



**THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM
75 BRONX SCIENCE BOULEVARD, BRONX, NY 10468**

August 1, 2016

Dear Moderators:

The Bronx High School of Science Speech & Debate Team cordially invites you and your team to join us at the Forty-Sixth New York City Invitational Tournament. We are delighted to continue our longstanding tradition of offering a challenging and competitive tournament early in the Speech & Debate season calendar.

This year's tournament will take place from Friday, October 14th through Sunday, October 16th, 2016 at the Bronx High School of Science and at our newly renovated neighboring school, PS/MS 95. The New York City Invitational features varsity competition in Public Forum Debate, Policy Debate, and Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and, on Saturday and Sunday, Congressional Debate, Dramatic Interpretation of Literature, Duo Interpretation of Literature, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Interpretation of Literature, Original Oratory and Prose & Poetry.

With the addition of a nearby tournament site, we expect to host more students in every division. However, in order to ensure a fair allocation of slots, all entries will automatically be placed on a waiting list until September 5th. The entries will be reviewed and cleared based upon several factors, including geography and diversity of entries. This will most fairly distribute the available slots. Additional slots, if any, will be assigned after all schools have been considered.

Public Forum debaters will debate the September/October 2016 Public Forum Debate topic. Policy debate teams will debate the 2016-17 National high school topic on China. Lincoln-Douglas debaters will debate the September/October 2016 National Speech & Debate Association LD topic. Congressional Debate legislation will be released prior to the tournament.

Bronx Science remains a qualifying competition for the National High School Tournament of Champions (TOC) in all four debate events: octafinalists in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, octafinalists in Public Forum Debate, quarterfinalists in Policy Debate and finalists in Congressional Debate. The NYC Invitational is a bid tournament for the TOC in all speech categories. Additionally, we expect finalists in certain speech categories to qualify to compete at the NIETOC.

We anticipate that the New York City Invitational will be a maximum-points qualifier to the National Debate Coaches Association (NDCA) National Championships in both Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Public Forum Debate.

Registration opens on tabroom.com on August 15, 2016 at 12:00 pm NY time. We encourage you to register early. Full tournament details are posted at nyc.tabroom.com. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at speechanddebate@bxscience.edu.

We very much value your continued support of our school and the tournament and hope to have the opportunity to personally express our appreciation and welcome you and your team at Bronx Science this October.

Sincerely,

Jean M. Donahue '77, Ph.D.

Principal

The Bronx High School of Science

Kirby Chin '88

Co-Tournament Host

Bronx Science Speech & Debate

Robert Levinson '80

Co-Tournament Host

Bronx Science Speech & Debate

Hotel Information

Below please find information about neighboring hotels near The Bronx High School of Science. There are, of course, hundreds of hotels in the NYC area so the ones listed below are just for your own convenient reference. The hotels presented are a range of prices and locations.

Hampton Inn and Suites Yonkers

160 Corporate Blvd
Yonkers, NY 10701
914-377-1144

Rate: \$159 plus tax

[Reservation Link](#)

Book by September 14, 2016 to get the above rate.

Springhill Suites Tarrytown

480 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, NY 10591
914-366-4600

Rate: \$179 plus tax

Book by September 12, 2016 to get the above rate.

Courtyard Tarrytown Greenburgh

475 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, NY 10591
914-631-1122

Rate: \$174 plus tax

Book by September 21, 2016 to get the above rate.

Royal Regency

165 Tuckahoe Road
Yonkers, NY 10710
914-476-6200

Rate: \$144 plus tax

Book by September 15, 2016 to get the above rate.

Hampton Inn White Plains/Tarrytown

200 West Main Street
Elmsford, NY 10523
914-592-5680

Rate: \$164 plus tax

Code: NSD

Book by September 9, 2016 to get the above rate.

Marriott

670 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, NY 10591
914-631-2200

Rate: \$169 plus tax

Book by September 16, 2016 to get the above rate.

Days Inn Elmsford

25 Valley Avenue
Elmsford, NY 10523
914-592-7500

Rate: \$120 plus tax

Book by September 12, 2016 to get the above rate.

