year in response to widespread demand for such a division. Just like Varsity Public Forum, teams are invited to bring up to four entries.

We are also excited to debut a “round robin” format in the Junior Varsity and Novice Policy divisions. Each event will have four “pods” of teams, each pod consisting of seven entries. We think this will facilitate better competition and judging in each division while also ensuring that your students get seven preliminary debates instead of six. Our entry fee for the JV and Novice Policy round robins ensures more debates and excellent judging for your students at half the cost of comparable opportunities at other tournaments.

We are pleased to debut Informative Speaking as an individual event category. Just like last year, schools will be allowed to bring a fifth entry in any Individual Event category.

We will continue to offer Program Oral Interpretation (POI). The event will reflect the NSDA rules. The time limit will be ten minutes. Students are to use selections from Drama, Prose, and Poetry that surround a central theme to create their performance. A manuscript is required.

**Assuming all fees have been paid and registration details are accurate and up-to-date,** coaches will not have to physically attend registration on Friday night.

We will use tabroom.com and online balloting in all Policy, Lincoln Douglas, and Public Forum divisions this year. More information will be sent out to schools registered in those events when we get closer to the tournament date. Please share any information in regards to this to any of the judges that you are bringing in those events.

We will continue to allow each school to bring a fourth Varsity Lincoln-Douglas debater this year and a fourth Junior Varsity Lincoln-Douglas debater. There will be no fifth entry in either event.

We will continue with our judging requirement reduction in Individual Events. Schools now need to bring one judge per six entries (or fraction thereof) instead of one judge for five entries.

We will continue with our prioritization efforts of our waiting list policy. Priority initially will be given to schools that have to travel from out-of-state since there are more costs incurred for them. We want to minimize schools having to pay large travel costs due to last-minute release off of the waiting list.

The venues for the various debate events on Saturday and Sunday will be different from 2015. On Saturday and Sunday, Glenbrook North and Maple School will host Varsity Policy, Junior Varsity Policy, and Novice Policy. Glenbrook South will host Public Forum, Varsity Lincoln-Douglas, JV Lincoln-Douglas, and Congressional Debate. We will be returning to Attea Middle School for Individual Events. All Monday elimination rounds in debate will be at the Renaissance North Shore. We encourage all

competitors to stay at either the Renaissance North Shore or one of our other hotel venues. Utilizing our hotel and transportation venues allows us to continue to have the lowest entry fees of any national circuit tournament.

The Glenbrooks is an invitational tournament. We reserve the right to refuse entry of any school to compete in the tournament or judges to cover a commitment for any reason. Again, entry into the tournament is not official until you receive a confirmation email that your entry has been removed from the waitlist. The content of debates and speech events must be appropriate for high school classrooms. Either tournament director has the right to remove any team or competitor from the tournament for content either director deems inappropriate.

We cannot stress the importance of registering for The Glenbrooks as soon as possible. Once our rooms are full, we **cannot** accept any additional entries. **Please pay careful attention to all of the policies in the invitation before sending in your entry. It is especially important to highlight that your registration on Tabroom.com is only to put you on the waitlist. Entries are official once we receive your entry fee check and send you a confirmation email. Being the first to submit your registration online does not guarantee your slot - mailing us your check promptly does.**

Please especially note that no school should make **any** plane or hotel reservations until its coach receives confirmation from a Glenbrooks Director (see the "Completing the Initial Entry" portion of the invitation).

