# National Speech and Debate Season Opener Invitation



The University of Kentucky Intercollegiate Debate Program cordially invites you to the National Speech and Debate Season Opener to be held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday September 9-11, 2017.

The tournament offers high quality competition as a Tournament of Champions qualifier in the following:

Octafinals bid in Public Forum

Quaterfinals bid in Policy

Finals bid in Lincoln-Douglas

Top 6 bid in Congress

Speech event bids according to size (see: <http://www.uktoc.com/speech.html> for more information)

Sincerely,

Dave Arnett

Director of Debate

University of Kentucky

## Events, Division, Entry/Judging Information

### Events and Divisions

The National Speech and Debate Season Opener will offer the following events:

Congressional Debate

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Policy Debate

Varsity division (with a JV breakout)

Novice division

Public Forum Debate

Varsity division

Junior Varsity division (with a novice breakout)

Middle School division

Speech

Dramatic Interpretation

Duo Interpretation

Extemporaneous Speaking

Humorous Interpretation

Informative Speaking

Oral Interpretation

Original Oratory

Program Oral Interpretation

### Topics

Lincoln-Douglas Debate will use the 2017-2018 September-October topic.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**—Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate will use the NSDA novice topic which is:

**Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified.**

Policy Debate will use the 2017-2018 topic:

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States.

Public Forum Debate will use the 2017-2018 September-October topic.

### Entry Limits per School

Initially each school will only be allowed 10 entries per event. All entries after the 10th entry will be put on a waitlist.

### Judging Requirements

In Policy Debate, 3 rounds of judging are required per team.

In Lincoln-Douglas Debate, 3 double-flighted rounds of judging are required per team.

In Public Forum Debate, one judge can cover 3 teams.

In Congressional Debate, one judge can cover 6 entries.

In Speech, one judge can cover 4 entries.

### Eligibility

All students who are sanctioned by their principals to complete as a member of their school may compete at the Season Opener. This DOES NOT mean that students who compete in clubs or as independents are excluded from participating.

However, those students, aiming to compete as a Club, Independent, or Hybrid entry must fill out the following forms, scan them, and return to Linda Barker at [linda.barker@uky.edu](mailto:linda.barker@uky.edu). The deadline to submit the forms is September 1, 2017.

**DEFINITION OF AN INDEPENDENT ENTRY**: An independent entry is an entry, which does not meet either of two important criteria: 1. Official sanctioning by their school. 2. Accompaniment by a chaperone who is an employee of the school.

**PROCESS and DEADLINE**: Students wishing to attend the National Speech and Debate Season Opener as an independent entry, club entry or from a home school must accurately complete the process below no later than September 1, 2017. Incomplete documentation will result in denial of entry.

**SUBMITTING LETTERS**: Please scan completed letters to linda.barker@uky.edu. It is the obligation of each Independent "Squad" to clearly label each letter with the "Squad name" and submit all of their documents in a single transmission, whether it be a single PDF email attachment or a single fax transmission. We cannot accept or process piecemeal transmissions of letters, as it is extremely difficult to match up names to entries.

**CHAPERONES**: Even though an entry is "independent," the attending students must still be accompanied by a parent or designated ADULT chaperone.

**TEAM NAME**: The students must use a variant of the school name if the students attend a "school," but may use the addition "Independent" as a portion of the name. If the entry is of a "home school" nature, the entry should reflect the geography of the entry - example: "Scranton Independent" for a home school independent entry from Scranton, PA.

**DECLARING INDEPENDENT/HOME SCHOOL STATUS**: Students must clearly indicate that they are an independent or home school entry upon signing-up. Entries discovered to be independent or home school during the tournament who did not correctly declare their status on Tabroom.com at point of entry and fully complete the required paperwork in advance of the tournament as specified in this list may be dropped from the tournament without refund.

**DUAL ENTRY**: Any given school cannot have both "regular school sanctioned entry" status and also have students enter from that school as "independent" entries - if a school is attending as a regular school sanctioned entry then ALL students who attend that school must enter as a part of that regular school sanctioned entry or they may not attend. Further, all students from a given school must be entered from the same account. We will not accept multiple independent entries from the same school submitted from multiple "independent" accounts.

**LETTERS/PERMISSION**: To be accepted as an independent entry the attending group must include complete and correctly executed authorization letter from the school and each set of parents or guardians

For an independent entry to be accepted, we must have:

A letter signed by a school administrator (principal or vice-principal) on school letterhead, with the text as in the template below. This letter must list the names of all students competing, and must also list the name of the chaperone. THE TEXT OF THE LETTERS CANNOT BE CHANGED OR ADDED TO IN ANY SUBSTANTIVE WAY; FOR EXAMPLE, WE CANNOT AND DO NOT INDEMNIFY SCHOOLS AGAINST LIABILITY - that is an issue between the family of the attending student, their school, and their respective legal counsels; and the National Speech and Debate Season Opener has no jurisdiction, legal or otherwise, to oversee, rule upon, or pass judgment on such assertions or declarations.

