

Individual Events/General Information

1. Double entries are allowed in all speech events except extemp.
2. One judge must be provided for every 5 entries or fraction thereof.
3. A final round for the top 6 contestants in each category. "Honor" finals for the next 6 contestants.
4. Awards will be given to all finalists.

Extemp

1. Three categories will be offered: foreign, domestic, and novice.
2. **Double entry is prohibited.**
3. Speech time is 7 minutes maximum. Prep time is 30 minutes. Notes are discouraged.
4. A novice is defined as a first year extemper. A novice is not entered in varsity debate.
5. Novice topics will be drawn from both foreign and domestic lists.

Oratory

1. Two categories will be offered: varsity and novice.
2. Orations must not have been used prior to September 1, 2015.
3. Orations must be the original work of the student and memorized.
4. Speech time is 10 minutes maximum.
5. A novice is defined as a first year orator. A novice is not entered in varsity debate.

Informative

1. We will attempt to offer two categories: Novice and varsity
2. If there is not at least 2 sections in each division, we will collapse to one.
3. Informs must not have been used prior to September 1, 2015.
4. Informs must be the original work of the student and memorized.
5. Speech time is 10 minutes maximum.
6. All topics must be informative in nature; the goal is to educate, not to advocate

Dramatic/Humorous/Duo Interp/POI

1. National Speech and Debate Association rules in regard to cutting, selection, and performance will be followed.
2. Speech time is 10 minutes maximum.
3. *Performances in POI must use a manuscript and have at least two different genres of literature*

Varsity Policy Debate

1. **Students entered in varsity policy cannot enter any other event at the tournament** (See invite for explanation)
2. Format is switch-side. 8-3-5. Five minutes prep time.
3. National debate topic will be used.
4. Five preliminary rounds breaking to Semi-finals. Rounds 1 and 2 will be pre-set. Rounds 3, 4, and 5 will be powered.
5. Awards given for top 4 teams.
6. Head coaches are expected to judge this division. A qualified adult judge must be provided for every two teams. First year college students with at least 2 years experience of high school Varsity Policy may judge.

Junior Varsity Policy Debate

1. *This division is for students in their first two years of debate. If one member of the team is a 3rd year debater, regardless of events debated, place the team in varsity*
2. Format is switch-side. 8-3-5. Five minutes prep time.
3. National debate topic will be used.
4. Five preliminary rounds breaking to finals (If Needed). Rounds 1 and 2 will be pre-set. Rounds 3, 4, and 5 will be powered.
5. Awards given through top 4.
6. A qualified adult judge must be provided for every two teams.

Novice Policy Debate

1. Format is switch-side. 8-3-5. Five minutes prep time.
2. National debate topic with the SDFCA novice case limits.
 - 1) STEM
 - 2) Charter schools or VouchersNovices may also run the 50 States Counterplan – Unconditionally; Aff's may run 50 states fiat bad theory.
3. 5 prelims rounds. Rounds 1 – 3 Pre-set; Rounds 4 & 5 powered
4. Awards given to top 4 teams based on records.
5. This division is designed for **first year debaters only**. Second year debaters will be disqualified. (if one partner is a second year debater, put the team in JV)
6. An adult judge or competent high school junior/senior must be provided for every two teams entered.

LD and PFO will be flighted. A judge will judge ½ of the flight.

Varsity Lincoln Douglas

1. Format is switch side. 6-3-7-3-4-6-3. Four minutes prep time.
2. January/February national debate topic will be used.
3. Five preliminary rounds breaking to semifinals. Rounds 1 and 2 will be pre-set. Rounds 3, 4, and 5 will be powered.
4. Awards given through semifinals.
5. A qualified adult judge must be provided for every two debaters. First year college students with at least 2 years experience of high school Varsity LD may judge.

Novice Lincoln Douglas

1. Format is switch side. 6-3-7-3-4-6-3. Four minutes prep time.
2. January/February national debate topic will be used.
3. Five pre-set rounds breaking to finals
4. Awards given to finalists and the next two teams based on prelims.
5. This division is for first year debaters. If they debated for a year in another event, they should be in JV.
6. A qualified adult judge must be provided for every two debaters.

Varsity Public Forum Debate

1. The teams will begin each round with a coin flip to decide side and speaking order.
2. The teams will debate the *January* NSDA topic.
3. Five preliminary rounds breaking to Semifinals. Rounds 1 and 2 will be pre-set. Rounds 3, 4, and 5 will be powered.
4. Awards given through semifinal
5. A judge must be provided for every two teams entered or fraction thereof

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2. The teams will debate the *January* NSDA topic.
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4. Awards given through semifinal
5. This division is for students in their first two years of debate. If one member of the team is a 3rd year debater, regardless of events debated, place the team in varsity
6. A judge must be provided for every two teams entered or fraction thereof

Novice Public Forum Debate

1. The teams will begin each round with a coin flip to decide side and speaking order.
2. The teams will debate the *January* NSDA topic.
3. Rounds 1 – 3 will be preset. Rounds 4 and 5 will be powered based on rounds 1-3.
4. This division will break to Semi-Finals.
5. This division will be comprised of teams where both students are in their first year of debate.
6. A judge must be provided for every two teams entered or fraction thereof