Directions & Transportation Information

The Bronx High School of Science is located at 75 Bronx Science Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10468 between Paul and Goulden Avenues. Please note that “Bronx Science Boulevard” is the same as “West 205th Street.”

Public Transportation. Take the #4 or D/B train to the Bedford Park Blvd stop. Walk west on Bedford Park Boulevard and turn right on Paul Avenue. The school is about a 10 minute walk from the train station.

PS/MS 95 is located at 3961 Hillman Avenue Bronx, NY 10463, which is a 10 minute walk from Bronx Science.

Public Transportation. Take the #4 to Mosholu Parkway stop. Walk west on Mosholu Parkway to the school. The school is less than 10 minutes from the train station.

From Bronx Science, walk south on Golden Avenue toward Mosholu Parkway. Turn left on Sedgwick Avenue. The school is less than 10 minutes from Bronx Science.

For those schools that need local private transportation to Bronx Science, below please find information for some local bus & taxi companies.

Bus Company

Vallo Transportation

718-961-7600

Grandpa’s Bus Co., Inc.

718-276-7100

Academy Bus Company

800-442-7272

Local Taxi Cab Company

Miles Private Car Company

718-884-8888

Fees and Judging

Tournament Fees

School Fee \$40 per school

Each student entered at the tournament must represent their currently enrolled high school. In Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate and Duo Interpretation, both team members must be currently enrolled at the same high school. Each school must designate and have one adult moderator who must be present for the duration of the tournament and who will be responsible for any issues related to the school's entries. The tournament may require supportive documentation verifying these items.

Registration Fees

Event	Fee (per entry)
Public Forum Debate	\$120
Policy Debate	\$110
Lincoln-Douglas Debate	\$90
Congressional Debate	\$40
Dramatic Interpretation	\$35
Duo Interpretation	\$50
Extemporaneous Speaking	\$35
Humorous Interpretation	\$35
Original Oratory	\$35
Prose & Poetry	\$35

Judging Obligations

Public Forum Debate	1 full time judge for every 3 teams
Policy Debate	1 full time judge for every 2 teams
Lincoln-Douglas Debate	1 full time judge for every 3 debaters
Congressional Debate	1 full time judge for every 7 debaters
Speech	1 full time judge for every 6 entries

Judging Fees

There is a limited pool of hired judges available at \$300 per judge for the Lincoln-Douglas, Policy and Public Forum Debate; \$200 per judge for Congress and \$150 for speech events.

All LD and Policy judges will be required to post judging philosophies by October 2, 2016. Failure to fulfill a judging obligation may result in the inability of students to compete at the tournament.

All judge hire requests must be received by October 2, 2016. Once you request a judge and it is indicated that we have fulfilled your request, then you will be required to pay for the judging fee. Unfortunately, we cannot allow you cancel your request once it is fulfilled.

Any school-affiliated judge that misses a round will be assessed \$50 per missed round.

Nuisance Fees

Drop Penalty after 9:00 pm NY time on September 25, 2016. All accepted registrations will be set by this date.

- Lost of original entry fee plus \$10 per single event entry or \$20 for a double entry event

- Late Name Penalty after 9:00 pm NY time on October 12, 2016
- \$10 per name change

Changes at Registration on October 14, 2016

- \$30 for each change

Payment

Schools are assessed final fees by 9:00 pm NY time on September 25, 2016 and final fees must be paid in full before the commencement of the tournament. Any school failing to pay the assessed fees in full before the deadline will not be permitted to compete. Final fees are payable regardless of attendance (drops or otherwise) at the tournament.

Schools can ONLY pay via check made payable to *The Bronx High School of Science Endowment Fund, Inc.* Please write *Big Bronx* in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to:

Bronx Science Speech & Debate
The Bronx High School of Science Endowment Fund
75 Bronx Science Boulevard
Bronx, NY 10468

Other Information

Other information related to the tournament will be released on nyc.tabroom.com.

Should teams have any questions, please email speechanddebate@bxscience.edu.