A letter from a parent of each participant, with the text as in the template below, is needed. All entries, including independents, must have an adult chaperone with them at the tournament.

**THE TEXT OF THE LETTERS SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS**:

**Parent Letter** (template--copy/paste the text and fill in the blanks as appropriate):

Date

Dave Arnett

Tournament Director

National Speech and Debate Season Opener

This letter is to inform you that we would like our child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to attend the National Speech and Debate Season Opener from September 9-11, 2017 and that she / he does so with our full consent and permission. We have arranged for our child to be fully-chaperoned and for transportation to our satisfaction, and accept full responsibility and liability for our child during the entire course of the event. We understand and agree that the National Speech and Debate Season Opener, their employees, and their agents provide no chaperones for the event, and further agree that the National Speech and Debate Season Opener, their employees, and their agents are hereby relieved of any responsibility or liability of any sort for the supervision of our child.

The following person will be chaperoning our child:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to our child: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

By signing this we are certifying that we are in fact the legal guardians of the listed child, and have full legal authority to act on the listed child's behalf.

Name

Sign

Date

**Contact info:**

Email:Phone:

**School Letter** (template--copy/paste the text and fill in the blanks as appropriate):

Date:

Dave Arnett

Tournament Director

National Speech and Debate Season Opener

This letter is to inform you that we have no objection to students from our school attending the National Speech and Debate Season Opener from September 9-11, 2017, as independent entries. We understand that the parents/guardians of the students have arranged for their children to be transported and fully-chaperoned to their satisfaction, and they have agreed to accept full responsibility and liability for their children during the entire course of the event. We further understand and agree the National Speech and Debate Season Opener, their employees, and their agents provide no chaperones for the event, and we have explained this to the parents of the children listed in this letter. These are the names of the students who attend our school, for whom we are certifying that we do not object to their participation in the above described event:

[list of students, with full names, goes here]

By signing this I am certifying that I am an official of the school and that I have full authority to act on the school's behalf in matters of this kind.

Name,

Sign,

Date

Contact info:

Email:

Phone:

### Congressional Legislation Information

We will accept submitted legislation until Friday August 18, 2018 with the goal of producing a docket no later than the 25th of August.

## Deadlines/Important Dates

**June 1, 2017:** Registration opens.

**August 15, 2017:** Deadline to Change TBA entries in Tabroom.com to **actual** names. After this date TBA entries will be replaced with entries that have names attached to them from the waitlist.

**August 29, 2017:** Fees Frozen. Drops after this date will still be charged the related entry fees.

**August 29, 2017:** Registering new entries deadline. You will not be able to make new additions to your tabroom entry after this date. You will need to email the tournament and things will be worked out on a case by case basis. Please email lincolngarrett49@gmail.com

## Fees and Hired Judging

### Entry Fees

School/Administrative fee $50 per school

Per Varsity Policy entry $125

Per Novice Policy entry $90

Per Varsity Lincoln-Douglas $90

Per Novice Lincoln-Douglas entry $70

Per Congressional Debate entry $50

Per Varsity Public Forum entry $110

Per Junior Varsity/Novice/Middle School PF entry $90

Per Duo Speech entry $80

Per Speech entry $40

### Payment Information

Two methods of payment:

1. Credit card online. The link to pay by credit card is here: http://ci.uky.edu/UKDebate/pay-fees-online-0

2. Mail a check. The check should be made payable to “UK Debate Tournaments,” and mailed to:

Season Opener

c/o Linda Barker

225 Funkhouser Bldg.

Lexington, KY 40506-0054

### Hired Judging

The tournament will have limited hired judging available. The rates are $200 to cover one Policy/PF/LD entry and $400 to cover two. The cost to cover a Congress or Speech entry is $60 per entry. Hired judging fees are not refundable.

All judging requests need to be communicated to lincolngarrett49@gmail.com. You will receive an email either confirming your request or letting you know if we cannot accommodate it. Requests should be communicated prior to August 29, 2017.

### Penalties

The penalty for a judge failing to report to a preliminary debate is $50 a round missed. For an elimination round this penalty is a $100. This includes when a judge is obligated to the tournament for judging and fails to report a scheduled round even if a replacement judge is secured.

These penalties have to be paid before a team is allowed to advance to the next stage of elimination debates (i.e. if a preliminary fine is incurred, the team will not be able to clear unless the fine is paid).

## Tournament Hotel Info

The tournament hotel will be the Campbell House Lexington, Curio Collection by Hilton.

Address: 1375 S Broadway, Lexington, KY 40504

Phone: 859-255-4281.

