



Dear coaches and competitors,

The Ridge High School Speech and Debate Team would like to invite you to the fifteenth annual "Ridge Invitational."

We are offering all New Jersey speech events, Public Forum (3 divisions), Lincoln-Douglas Debate (3 divisions), and Congressional Debate. In addition, we will be featuring Radio Broadcasting. Details on events can be found at njsdl.org. Students in speech events may double-enter. As last year, awards will be presented to the top six competitors in each event and the top non-advancing novice(s) in each speech category. In many events, we will feature a full 'novice' pull-out final round in several speech events pending entry numbers.

We will also be featuring our Ridge tradition of creative FINAL ROUND POSTERS for our champions!

The top six schools will be receiving Sweepstakes awards along with a sweepstakes award for the highest achieving school with less than fifteen entries. Please feel free to contact us regarding any clarification of rules or procedure.

Congress bills may be sent to dyastremski@bernardsboe.com by 3:00pm on Friday, January 19th. We will have legislation posted by the end of day on January 19th.

To ensure a smooth and well-run tournament, we hope to have all registrations by Wednesday, **January 24th at 11:59pm**. Please see the invitation for information on add/drop deadlines, nuisance fees, and other tournament logistics.

Registration will take place between 8:00 and 8:45 in room 624 of the high school (near the cafeteria). Please ensure your team arrives by 8:45 so we may start the day's activities promptly. The first round will begin promptly at 9:30am, and awards are tentatively scheduled for 6:30pm. Breakfast and Lunch will be available a la carte for all students. Coaches and judges will receive a continental breakfast and lunch.

Basking Ridge is located 30 miles west of New York City and 75 miles northeast of Philadelphia. We are located on two major NJ arteries: I-287 and I-78 with easy access to the New Jersey Turnpike, Garden State Parkway, and I-80.

Hope to see you in January!

David Yastremski
Director of Forensics
Ridge High School

IMPORTANT DATES:

12/1/2017 @ 3:00pm - Registration Opens

1/19/2018 @ 3:00pm - Congress Legislation Due

1/24/2018 @ 11:59pm - Entries Due. \$5 Nuisance Fees Begin for Adds and Drops.

1/27/2018 @ 8:00am - Any changes after this point result in a \$10 nuisance fee in addition to original entry fees. \$25 for dropped judges in addition to hired judge free.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

David Yastremski – Tournament Director – dyastremski@bernardsboe.com

Barbara Retzko – Financial Manager – RidgeForensicsFinance@bernardsboe.com

**Checks and Purchase Orders should be made payable to “RHS Student Activities”
School Mailing Address: Ridge High School, c/o Barbara Retzko,
268 South Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920**

ENTRY FEES & REQUIREMENTS:

School Registration Fee \$20.

Speech Entries: \$10 per entry (\$20 for duo interpretation)

Public Forum Debate Entries: \$20 each

Lincoln-Douglas Entries: \$15 each

Congressional Debate: \$10

Checks should be made payable to “**RHS STUDENT ACTIVITIES.**”

Concessions will be sold *a la carte* at the tournament. No pre-orders are necessary. There will be an assortment of breakfast and lunch food throughout the day. Our judges’ lounge will be offer food, drinks, and snacks throughout the day for any coach and/or judge at the tournament.

Our district W-9 can be accessed here or downloaded from the Speechwire site.

EVENTS

Lincoln-Douglas Debate (3 divisions, novice, JV, Varsity)

Public Forum Debate (3 divisions, novice, JV, Varsity)

Congressional Debate (1 open division with top novice competitors recognized)

Speech Events:

Dramatic Interpretation (NSDA rules)

Oral Interpretation of Literature (CFL rules)

Humorous Interpretation (NSDA rules)

Declamation (CFL rules)

Extemporaneous Speaking (NSDA rules)

Original Oratory (NSDA rules)

Impromptu Speaking (NJSDL rules)

Informative Speaking (NSDA rules)

Improvisational Speaking (NJSDL rules)

Programmed Oral Interpretation (NSDA rules)

Radio Broadcasting (Ridge rules)

Duo Interpretation (NSDA rules)

MAVERICK/HYBRID TEAMS are not allowed in the tournament. All Public Forum teams must have two students from the same school.

