

Maine Forensics Association  
December 1st, 2016  
Big Questions Debate Tournament (North and South)

**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, November 23rd, 2016 by 11:55 p.m. to [Tabroom.com](http://Tabroom.com).

Cell phone for day of the tournament:

North: Rod Robilliard (207) 423 - 4490

South: Brian Dodge (207) 607-2524

## Registration information

You may enter individual students on Tabroom until 11:55 p.m. on Wednesday.

**Registration site:**

## Drops

You may drop students on Tabroom until 8:00 p.m. Wednesday November 30.

Drops after 1:00 p.m. on the day of the tournament will be charged a \$10 nuisance fee. Please text your tournament host for drops the day of.

## Fees

\$5 per student

## Judge requirements

All fractional entries round up.

1 judge for every 2 entries.

## Judge Training

Please show your judges the following judge training materials:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/judge-training/>

Scroll down to the bottom to view the quick video.

## Purchasing judges

There will be a limited number of judges to purchase for \$60 per judge. You must clear your request with the tournament director by Friday, November 25.

## Food

Light snacks will be available for purchase for the competitors, and will be provided for the judges.

## Events

Big Questions 2 on 2 debate!

[Here](#) is a link to the format manual

\*Note: due to feedback, the round times have been shortened significantly! Also, they are allowing for 2 on 2 debate. We have chosen to adopt the 2 on 2 approach, with a blanket acceptance of mavericks. Our hope is that will decrease our judge burden to more manageable levels.

There will be a Varsity and JV division.

Varsity: All varsity and JV debaters, plus any Congress or Speech competitors that choose varsity.

JV: All novice debaters and any Congress or Speech competitors that choose JV.

## Event Topic

Resolved: Science leaves no room for free will.

## Awards

There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place plaques awarded to the top three teams/individuals at each site in varsity. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded to the top three teams/individuals at each site in JV.

## Schedule

3:00-3:30: Registration check in (please arrive early)

3:30: Judges meeting/Welcome

3:45: Round I

4:35: Round II

5:25: Round III

6:15: Exit surveys followed by dismissal

Awards will be given at the following tournament.

## Special Information:

This event is made possible by a pair of grants from the NSDA. The amount of grant money is determined based on participation (receiving the maximum award at 45 participants per site), and will be distributed in the following way:

20% will go into a fund to help support new member teams forming within the state.

80% will be split among the participating schools in the following way:

Schools will earn 1 share per student competing, up to a maximum of 5 shares. The total number of shares will be tallied, and a dollar amount will then be put on each share.

Participating schools will then receive a check based on their total shares. Please note that the process will take time, since the MFA first needs to receive the funds from the NSDA.

\*Please note, the award of the grant money requires we all finish the exit surveys! The students and the judges need to fill out the surveys, so please don't leave until you do!