In an effort to make this invitation shorter we have created several tabs on the tabroom.com website to make finding information easier. They include:

- Schedules
- Hotel and Travel info
- Judge Preference info
- Hire Judge policy
- Refund Policy
- A Dining Guide
- Information about Congress Legislation
- Congressional Debate Rules
- Information about the various Round Robins
- Info on the NSDA new Big Question Debates pilot event
- Independent Entry/School Permission/Chaperone policy

**\*\*\*\*\*Please note the following payment policy - it is the same as past Glenbrooks.**

**We will only accept one check per school and one check can only cover one school. If this is a problem please email Michael Greenstein at [mgreenstein@glenbrook225.org](mailto:mgreenstein@glenbrook225.org).**

# DEBATE EVENTS

## POLICY DEBATE

Varsity, junior varsity, and novice policy debate divisions will be switch-side, cross-examination style, with an **8-3-5** format. Varsity debaters should only include your finest competitors. Only debaters in their first or second year of competition may enter the JV division. Only debaters in their first year of competition may enter the novice division. This means if your students competed in middle school debate, they **CANNOT** compete in the novice division. If your students have done a year of middle school and a year of high school debate or two years of middle school debate, they **CANNOT** compete in JV.

A school may enter **a maximum of three (3) teams in varsity policy**. A school may enter a maximum of **one team in the junior varsity division**. A school may enter **one team in the novice division**, but we will have much more flexibility this year to allow a second team from a school off the wait list this year in both junior varsity and novice policy. Policy debaters **may not** enter any other tournament event.

The policy topic for the 2016 Glenbrooks is as follows:

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the Peoples' Republic of China.

There will be seven preliminary rounds in varsity policy. Varsity policy will break to double-octafinals. All Saturday and Sunday competition in this event will occur at Glenbrook North High School campus. Octafinals and subsequent elimination rounds will take place on Monday at the Renaissance North Shore.

There will be seven preliminary rounds in the junior varsity division and novice division of policy. JV and Novice policy competition on Saturday and Sunday will be at Glenbrook North High School. Finals in both the JV and Novice divisions will take place on Monday at the Renaissance North Shore.

## SPARK Investment Management LINCOLN-DOUGLAS

Lincoln-Douglas will include Varsity and junior varsity divisions, with NSDA rules and time limits. Varsity LD debaters should include only your finest competitors. Only debaters in their first or second year of competition may enter the JV division.

A school may enter **a maximum of four (4) debaters in the varsity division and a maximum of four (4) debaters in the junior varsity division**. Approximately 192 varsity and 70 JV debaters will be accepted for LD competition. LD debaters **may not** enter into any other tournament event.

**The November/December NSDA Lincoln-Douglas topic will be used; check the October *Rostrum*.**

There will be seven preliminary rounds in Varsity Lincoln-Douglas. Management Varsity LD will break to double-octafinals. Varsity LD competition on Saturday and Sunday will take place at Glenbrook South High School. Octafinals and subsequent elimination rounds will occur on Monday at the Renaissance North Shore.

There will be six preliminary rounds in the JV division of LD. JV LD competition on Saturday and Sunday will take place at Glenbrook South High School. This division will break to double-octafinals, assuming the numbers continue to remain consistent with previous years. The JV LD division will conclude on Sunday night at Glenbrook South HS.

## **SPARK Investment Management PUBLIC FORUM**

Public Forum will be an open division, using NSDA rules and time limits.

A school may enter **a maximum of four (4) varsity public forum teams** and **a maximum of four (4) novice public forum teams**. There is space for approximately 192 teams. Public Forum debaters **may not** enter any other tournament event.

**The November NSDA public forum topic will be used; check the October *Rostrum*.**

There will be SEVEN, not six, preliminary rounds in varsity Public Forum. The division will break to double octafinals. All varsity public forum competition will occur at the Glenbrook South High School campus, except the finals, which will be held at the Renaissance North Shore on Monday morning.

There will be six preliminary rounds in novice Public Forum. The division will break to octafinals. All novice public forum competition will occur at the Glenbrook South High School campus.

## **CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE**

There will be multiple chambers of approximately 22 students in each, with semifinal and final sessions. NSDA rules and time limits will apply; see the NSDA website [www.speechanddebate.org](http://www.speechanddebate.org) for further details.

Each school may enter **a maximum of twenty (20) Congressional debaters**. The Glenbrook staff will apportion the chambers and assign committees. Congressional debaters **may not** enter any other event.

