

POLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Dec. 5, 2015

ALL EVENTS TOURNAMENT: THE "NUTCRACKER SWEEPS"

1457 Maine St.

Poland, Maine 04274

The Poland Regional High School Speech and Debate Team is pleased to invite you to an ALL Events Tournament – Speech, Debate and Congressional Debate (Stuco).

This is going to be a truly ALL EVENTS TOURNAMENT! Make sure that you read the information about Sweepstakes since we will be awarding sweeps in a different format.

REGISTRATIONS TO: [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com)

REGISTRATION DUE DATE IS Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015 6:00P.M.

Any questions, please contact D'Arcy F. Robinson, Tournament Director at:

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REGISTRATION:

Registration must be made by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015

Please note judge conflicts, restrictions and experience when registering on Tabroom..

Drops will be accepted until Friday, Dec.4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Invoices will be prepared at that time. Saturday drops will be assessed an additional charge of \$10.00 per entry. If you have a drop on Saturday morning, please email or call the tabroom number. It will help keep the tournament on schedule.

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$7.00 per entry (New schools \$3.50); Teams (Duo, PF ) are two entries (\$14); Ensemble is \$21 (max)

In the past we have asked for donations for the local food bank. This year, in keeping with the nutcracker theme, we will be accepting Toys for Tots. If the team brings two toy gifts (one for a boy, one for a girl), we will take five dollars off the registration fee.

JUDGE REQUIREMENT: (fractional entries round up (i.e., three LD entries = 2 judges)

LD: one judge for every 2 LD entries

PF: one judge for every 2 teams

Speech or Congressional Debate: one judge for every 5 entries.

Make sure that you have some unaffiliated judges if you have more than one one judge.

Fees for purchasing judges will be \$60 per judge. There will be a limited number of extra judges available and you must clear your request for one with the tournament director by Monday, Dec. 1, 2015.

Please help the meet run smoothly and fairly by supplying your required judges and by providing them with training in the category they are committed to. Remember a parent cannot judge the category in which their child is competing.

Judges are expected to be available for ALL rounds of competition unless other arrangements are made through tab.

Fines will be assessed for judges departing early unless cleared through TAB. Remember if I've committed a judge to you, and committed to pay that judge, then you will be billed for the judge.

There is the possibility that we will be implementing a new system for buying judges at this tournament. Kris and Lyndsy are looking at a new format for buying judges through tabroom and if they can get it up and running, we will use it at Poland. Look for more information coming your way soon.

#### TIMERS:

Please try to have judges bring some sort of timer/stopwatch. cell phones work well and are acceptable. Just make sure the ringer is off.

#### FOOD:

Breakfast items, lunch and snacks will be on sale for students in the cafeteria. If students do not want to purchase food, they should bring lunch and snacks. Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be provided for coaches and judges. Students should not leave the school.

Poland is a nut free school and students are requested to not eat nut products in the school. Only water is allowed in classrooms.

#### EVENTS:

LD: NOV/DEC resolution, 3 levels, if numbers allow

PF: DEC. resolution, 2 levels, if numbers allow

STUCO: Senate/House, as needed

Speech: All Categories

#### DEBATE TOPICS:

LD NOV/DEC resolution: Resolved: In the United States criminal justice system, jury nullification ought to be used in the face of perceived injustice.

PF DEC resolution: Resolved: On balance, standardized testing is beneficial to K-12 education in the United States.

#### AWARDS: **The Nutcracker Speech and Debate Sweepstakes Award**

Sweeps will be for Top Three Placements in each School Division. This is a combined award—speech, debate, and speech sweeps points will be combined to generate a total score for each school. School

divisions will be determined by the size of the program (number of students) as well as by the size of the school. This generally follows MPA guidelines. For example, Bangor is an “A” school, but due to size of program Lewiston would be a “B” school. Cheverus is an “A” school in football but probably is a “C” school in debate. I have included a potential break down of schools and their potential division placement but I will probably finalize where a school I placed after I get in the registration. Speech will go three deep, debate and Congress five. I think that is the fairest way to even out the points. I realize that this is a new system, but I thought it might be interesting to try. I would unify the activity and might spread the sweepstakes awards around to more schools and recognize their achievements.

Individual awards for 1<sup>st</sup>– 3<sup>rd</sup> in each category and Honorable Mentions for those in final round  
Please note that ties in debate will be broken first by head to head, then strength of competition, and finally by speaker points. Speech ties are broken by the greatest number of highest rankings.

#### Tentative Schedule:

Please be aware that we may have to flight debate rounds

8:00-8:30 Registration (get here early, please)

8:45 Judges meeting in Judges’ Lounge

8:45 Student meeting in Cafeteria

Rounds will begin at 9:00 and will continue to run as quickly as possible

Awards at 4:30

Cafeteria: Students are asked to remain in the cafeteria when not in rounds.

Judges Lounge: Living Center Room – look for signs to Judge’s Lounge and the Library

TAB Room: Library

#### Directions:

Google directions on MapQuest. Our address is 1457 Maine, Poland, Me 04274.

Or follow these basic ones:

Traveling North or South on I-95: Take Exit 63 toward Gray-New Gloucester. Bear to the right. Take 26 North through Gray. Follow the signs for 26 north to Poland and Norway. The high school is about eight miles down on your left.

We are located approximately 45 minutes from Portland or 1/2 hour from Lewiston or 2 hours from Bangor. Please plan accordingly to arrive on time.

We look forward to having you all at our school.

D’Arcy F. Robinson, Coach

#### School Divisions (This is a draft)

A schools:	B Schools	C Schools
Bangor	Brunswick	Cheverus
Cape	Edward Little	Deering
Falmouth	Erskine	Greely
Lewiston	Lincoln	Morse

Skowhegan

Orono  
Maranacook  
Thorton

Poland  
Scarborough  
York  
South Portland  
York