NOVICE, JUNIOR VARSITY, AND VARSITY DIVISIONS

Novices are designated as students in their FIRST year of any debate/speech activity (not a specific event) and in grades 8-10. 8th grade students may compete in the appropriate division with the approval of their school districts; however, they will be ineligible for state qualifications. Current freshmen who competed in any novice division during their 8th grade year should compete in the JV division. Junior Varsity competitors are any students (grades 9-12) in their second year of the activity (not a specific event). Any student in their third year of the activity should be entered in Varsity.

NOVICE HONOR FINALS

We will hold a separate Novice Honor final for the top 1-3 novices who do not advance into the open division final in all speech categories except Declamation and Radio Broadcasting. The Novice Honor students will receive priority seating in the regular final round and will perform immediately afterwards with judging by varsity Ridge students and the finalists.

INDEPENDENT ENTRIES & CHAPERONES:

INDEPENDENT ENTRIES ARE NOT ALLOWED. All students must have the explicit permission of their Board of Education, Headmaster, and/or any recognized and appropriate institutional authority.

CHAPERONE REQUIREMENT: Every school must have an adult chaperone ON SITE for the ENTIRETY of the tournament. This chaperone should be able to answer questions, contact students, handle emergencies and/or medical issues should they arise.

JUDGE REQUIREMENTS:

Lincoln-Douglas: One qualified judge per three entered debaters.

Public Forum: One qualified judge per three Public Forum teams

Speech & Congress Judges: One qualified judge per five entries

Junior/Senior Debaters with established experience/records may be used as 'novice' judges only in PF and LD. However, junior/senior debaters may only cover entries in novice categories. You cannot cover your open division obligations with student judges.

Hired Judging Fee \$100.00 per judge.

IMPORTANT: In order to ensure the students receive the highest quality of judging possible, we ask that you supply as many 'qualified' judges possible. A qualified judge is defined as

- One who knows, understands, and is able to apply the event rules.
- One who understands general tournament procedures and how specific events/rounds function.
- One who can clearly and specifically articulate constructive and specific feedback on a ballot.

Please no novice/untrained judges. While we will have a judge meeting prior to round I, this will not constitute a training. Any judges who do not demonstrate competency in the above qualifications will result in a fine for the judge's affiliated-school equal to a hired judge fee (\$100) + penalty (\$50).

AWARDS

Awards will be given to any elimination round participant. Team Sweepstakes Awards will be given to the top six performing schools, and a Sweepstakes Honor award will be given to a school with less than 15 entries at the tournament.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

8:00-8:45am Registration at Ridge High School – Room 624

8:45 AM – Judge Meeting – Room 624/630

9:30 AM - Round 1 Debate: Flight A
Round 1A: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF

9:45 AM - Round 1 Speech
Round 1: CON, DEC, DI, DUO, EXT, HI, IMP, IPV, INF, OI, OO, POI, RS

10:15 AM - Round 1 Debate: Flight B
Round 1B: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF

11:00 AM - Round 2 Speech
Round 2: DEC, DI, DUO, EXT, HI, IMP, IPV, INF, OI, OO, POI, RS

11:15 AM - Round 2 Debate: Flight A
Round 2A: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF

12:00 PM - Round 2 Debate: Flight B
Round 2B: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF

12:45 PM - Round 3 Speech
Round 2: CON
Round 3: DEC, DI, DUO, EXT, HI, IMP, IPV, INF, OI, OO, POI, RS

1:30 PM - Round 3 Debate: Flight A
Round 3A: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF

2:15 PM - Round 3 Debate - Flight B
Round 3B: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF

2:30 PM - Speech: Semi-finals: Debate 3B
Semifinal round: DEC, DI, EXT, HI, IPV, OI, OO, RS

3:30 PM - Round 4 Debate: Flight A

3:45 PM - Round 4 Debate: Flight A
Round 4A: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF

4:30 PM
Final round: CON, DEC, DI, DUO, EXT, HI, IMP, IPV, INF, OI, OO, POI, RS

4:30 PM - Round 4 Debate: Flight B
Round 4B: JVLD, NLD, VLD, JVPF, NPF, VPF

5:00 PM - Debate: Semi-finals (TENTATIVE)

5:45 PM – Debate: Finals (TENTATIVE)

7:00 PM – AWARDS