



Dear speech and debate colleagues,

The students, staff, and administration of John F. Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids Iowa cordially invite you and your students to the 1st Kennedy Cougar Classic Speech and Debate Tournament to be held on October 7th and 8th of 2016. Our goal is to provide your students with first rate competition and judging, a humane and accommodating schedule, and first rate hospitality. Registration is currently open. Entries will be closed on October 5th. Judges must be entered at this time. All fees are set on the 5th. Students may double enter within speech divisions and congress/big questions debate but they may not cross enter between PF, CX, or LD and speech/congress/big questions debate.

We are currently planning on hosting the following events

In speech (Friday): Original Oratory, Humorous Interp, Dramatic Interp, Spontaneous Speaking, Mixed Extemp, Programmed Oral Interp, and Duo Interp.

In debate (Friday and Saturday): Novice and Varsity Lincoln Douglas, Novice and Varsity Policy, and Novice and Varsity Public Forum.

Debate events for Saturday only: Congressional Debate and Big Questions Debate.

The following resolutions will be used

Varsity LD: Resolved: Countries ought to prohibit the production of nuclear power

Novice LD: Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified.

PF: Resolved: In United States public K-12 schools, the probable cause standard ought to apply to searches of students.

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

Novice Policy: The state of Iowa coaches have come to an agreement as to arguments for the novice debate division. Materials that were approved can be found here.

<http://www.debatecoaches.org/new-page/>

If you have any questions, please contact me at jemeyer@cr.k12.ia.us for info.

Big Questions: Resolved: Science leaves no room for free will.

Congress: Please submit congress legislation to jemeyer@cr.k12.ia.us by September 29th. I plan on posting the packet by October 1st.

Schedule

Speech

3:00 PM- Speech round 1 (Draw at 2:30 PM)

4:15 PM- Speech round 2 (Draw at 3:45 PM)

Eat dinner after round 2

6:00 PM- Speech round 3 (Draw at 5:30 PM)

7:30 PM- Speech finals for all events with multiple sections or a round 4 (Draw at 7:00 PM)

8:45 PM- Awards

CX, PF, and LD Debate

Friday

3:00 PM- Round 1 CX, LD, and PF

Eat dinner after round 1

6:00 PM- Round 2 CX, LD, and PF

Saturday

8:00 AM- Round 3 CX, LD, and PF

10:15 AM- Round 4 CX, LD, and PF

Lunch after round 4

12:30 PM- Round 5 CX, LD and PF

2:45 PM- PF Octos, CX and LD quarters

5:00 PM Awards for debate events

Elimination rounds continue as needed

Congress

8:30-12:00 First Session

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-4:00 Second Session

5:00 Awards

Big Questions

8:00 AM- Round 1

9:30 AM- Round 2

11:00 AM- Round 3

1:00 PM- Round 4

2:30 PM- Semis

4:00 PM- Finals

5:00 Awards

Elimination Rounds and Divisions

With this being an early season tournament, we want to be kind to those in their novice year. Thus, we will offer novice in every event except for student congress. We are currently looking to break to an octofinal in PF and quarters in LD and CX, and semis in big questions debate. Note that the tournament staff may adjust this as entries dictate. If elimination rounds are changed, we will notify the coaches as soon as we can.

If you have a question as to what division a student should be in, please let me know and we will get the situation sorted out.

All events except for big questions debate will have 5 prelim rounds. Big questions debate will have 4 prelim rounds. Student congress will have 2 sessions. All attempts will be made to break all debaters with a 3-2 record.

Fees and Judging Obligations

All speech entries except duo are \$10 each. Duo is \$20.

PF and CX are \$30 for a team.

LD is \$15 per debater.

Congress is \$20 per debater.

Big Questions is \$15 per debater.

Varsity students may judge in the novice division as long as they are in at least their junior year or have earned at least 250 NSDA points in the division they are judging. Because of the nature of the events, students will not be allowed to judge in congress or speech. If you have questions, please ask.

1 judge for every 3 PF teams or fraction thereof

1 judge for every 3 LD entries or fraction thereof

1 judge for every 2 policy teams or fraction thereof

1 judge for every 5 speech entries or fraction thereof

1 judge for every 6 congress debaters or fraction thereof

1 judge for every 2 big question entries or fraction thereof

Policy judge- \$200

PF- \$150

LD- \$150

Congress- \$125

Speech- \$100

Big Question- \$100

All fees are due at registration unless arrangements have been made beforehand. If you are bringing a check, please make the check out to:

John F. Kennedy High School
Attn: Debate
4545 Wenig Rd NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

If you need any information for your bookkeeping department, please email me at jemeyer@cr.k12.ia.us.

Concessions and Judge's Lounge:

The Parents of Kennedy Debate Booster Club will be running the concession stand for this tournament. We will be offering a variety of affordable baked goods, packaged concessions, candy, and meals throughout the run of the tournament. If your students have a food allergy or need accommodation, please let me know so we can plan accordingly. We ask that all students do not leave the school during meal times as we will try to accelerate the schedule whenever possible.

Kennedy High School takes pride in our hospitality. Our judge's lounge will be well stocked with snacks, meals, and coffee/water/juice/soda for the duration of the tournament. If you or any of your judges have a food allergy we should know about, please let me know.

Hotels:

For those schools needing lodging, there is a variety of options only minutes from the school. The two hotels below have plenty of rooms available.

Quality Inn at Collins Road

Address: 5055 Rockwell Dr NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Phone: [\(319\) 393-8247](tel:(319)393-8247)

Country Inn & Suites Cedar Rapids North, IA

Address: 4444 Czech Ln NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Phone: [\(319\) 294-8700](tel:(319)294-8700)

Entry limits: At this time, we are not capping any division or event.

The students, staff, and administration of John F. Kennedy High School are excited to host you and your students on October 7th and 8th. Our parents and students of the speech and debate program have been working hard to provide a quality tournament with first class accommodations. We hope that you will join us in Cedar Rapids this fall. If you have any questions, please let me know via email at jemeyer@cr.i12.ia.us.

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