

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM

January 3, 2017

Dear Coaches,

The Benjamin Franklin High School Speech and Debate Team is pleased to invite you and your team to compete in our annual tournament February 3 – 4, 2017. We will be offering the following events: Declamation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Original Oratory, Oral Interpretation, Dramatic Performance, Humorous Performance, Duo Reading, Duet Acting, Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate, Advance Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate (open division), and Congress.

Registration is located on tabroom.com. Parking is available at the side of the school on St. Anthony Street, and the student parking lot across from the gym. Please do not park in any reserved spots.

The deadline for entries is Monday, January 30, 2017. The last day to add or drop entries without a fee will be Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

PLEASE NOTE: We will pre-assign judges, and need accurate names entered into the registration system. If you are unable to provide the number of judges required, we can hire a judge for you at your request. A \$25 fee will be assessed to any school who does not pick up their assigned ballots. You can sign up on tabroom.com to receive notifications when we post the rounds.

We look forward to having you and your team join us in an exciting weekend of competition and memories. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions regarding entries, accommodations or directions.

Sincerely,

Barbara Fontenot, Coach – gbfont@aol.com

Stephanie Garrison, Coach – sgarrison@bfhsla.org

***DEADLINES:**

ENTRY DUE:	January 30 th
LAST DAY TO DROP WITHOUT FEE:	February 1 st
LAST DAY TO ADD:	February 1 st

***IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:**

Ben Franklin:	504-286-2600
Barbara Fontenot Cell:	504-390-1013
Stephanie Garrison Cell:	845-380-7337

***E-MAIL:**

Entries/Questions: gbfont@aol.com

***ENTRY LIMITS:**

SPEECH: Students may enter up to 3 individual events.
DEBATE: One debate category only.

***TIME LIMITS:**

We will follow the new LHSSL rules.

***JUDGING REQUIREMENTS:**

DEBATE: 1 judge for every 3 entries or fraction thereof.

I.E, DUO/DUET: 1 judge for every 5 entries or fraction thereof.

Each school MUST provide the required number of judges. Names must accompany your entry. If a school cannot provide the required number of judges, your entry may be adjusted. The providing of community judges is greatly appreciated.

Judges are expected to check in with the ballot table prior to each round. Schools are asked to remain available for judging at least ONE round beyond their elimination. A \$25 fee will be assessed to any school who does not pick up their assigned ballots. Your diligence in picking up ballots helps the tournament run smoothly and on schedule.

AWARDS:

Trophies shall be awarded to the students placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all individual events and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in team events. Coaches will be notified of state qualifications based upon the state rules regarding the number of participants in each event.

FEES:

\$ 6.00 FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT, AND LD

\$12.00 FOR EACH TEAM EVENT (DUO/DUET, AND PF)

FOOD:

Competitors may purchase food throughout the tournament from members of our speech team in

the cafeteria. Judges will be served in the judge's lounge.

EVENT RULES:

1. Please see the NCFL and LHSSL constitutions in addition to the new coaches manual for complete rules governing each of the events offered.
2. We will use the January/February LD resolution, the February PF resolution, and the most recent Congress docket. Congress bills can be found on the lhsl website.
3. Please note that binders will be used for OI and DUO READING as regulated by the Louisiana High School Speech League.
4. Lap tops will be allowed in extemp prep, but users must follow league rules.

***We pride ourselves on the efficiency of our tournament. Your assistance in having your judges pick up their ballots on time, your students getting to their rounds on time, and your prompt arrival at registration will help greatly enhance your tournament experience and will be appreciated.**

SANCTIONING:

This tournament is sanctioned by the New Orleans Catholic Forensic League and the Louisiana High School Speech League.

SWEEPSTAKES POINTS:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Finalists
DUO/DUET	50	35	20	10
I.E./CONGRESS	35	25	15	5
LD	35	25	15	
PF	50	35	20	

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, February 3rd

12:30 p.m. Congress (In Library)
3:30 p.m. REGISTRATION I (Cafeteria)
4:00 p.m. DUO / Duet RD 1
Debate, RD 1
5:30 p.m. DUO / Duet RD 2
Debate, RD 2
6:30 Debate, RD 3
7:30 Debate, RD 4 **AND** DUO/Duet Semi Finals

SATURDAY, February 4th

7:30 a.m. REGISTRATION II (Cafeteria)
EXTEMP DRAW: LIBRARY
8:00 a.m. I.E. Events, RD I
9:15 a.m. EXTEMP DRAW, RD II
9:45 a.m. I.E. Events, RD II
11:00 a.m. DUO/DUET Finals
Debate Quarter Finals
12:15 p.m. EXTEMP DRAW, Semi Finals
12:45 p.m. I.E. Events Semi Finals
2:30 p.m. Debate, Semi Finals
4:00 p.m. Debate **AND** I.E. Finals
6:00 p.m. AWARDS