

The Newton South Speech & Debate Team
Invites you to The MSDL

Winter Festival

Speech & Debate Tournament
9 January 2016

an MSDL sanctioned, double-entry tournament
We will also be offering the new NSDA event: Program Oral Interp

Tentative Schedule

7:00-7:45	Call In - 617-559-6577
8:15 - 8:45	Registration
8:30	New Judges Meeting
9:00	Ballot Pick-Up for Experienced Judges
9:10	Opening Meeting and Postings in the Cafeteria
9:30	Round 1
10:45	Round 2
12:00	Round 3
1:15	Round 4
2:00	Multiple and Semi-finals
3:15	Draw for Final in Library
3:45	Finals
5:45	Awards

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(Student hosts)



General Information

Delicious breakfast, lunch, snacks, and beverages will be sold throughout the day

1. The tournament is double-entry in all events except Group Discussion, PFD and Congress. Double-entered students may not enter the same event more than once and may not use the same material in more than one event. 
2. Students may not double-enter in two “draw” events (VX, NX, RB).
3. All students, except those entered in Congress and PFD, may enter Multiple Reading. Those who are already double-entered may “triple-enter” in Multiple unless they are entering in VX, NX or RB.
4. There is a cap of 8 PFD teams per school and an overall limit of 100 PFD teams. If we have enough space to accept more teams, we will accept teams off the waitlist.
5. You are required to bring one judge for every five entries or fraction thereof in speech events and one judge for every two entries or fraction thereof in PFD. (We hope to be able to single-flight at least part of the tournament.) Judges must be available to judge all preliminary rounds *and* finals. If one of your judges must leave early, you must arrange for a replacement judge to take his/her place. Because we are running semi-finals in some events, judging will be tight and we need everyone to be available. There will be a \$50 fine for each missing judge. This fee is not to be used in lieu of providing required judges.
Please note that all judges must have graduated from high school.

Judging requirements are finalized on Thursday at 5:00 pm. If you have drops after that time, it does not change the number of judges you are required to bring.

6. If you have brand new speech judges who would benefit from an extended judge training in the morning, please note that on your registration. We will try our best to keep them out of round 1 so that they can attend a one-hour workshop run by the amazing Debbie Simon. Afterwards, she will be available to answer their questions and go over their ballots with them throughout the morning.

7. The Newton South Winter Festival Tournament is a Bid tournament for speech events for the 2016 TOC at the University of Kentucky. We will be offering bids in DI, HI, DUO, EX, OO, and OI. If a student earns a bid in DP, s/he may select either DI or HI (but not both) for TOC bid purposes. In addition, students will be able to receive "half-bids" in PR or PO for OI purposes.



The bid structure is:

24 or fewer entries--the Top 3 each receive a bid.

25 - 72 entries--each Finalist receives a bid

73 or more entries--each Semifinalist and Finalist receives a bid

8. At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, please have a representative from your school pick up your results packet. Ballots will not be mailed. If you cannot stay until the end of the day, you may pick up your ballots at NSHS the following week or we can bring them to the next MSDL tournament for you to pick up there.

9. Registration Fees

Individual Speech events, Congress & Multiple: \$6 per entry

DUO Interp: \$12

PFD: \$15 per team



Registration fees may be paid by cash or check.

Checks should be made out to **Newton South High School**.

Please note that if you have late changes that incur fees, you will be expected to pay those fees when you register even if you bring a check that was made out for the original registration amount.



Coaches should remember to provide their students and judges with their code numbers in advance of the tournament. This is particularly important for experienced judges who may be arriving separately from the team.

EVENT INFORMATION



Group Discussion Topic: Parenting Today

Rounds may touch upon topics such as: parenting in the age of technology; parenting in non-traditional family structures; parental involvement in their children's lives; obligations of parents to children and children to parents; when it is appropriate for the state to step in and remove children from families etc.

Extemporaneous Speaking:

Questions will focus on topics of national, international and economic interest. The final round will be hypothetical situations. For example, "If Iran breaks the nuclear deal, how should the U.S. respond?"



