

NOTE THE LATER THAN USUAL TOURNAMENT START TIME.

York High School Speech and Debate is pleased to invite you to our Debate and Congress tournament on January 14 2017.

Registration deadline: 11:55 p.m., Wednesday, January 11 through Tabroom.com.

Judge hire request deadline: 11:55 p.m. Thursday, January 12

Drop deadline: 6:00 p.m., Friday, January 13. Any questions, please contact Michele Adams, Tournament director, by email at mrsadamsdebate@gmail.com or text to 207-837-7939

Registration

Registration must be completed through Tabroom.com by 11:55 p.m. Wednesday, Jan 11, Entry fees

- \$7.00 per entry (New schools \$3.50)
- PF Teams are two entries (\$14)

Drops

Drops and changes will be accepted until Friday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m. Invoices will be prepared at that time. Late add requests will be accepted only at the discretion of the tournament host. Saturday drops at registration will be assessed an additional charge of \$10 per entry.

Call or text the MFA hotline (207-370-4632) Saturday morning once you are en route to the tournament to confirm your team and judge attendance. Drops communicated prior to arrival will be waived the \$10 penalty.

Events

- LD: 3 levels, if numbers allow
- PF: 2 levels, if numbers allow
- Congressional Debate: Senate and House, as needed

Novice level is for students competing in their first year of high school forensics (i.e. first year competitors) JV level is primarily for second-year competitors, but also first year competitors who have enjoyed success.

Varsity level is for competitors with more than one year of experience who wish to try a higher level of competition.

Debate topics

LD resolution

Resolved: Public colleges and universities in the United States ought not restrict any constitutionally protected speech.

PF resolution

Resolved: In order to better respond to international conflicts, the United States should significantly increase its military spending.

Congress

The docket will be posted no later than one week prior to the tournament.

Judge Requirements

Help the meet run smoothly and fairly by supplying your required, trained judges, including unaffiliated, in accordance with MFA rules.

Note judge conflicts or shadow needs in your judge registration on Tabroom.com. Email the tournament host for any complex judge situations. Remember a parent cannot judge the category in which their child is competing.

Fractional entries round up (i.e. three LD entries = 2 judges). Third, fifth, and seventh judge must be neutral for Speech, LD, PF.

- LD: one judge for every 2 LD entries
- PF: one judge for every 2 teams
- Congressional Debate: one judge for every 5 entries

Judges are expected to be available for ALL rounds of competition. Fines will be assessed for judges departing early unless cleared through Tabulation.

Hiring Judges

There will be a limited number of extra judges available for hire. Fees for purchasing judges will be \$60 per judge.

Have all your judges finalized by 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 13. Submit requests to hire judges via Tabroom.com by 11:55 p.m. Thursday, January 12..

If you have extra judges, contact the Tournament Director so the judge can be added to the judge hire pool. PLEASE USE THE TABROOM JUDGES FOR HIRE FEATURE.

Food

Students: Light breakfast items, lunch and snacks will be on sale for students in the cafeteria. Students should not leave the school.

Coach and judges: Complimentary breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided for coaches and judges.

Awards

Awards for first through third. Note that ties in record will be broken first by MFA guidelines. Tabulation of awards follows standards adopted by MFA.

Schedule

8:45-9:00 Registration (arrive early, please)

9:10 Judges meeting in Judges' Lounge; Student meeting in Cafeteria

9:30 Rounds begin following briefings

4:30 Awards (sooner if possible) in the cafeteria

Directions

[York High School, Robert Stevens Drive, York, Maine](#)

Buses should park in the back parking lot by the gym. Entrance through the front door, please.
(Flagpole and covered entrance mark the front door)

PLEASE NOTE

YHS is an active construction site. Please note some parking lots are closed, and areas of the building are blocked off for safety reasons. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR STUDENTS understand the need to stay safe! Thanks.