Each school may submit **a maximum of three (3) pieces of legislation, but no more than one (1) per committee (economics, public welfare, foreign policy)**. Legislation must be in the

proper NSDA format and emailed as an ATTACHED MICROSOFT WORD document to [ttate@glenbrook225.org](mailto:ttate@glenbrook225.org) by October 13th.

Please see the template for Congress legislation on the NSDA website at: <http://www.speechanddebate.org/congress>. Legislation is expected to be of sound quality and the tournament personnel reserve the right to exclude legislation that does not meet that standard. Legislative packets will be posted on the website for each participating school to download by October 21<sup>st</sup>. Since the packets may be large, they cannot be faxed.

Congressional Debate competition will conclude on Sunday and will be held at the Glenbrook South High School campus.

## **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

**We urge you to submit your IE entry as soon as possible since these are always the first to fill.**

Seven events are offered this year: Original Oratory, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Mixed Extemporaneous Speaking, and Duo Interpretation. NSDA rules and time limits will apply to all events. For more information on NSDA rules, please refer to your Chapter Manuals or the NSDA website ([www.speechanddebate.org](http://www.speechanddebate.org)).

Each school may enter a maximum of five (5) entrants in each category. Students may single or double enter, but each one counts as a separate entry for the purpose of assessing fees. For 2016, it is a firm policy that students are not allowed to triple enter.

Sweepstakes awards will be given in Individual Events. All students who clear to elimination rounds for a school will be figured in to the sweepstakes calculations.

There will be four preliminary rounds breaking to quarterfinals. The IE portion of the tournament will be held at Attea Middle School and will conclude on Sunday evening.

# JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

## QUALIFICATIONS

Because The Glenbrooks prides itself on the quality of the competitors and adjudicators, judges provided by the individual schools must be qualified to judge a national circuit forensics competition. Only persons who have graduated high school may judge, with the exception that high school varsity debaters may be used in novice policy. Judges must be designated for each division since the tournament will be held in multiple buildings.

### Phone Numbers

We ask that you enter the correct phone numbers for all of your judges. You will not be able to enter a judge into the tournament without providing their phone number.

**All policy and LD debate judges are required to submit a philosophy to the judge philosophy wiki at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/> by 5pm Central Time November 11<sup>th</sup>.** Schools that have judges who have not submitted their philosophies will not be allowed to submit a strike sheet. **This is a self-reporting system – it is your responsibility to make sure the philosophy is published.**

## ALLOCATIONS

All schools **MUST** be represented in each and every judging pool for which they have entries. For example, if a school only enters varsity policy debate, it must provide a judge to fill at least a half-time commitment in that division. If you enter varsity policy debate, novice PF, Congress, and IEs, you must have a representative in each of these pools.

If you feel that you have judges that are suited better for other pools than what you are obligated to fill, please contact Jon Voss at [jvoss@glenbrook225.org](mailto:jvoss@glenbrook225.org) for possible arrangements to have judges in one pool covering your obligations in another.

Judging quotas are as follows:

Policy Debate – one (1) full-time judge for every two (2) teams or fraction thereof

LD Debate – one (1) full-time judge for every three (3) debaters or fraction thereof\*

Congress – one (1) full-time judge for every seven (7) debaters or fraction thereof

Public Forum – one (1) full-time judge for every three (3) teams or fraction thereof\*

Individual Events – one (1) judge for every six (6) entries or fraction thereof

\* LD judges must check both the junior varsity and varsity LD pairings for each round.

\* PF judges must check both the novice PF and varsity PF pairings for each round.

A school is responsible for paying the hired judge fee or may not be asked to return if any of its judges miss a round for any reason, including failing to check both the varsity and the JV LD schematics.

In LD and PF, having one LDer or one PF team constitutes a half-time judging commitment of four (4) rounds as well as an elimination round commitment as specified in the next paragraph.

Three LD debaters or three PF teams will constitute a full-time judge commitment.