Public Forum Debate:

We will use the January NSDA PFD topic:

Resolved: On balance, economic sanctions are reducing the threat Russia poses to Western interests.



Program Oral Interp:

Using a combination of Prose, Poetry, and Drama, students construct a program using at least two out of the three genres. With a spotlight on argumentation and performative range, Program Oral Interpretation focuses on a student's ability to combine multiple genres of literature centered around a single theme. Competitors are expected to portray multiple characters. No props or costumes may be used except for the manuscript. Performances also include an introduction written by the student to contextualize the performance and state the titles and authors used in the program. *Time limit: ten minute maximum with 30 second grace period*

Congress:

Bills will be available at www.massforensics.org.

Contact Mr. PJ Wexler, VP Congress, if you have questions.

If you have any judges that are particularly interested in judging congressional debate, please let us know and we'll try to get those judges into a session.

A Note about Multiple:

If there are 5 or fewer Multiples competing at the tournament, there will be no final round held in that event. If there are more than 5 multiples, then between 3 and 4 will break to finals. The goal will be to make a clean break and the number that will advance will be determined by the tournament director.



Semi-Finals:

If an official MSDL event has 40 or more entries after drops, we will run a semi-final round, in addition to the three preliminary rounds. (This will not apply to Congress or PFD.) We can do this as long as we do not have more than 3 events that reach the 40+ entry level. If more than 3 events are this large, we will only run semi-finals in the 3 largest events.



Awards:

Trophies will be awarded to all finalists. The “Top Novice” in each non-novice event will also receive an award. Semi-finalists and top speakers in PFD will receive medals. The top 4 Multiple entries and the top 8 PFD entries will receive trophies.

Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top 10 schools. We will use the 5-4-3-2-1-1 system to award points for preliminary ranks and final standings. The top 10 scores in 10 different events plus the next two high scores in any events (figured after finals) will count toward sweepstakes. We will use preliminary ranks as well as ranks from semi-finals and finals to determine the final standing in events that have a semi-final round. All semi-finalists will earn one additional sweepstakes point over what they earn from their preliminary ranks. This is consistent with the 5-4-3-2-1-1-1 system for final placement. Thus, all students in out-rounds who rank 7th -12th will earn one additional point, while those placing 1st through 6th will earn a few more points, depending upon where they place. Competitors who make it to finals will earn points for their final standings (not ranks in finals).



Students must be accompanied by an adult, approved by their school administration, who will be responsible for them during the entire time they are present at the “Winter Festival” Tournament.

Schools are responsible for making sure all adults that they bring to the tournament have passed the CORI/SORI checks, required by Massachusetts State Law.



In order to be able to host tournaments, we rely upon the generosity and good will of the faculty and staff at Newton South. Please be respectful of their classroom spaces, as well as their belongings. No one, including judges, should sit at or touch anything on a teachers’ desk. If you discover that something is amiss, please report it to the TAB room as soon as possible so that we can address the issue before Monday morning.

Students found in parts of the building that have been designated as off limits - including, but not limited to, the field house or the roof - may be disqualified from the tournament and asked to leave.



Standard rules of professionalism and etiquette must be abided by at all times.



Registration Information



Register on-line at <http://www.massforensics.org>

Deadline For Adds: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 5:00 pm.
All judge names must be finalized by Thursday, January 7, 2016
at 5:00 pm.



Drops and name changes:

You may enter your own name changes and drops in the system
until Thursday, January 7th at 5:00 pm.

Drops that occur after 5:00 pm on Thursday should be emailed
to Lisa.Honeyman@gmail.com or called in on Saturday morning
between 7:00-7:45 am.



Saturday Morning Check-in:

Please call (617) 559-6577 to check in between 7:00-7:45 am on
Saturday morning. (*NOTE: This is not the same number we have
used in previous years.*) If there is no answer, do not leave a
message. Instead, try again in a few minutes. Even if you have
no drops, please call so we can begin to re-panel rounds at 8:00
am and start the tournament on time. MSDL rules permit a \$25
penalty fee assigned to schools that fail to check-in during the
morning call-in period.

