

**Ridge High School
Basking Ridge, New Jersey**

The 2017 RIDGE DEBATES
DECEMBER 8 & 9, 2017

Featuring
Lincoln-Douglas Debate -two divisions – TOC Finals Bids
Policy Debate - two divisions
Public Forum – two divisions – TOC Semifinals Bids
Congressional Debate

IMPORTANT DATES:

11/1/2017 @ 3:00pm- Registration Opens

11/22/2017 @ 11:55pm - TBAs Cleared from Rosters

11/27/2017 - Hotel Blocks @ Basking Ridge Courtyard & Bridgewater Marriott Close

11/28/2017 @ 11:55pm - Congress Legislation Due

12/4/2017 @ 11:55pm - Entry Fees Frozen

12/4/2017 @ 11:55pm - Judges Due

12/8/2017 @ 9:00am - Drop Fees assessed in addition to Entry Fee.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

David Yastremski – Tournament Director – dyastremski@bernardsboe.com

Barbara Retzko – Financial Manager – RidgeForensicsFinance@bernardsboe.com

Checks and Purchase Orders should be made payable to “RHS Student Activities”

School Mailing Address: Ridge High School, c/o Barbara Retzko,

268 South Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

ENTRY FEES & REQUIREMENTS:

School Registration Fee \$25.00 - waived for school travelling from 100+ miles away.

Independent Entries are not allowed. All students must have the explicit permission of their Board of Education, Headmaster, and/or any appropriate institutional authority. Mavericks and Hybrid Teams are not allowed in the tournament. Novice debaters must be in their first year of the activity and in grades 8-10. 11th graders, in their first year, will be allowed in CX with prior approval of tournament director. 8th grade students may compete in the appropriate division with the approval of their school districts.

Each Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debater: \$60.00,

Each Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debater: \$40.00

Each Public Forum Team \$80.00

Each CX Team \$80.00

Each Congress entry: \$30.00

Checks should be made payable to "RHS STUDENT ACTIVITIES."

A Friday dinner and Saturday lunch and dinner will be provided to all competitors, judges, and chaperones. In addition, we will be selling other concession items throughout the weekend.

All fees will be assessed on Monday, December 5th at 11:55pm. Any changes or drops will be assessed accordingly. No adds after the deadline will be permitted unless space permits. All payment must be made at registrations; purchase order forms are an acceptable form of payment.

JUDGE REQUIREMENTS:

Lincoln-Douglas: One qualified judge per three entered debaters.

Public Forum: One qualified judge per three Public Forum teams

CX: One qualified judge per two Policy teams. **There are no CX judges for hire.**

Junior/Senior Debaters with established experience/records may be used as 'novice' judges only in LD, CX, and PF. However, junior/senior debaters may only cover entries in novice categories. You cannot cover your open division obligations with student judges.

Hired Judging Fee \$175.00 per judge. There are no 'hired' judges available in CX. Please provide judges to cover your entire CX entry.

We ask that you supply as many 'qualified' judges possible. A qualified judge is able to clearly define his/her standards as a judge both before the round and during an oral critique. Please no novice/untrained judges. We want to ensure the students receive the highest quality of judging possible. Judges will be required to stay one round past elimination of their debater(s).

CHAPERONE REQUIREMENT: Every school must have an adult chaperone ON SITE for the ENTIRITY of the tournament.

MJP

Mutual Judge Preferencing will be used in Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate. All judge obligations must be satisfied in order to complete rankings. We reserve the right to assign Varsity judges to the Novice pool, as we see fit. We expect varsity judges to publish paradigms at

<http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/>

AWARDS

Awards will be given to all outround participants, pending entry numbers, including speaker awards in LD, CX, and Public Forum.

THERE IS NO HOUSING OFFERED THIS YEAR. Sorry. Due to minimal participation, we will not have a shuttle to the hotel this year. There is no hotel within walking distance of the school. Schools are responsible for their own transportation to the hotel.

WE HAVE THREE BLOCKS OF ROOMS AVAILABLE. DEADLINE FOR GROUP RATE IS MONDAY, 11/27/2017 OR FRIDAY 11/17/17. PLEASE SEE BELOW.

HOTEL	RATES	BOOKING INFO
Courtyard Basking Ridge 595 Martinsville Road Basking Ridge, NJ 07920	Room Block Information: * Rates: \$89– King Room w/ Sleeper Sofa \$99 – Double Queen * Dates: 12/8/17 – 12/9/17 * Breakfast: Not Included * Cut-Off Date: 11/27/17	Call Central Reservations: 800.321.2211 and reference Ridge Debates 2017 at the Courtyard Basking Ridge or ONLINE
Bridgewater Marriott 700 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ. 10-15 minute drive	Room Block Information: * Rates: \$99– King Room \$109 – Double Queen * Dates: 12/8/17 – 12/9/17 * Breakfast: Not Included * Cut-Off Date: 11/27/17	Call - 1 (800) 228-9290 or (908) 927-9300
Courtyard Whippany 157 NJ-10, Whippany, NJ 07981 20-25 minute drive.	Room Block Information: * Rates: \$79– King Room \$89 – Double Queen * Dates: 12/8/17 – 12/9/17 * Breakfast: Not Included * Cut-Off Date: 11/17/17	Call Central Reservations: 800.321.2211 and reference Ridge Debates 2017 at the Courtyard Whippany or ONLINE

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE LEGISLATION: Properly formatted legislation can be emailed to dyastremski@bernardsboe.com by Tuesday, November 28th, 2017.

MEALS

Students, coaches, and judges will receive meals as part of their registration. Concessions will be available to purchase throughout the tournament

ENTRY DETAILS

Entries are due Monday, December 5th, at 11:59pm. Fees will be fixed on December 5th. Schools who drop after the entry deadline of December 5th but before December 8th will still be assessed the original entry fees. Judge/Student drops any time after 9am on Friday, December 8th will be subject to a \$35.00 fine in addition to entry fee and judge quotient responsibility.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Congress schedule may be adjusted pending entries.

Friday, December 8

1:00-2:00pm	Registration at Ridge High School Performing Arts Center
3:00-5:00pm	Round I: LD, CX, PF
3:30-6:00pm	Round I – Congressional
5:00-7:00pm	Round II: LD, CX, PF
7:00-9:30pm	Round II – Congressional
7:30pm – 9:30pm	Round III: LD, CX, PF

Saturday, December 9

8:00am-10:00am	Round IV – LD, CX, PF
9:00-11:30am	Round III - Congressional
10:30am-12:30pm	Round V – LD, CX, PF
1:30	Congressional Finals and other outrounds commence.

also...during the Emory weekend

The 2018 Ridge Invitational

**Speech, LD (3 divisions), Public Forum (3 divisions),
and Student Congress – TOC Qualifier in Speech Events**

January 27, 2018