

MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM

September 21, 2017

Dear Coaches,

The Mount Carmel Academy Speech and Debate Team is pleased to invite you and your team to compete in our annual tournament November 10th and 11th, 2017. We will be offering the following events: Declamation, Extemporaneous Speaking (Jr/Sr), Impromptu Speaking (Jr/Sr), Original Oratory, Oral Interpretation (Jr/Sr), Program Oral Interpretation, Dramatic Performance, Humorous Performance, Duo Reading, Duet Acting, Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate, Advance Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate (open division), Policy Debate (novice and advance if enough entries) and Congress. **As an experiment, we are going to offer a supplemental event called “Improvisational Interp.” Please see guidelines on page 3.**

Registration is located on tabroom.com. Parking is available in the front horse-shoe and in the parking lot. Enter the parking lot from Louisville Street. Additional parking is located across the street in the Robert’s parking lot beyond the signs that say MCA parking starts here. Please do not park in any reserved spots.

The deadline for entries is Monday, November 6, 2017. The last day to add or drop entries without a fee will be Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

PLEASE NOTE: We 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,

Kristi Jacobs-Stanley, Speech Coach – [kjacob@mcacubs.org](mailto:kjacobs@mcacubs.org)
Kristen Schaeffer, Debate Coach - kschaeffer@mcacubs.org
Beth Anne Merida, Coach
Daniel Casanova, Coach

***DEADLINES:**

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| ENTRY DUE: | November 6 th |
| LAST DAY TO DROP WITHOUT FEE: | November 9 th |
| LAST DAY TO ADD: | November 9 th |

***IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Mount Carmel Academy: | 504-288-7626 x5165 |
| Kristi Jacobs-Stanley Cell: | 504-319-1056 |
| Kristen Schaeffer Cell: | 901-483-0758 |

***E-MAIL:**

Entries/Questions: [kjacobsmc@mcacubs.org](mailto:kjacobs@mcacubs.org)

***ENTRY LIMITS:**

SPEECH: Students may enter up to 3 individual events.

DEBATE: One debate category only.

DUO/DUET: May not enter debate.

***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 NCFE and LHSSL constitutions in addition to the new coaches manual for complete rules governing each of the events offered.
2. We will use the November/December LD resolution, the November PF resolution, and the November Congress docket. Congress bills can be found on the LHSSL website.
3. Please note that binders will be used for OI as regulated by the Louisiana High School Speech League.
4. Please note we are running DUO INTERPRETATION and there will be NO BINDERS.
5. As an experiment, we are going to offer a supplemental event called "Improvisational Interp". We will use the following guidelines:
 - All potential contestants must pre-register on tabroom (you must declare in advance who the potential contestants from your school will be).
 - Once break lists are out in all events, we will hold a re-registration. Students must re-register in person. Those who fail to re-register will not be permitted to compete in this event.
 - Only those who do not break in any event are eligible to re-register.
 - The event will take place on Saturday afternoon concurrent with elimination rounds in the other speech and debate events.
 - Students may not enter cross-enter between Improv Interp and any other event (such as Congress).
 - This is a limited prep event with the following rules:
 - Contestants must report to the prep room at the designated times
 - Each contestant will be given a script. Contestants must provide their own binder (same size that would be used for OI or POI), paper, scissors, tape, highlighter, pen.
 - Contestants will have 30 minutes to cut and prepare their piece. They must use the manuscript given to them. Transitional words and phrases can be added in accordance with similar rules for other interp events.
 - Contestants must include an introduction (maximum of 20 sec) which must include title and author of piece.
 - This is a reading event, so a balance of eye contact between the audience and the manuscript is required.
 - Maximum time limit (including introduction) is 5 min (with a 15 sec grace period)

***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 |
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| DUO/DUET | 50 | 35 | 20 | 10 |
| I.E./CONGRESS | 35 | 25 | 15 | 5 |
| LD | 35 | 25 | 15 | |
| PF | 50 | 35 | 20 | |

Mount Carmel Academy
TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, November 10, 2017

12:30 p.m. Congress
3:30 p.m. REGISTRATION I (Café Campbell – Small 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, November 11, 2017

7:30 a.m. REGISTRATION II (Café Campbell – Small Cafeteria)
EXTEMP DRAW: LIBRARY
8:00 a.m. I.E. Events, RD I
9:30 a.m. EXTEMP DRAW, RD II
10:00 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