

## **The Raymond B. Furlong Invitational at Saint James School**

6010 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116  
August 21, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and students of the Saint James School forensics team, it is my pleasure to extend to you an invitation for you and your students to attend the 30th annual Raymond B. Furlong Invitational to be held on October 13th and 14th on the Saint James School campus. Please note that RBF is a Finals qualifier for the National Tournament of Champions (TOC) in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. We are also a qualifier to the TOC in Speech events. Speech events will be held on Friday and Saturday with each guaranteed four preliminary rounds for each event before going into the required elimination rounds depending on the entry. Debate will have six preliminary rounds. All debaters may only enter that event—no cross entries will be allowed. Brackets will not be broken in any debate event. We will have a limited number of hired judges available for the tournament, so please indicate a need for hiring via email. The Lincoln-Douglas topic and the Public Forum Debate topic will be the September/October NFL topic. The Policy topic will be the high school 2017-2018 Policy topic. Initial entry on the website is necessary; no phone or fax entries will be accepted. Entries will be accepted until 5:00 pm on Friday, September 15th. We will only be accepting entries and changes on line. See the information page about specific drop deadlines and fees.

Sincerely,

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## Tournament Details

**Entry Limits Per School:** Initially each school will only be allowed six entries per event. All entries after the sixth entry will be put on a waitlist.

**Judging Requirements:** In Policy Debate, three rounds of judging are required per team. In Lincoln-Douglas Debate, three double-flighted rounds of judging are required per team. In Public Forum Debate, one judge can cover three teams. In Congressional Debate, one judge can cover six entries. In Speech, one judge can cover five entries.

**Congressional Legislation Information:** We will accept submitted legislation until Friday, September 29, 2017 with the goal of producing a docket no later than October 2.

### **Deadlines/Important Dates**

**August 20:** Registration opens.

**October 2:** Deadline to add or change entries in tabroom.com and deadline to register new entries. You will not be able to make new additions to your tabroom entry after this date. You will need to email the tournament organizers, who will address requests on a case by case basis. Please email [iturnipseed@stjweb.org](mailto:iturnipseed@stjweb.org)

**October 9:** Fees frozen. Drops after this date will still be charged the designated entry fees.

### **Entry Fees**

Per Policy Entry	\$30
Per Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Entry	\$15
Per Novice Lincoln-Douglas Entry	\$15
Per Congressional Debate Entry	\$10
Per Varsity Public Forum Entry	\$30
Per Speech Entry	\$15

**Hired Judging:** The tournament will have limited hired judging available. The rates are \$200 to cover one Policy entry and \$150 to cover two PF/LD entries. 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 [iturnipseed@stjweb.org](mailto:iturnipseed@stjweb.org). You will receive an email either confirming your request or letting you know if we cannot accommodate it. Requests should be communicated prior to October 2, 2017.

**Penalties:** The penalty for a judge failing to report to a preliminary debate/speech is \$50 a round missed. For an elimination round, this penalty is \$100. This includes when a judge is obligated to the tournament for judging and fails to report to a scheduled round, even if a replacement judge has been 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. Every judge is obligated to judge one round past where a debater drops from the tournament and in the Finals of all Speech events.

### **Tournament Hotel Info**

The tournament hotel will be the Courtyard Marriott.

Address: 5555 Carmichael Road  
Montgomery, AL 36117

Phone: (334) 272-5533

Rate: \$94/night

Group Name: RBF Tournament

**The Furlong Invitational Schedule**  
October 2017

*Registration will take place on Friday, October 13th from 1:30 to 2:00  
in Furlong Hall on the Saint James campus.*

**Lincoln-Douglas/Public Forum**

Friday, October 13th

**Round 1**

Flight A—2:30 - 3:30

Flight B—3:30 - 4:30

**Round 2**

Flight A—4:45 - 5:45

Flight B—6:00 - 7:00

**Round 3**

Flight A—7:15 - 8:15

Flight B—8:30 - 9:30

Saturday, October 14th

**Round 4**

Flight A—8:00 - 9:00

Flight B—9:15 - 10:15

**Round 5**

Flight A—10:30 - 11:30

Flight B—11:45 - 12:45

**Round 6**

Flight A—1:45 - 2:45

Flight B—3:00 - 4:00

**Single Flighted Out Rounds**

Quarters—4:30 pm

Semis—5:30 pm

Finals—6:30 pm

## Individual Events

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### **Round 3**

Flight A—8:15

Saturday, October 14th

### **Round 3**

Flight B—9:00 - 10:00

### **Round 4**

Flight A—10:30 - 11:30

Flight B—1:00 - 2:00

### **Out Rounds**

Semis:

Flight A—2:15 - 3:15

Flight B—3:30 - 4:30

Finals:

Flight A—4:45 - 5:45

Flight B—6:00 - 7:00