**Hotel:**The Campbell House Lexington, Curio Collection by Hilton  
  
**Group Name:**UK Debate - Season Opener

**Group Code:** OVHC

## Schedules

### NOTE

These are tentative schedules for each event. Changes could be made depending on the composition of a given event. Schedules may be accelerated, particularly during elimination rounds to help the tournament run more efficiently.

### Congress Schedule

#### Saturday

7:50 Opening Judge Meeting

8:00-11:00 Session 1

11:00-Noon Lunch

Noon-3 Session 2

3:30-6:30 Session 3

#### Sunday

8:00-11:00 Semifinals

11:00-Noon Lunch

12:15-3:15 Finals

### LD Schedule

#### Saturday

7:30 Pairing

8:00 R1 A

9:15 R1 B

10:45 R2 A

11:30 Lunch Begins

12:00 R2 B

1:30 R3 Pairings

2:00 R3 A

3:15 R3 B

4:45 R4 Pairing

5:15 R4 A

6:30 R4 B

#### Sunday

7:30 R5 Pairing

8:00 R5 A

9:15 R5 B

10:45 R6 Pairing

11:15 R6 A

11:30 Lunch Begins

12:30 R6 B

1:00 Awards

1:30 Elim 1 Pairing

2:00 Elim 1 (Single Flight)

3:30 Elim 2 Pairing

4:00 Elim 2 (Single Flight)

5:30 Elim 3 Pairing

6:00 Elim 3 (Single Flight)

7:30 Elim 4 Pairing

8:00 Elim 4 (Single Flight)

### Policy Schedule

#### Saturday

7:30 R1 Pairing

8:00 R1 Start

10:00 R1 Decision Time

10:30 R2 Start

Noon Lunch begins serving

12:30 R2 Decision Time

1:00 R3 Pairing

1:30 R3 Start

3:30 R3 Decision Time

3:45 R4 Pairing

4:15 R4 Start

6:15 R4 Decision Time

#### Sunday

7:30 Pairing

8:00 R5 Start

10:00 R5 Decision Time

10:15 R6 Pairing

10:45 R6 Start

Noon Lunch begins serving

12:45 R6 Decision Time

1:30 Awards

2:00 Doubles Pairing

2:30 Doubles Start

4:45 Double Decision Time

5:00 Octas Pairing

5:30 Octas Start

7:45 Octas Decision Time

#### Monday

7:30 Pairing

8:00 Quarter Start

10:15 Quarters Decision Time

10:30 Semis Pairing

11:00 Semis Start

1:15 Semis Decision Time

1:30 Finals Pairing

2:00 Finals Start

4:15 Finals Decision Time

### PF Schedule

#### Saturday

7:30AM - Judge Meeting

7:45AM - Pairings R1

8:00AM - R1 A

9:00AM - R1 B

10:15AM - R2 A

11:15AM - R2 B

11:30AM - Lunch Begins

12:45PM - R3 Pairing

1:00PM - R3A

2:00PM - R3B

3:30 - R4 Pairings

3:45 - R4 A

4:45 - R4 B

6:15 - R5 Pairings

6:30 - R5 A

7:30 - R5 B

#### Sunday

7:30AM - R6 Pairings

8:00AM - R6 A

9:00AM - R6 B

10:30 - Awards

11:00 - Trips Pairings (Partial)

11:30 - Trips (Single Flight)

11:30 - Lunch Begins

12:45 - Doubles Pairing (Full)

1:15 - Doubles A (2 Flights)

2:15 - Doubles B (2 Flights)

3:30 - Octas Pairing

4:00 - Octas (Single Flight)

5:15 - Quarters Pairing

5:45 - Quarters (Single Flight)

7:00 - Semis Pairing

7:15 - Semis (Single Flight)

8:30 - Finals Pairing

8:45 - Finals (Single Flight)

### Speech Schedule

#### Flight A

Extemporaneous Speaking

Humorous Interpretation

Program Oral Interpretation

Informative Speaking

#### Flight B

Original Oratory

Duo Interpretation

Dramatic Interpretation

Oral Interpretation

#### Saturday

8:00 AM Draw for Round 1, Flight A Extemporaneous Speaking

8:30 AM Round 1, Flight A

10:00 AM Round 1, Flight B

11:30 AM Draw for Round 2, Flight A Extemporaneous Speaking

12:00 PM Round 2, Flight A

1:30 PM Round 2, Flight B

3:00 PM Draw for Round 3, Flight A Extemporaneous Speaking

3:30 PM Round 3, Flight A

5:00 PM Round 3, Flight B

#### Sunday

8:00 AM Draw for Round 4, Flight A Extemporaneous Speaking

8:30 AM Round 4, Flight A

10:00 AM Round 4, Flight B

11:30 PM Draw for Quarterfinals Extemporaneous Speaking

12:00 PM Round 5 flight A and Quarterfinals

1:30 PM Round 5, Flight B and Quarterfinals

3:30 PM Semifinals Extemp Draw

4:00 PM Semifinals all events

5:30 PM Finals in all events