A half-time commitment in varsity policy and LD is four preliminary rounds **and** elimination round commitments. All debate judges are required to judge the first elimination round OR judge one round past the last elimination round in which their school participated (whichever comes last).

There is no half-time judging commitment in IE's.

Placing judges in elimination rounds becomes more difficult each year because judges leave once their school's competitors are eliminated from the tournament without fulfilling their commitment to adjudicate one round beyond their school's last outround. **Directors are responsible to make sure that their school's judges are available to fulfill their ENTIRE judging commitment, including making appropriately timed airplane reservations.** We always try to release individuals as quickly as possible, but the tournament requires the highest quality judging pool possible even after any particular school is finished competing. **Schools who have judges that do not meet their elimination round obligation may not be invited to return.**

## **PRE-TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION**

Before completing the registration forms, please review the specific entry limits in each division as well as the judging requirements and the hired judge policy to ensure that the forms are accurately filled in. Your entries will not be officially confirmed if there are any discrepancies with the rules and guidelines established in this invitation.

Do not forget that your students are not entered into the tournament until we have received your entry fee check. A school will not be registered without payment in advance. Except for the penalties below, we will not collect fees at registration on Friday night. If you have illness or change in entries for any reason, fees can be refunded until 5 pm Central Time on October 28<sup>th</sup>; no refunds are available after this date.

## **ENTRY FEES AND PENALTIES**

Please make all checks or money orders payable to "The Glenbrooks." We will not accept purchase orders in lieu of a check or a money order for fees.

Send Checks to:  
GBN Debate  
Attn: Michael Greenstein  
2300 Shermer Rd.  
Northbrook, IL 60062



## **FEES**

**The 2016 Glenbrooks fees are as follows:**

<b>Varsity Policy Debate -</b>	<b>\$120 per two-person team</b>
<b>Varsity LD Debate -</b>	<b>\$75 per debater</b>
<b>JV Policy RR -</b>	<b>\$110 per two-person team</b>
<b>Novice Policy RR</b>	<b>\$100 per two-person team</b>
<b>Varsity Public Forum Debate -</b>	<b>\$90 per two-person team</b>
<b>Novice Public Forum Debate -</b>	<b>\$75 per two-person team</b>
<b>JV LD Debate -</b>	<b>\$60 per debater</b>
<b>Congressional Debate -</b>	<b>\$50 per entry</b>
<b>Individual Events -</b>	<b>\$50 per entry</b>
<b>Duo Interpretation -</b>	<b>\$100 per entry</b>
<b>Hired Judge Fee -</b>	

\$450 for full-time judge in VCX, VLD or PF.

Full judge fee of \$450 to hire a judge for uncovered IE entries or Congress entries.

\$225 for a half-time judge in VCX, VLD, PF, JVLD, JVCX, and NCX.

**Missing Judges:** You will be charged \$40 per round for every round one of your judges does not judge a round that person is supposed to.

**Judge Name Fee:** You will be charged \$100 for needing to change the name of a judge, adding a judge, or dropping a judge in VCX, VLD, or VPF once pref and strikes sheets have become active. This policy is solely intended to make the sheets more accurate for students and easier to fill out.

**Drop Penalty (after 5 pm CT on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>)** - Loss of original entry fee plus \$20 per single event entry, i.e., LD, congress, or any IE except for Duo, or \$20 for a double event entry, i.e., policy debate, public forum, and duo. Please note that this is earlier than previous years. In years past, we saw a massive amount of schools dropping entire entries on the last day. It was impossible for schools on the waitlist to arrange reasonable transportation.

**Judge Constraint Fee --** If you do not provide the correct information of which teams and/or specific contestants your judges cannot judge and we need to replace your judge as a result, we will charge you \$40 per change.

**Please direct any questions to Michael Greenstein at [mgreenstein@glenbrook225.org](mailto:mgreenstein@glenbrook225.org) or Jon Voss at [jvoss@glenbrook225.org](mailto:jvoss@glenbrook225.org)**