January 27, 2018

Dear Coaches,

 We are pleased to invite you and your team to our third Wildcat Winter Tournament on February 23-24, 2018, and hope that it is a rewarding experience. We will do our best to run on time and provide engaged judges.

We plan to offer the following events: Declamation (10th grade and under only), Jr and Sr Divisions of Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Original Oratory, Oral Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, and Duet Acting; Student Congress; Novice and Advanced LD Debate; open division PF and Policy Debate. We will collapse the Junior and Senior divisions in events where registration numbers do not justify division.

Registration, Ballots, and the Judges’ Lounge will be in the foyer of the COI (main High School building). School releases at 2:50 pm and the carpool line is daunting, but parking should be easy after 3:20 around the COI or in front of the gym. Buses should park in the circle in front of the gym or on the unpaved parking area adjacent to the soccer field. The Covington/Madisonville Holiday Inn Express on Stirling Blvd. is 3 minutes away, adjacent to restaurants, and was recommended by teams who visited previously.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact us. Best of luck to everyone!

Sincerely,

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Christ Episcopal School Speech and Debate

**Deadlines**

Register by Monday 2/22

Add/drop without penalty 2/24

**Entry Limits/ Cross-Entering**

Individual Speech events- Limit 3 per student. May also enter Debate, or Congress, or Duo/Duet

Duo/Duet- May enter both. May also enter 3 Individual events.

Debate- May enter 1 type of debate, plus up to 3 individual events. Cross-entry with Congress is time-conflicted.

**Judging Requirements**

 1 Judge for every 3 LD debaters

 1 Judge for every 3 PF Teams

 1 Judge for every 3 Policy Teams

 1 Judge for every 5 individual event speech entries

 1 judge for every 5 teams in duo/duet

All Judges are beseeched to stay one round beyond that in which their team has their last student eliminated in the event they are judging.

We regret that our judging pool is not deep enough to make a blanket offer of hired judges - but if you are travelling more than an hour and judging limits pose a particular problem, please contact us. We will do our best to find a local judge for hire. We are also sympathetic to small teams with only one entry in two or three different types of debate…we’ll work with you.

All judges need a timing device(ie, smart phone) and debate judges should bring technology that allows for an online ballot to be entered, and should register with Tabroom before the tournament.

**Awards**

Awards will be given to the top 4 in Duo/Duet, and to the top 3 teams/individuals in all other events.

**Fees**

$6 per entry in any individual event

$12 per entry in any team event

$6 drop penalty/entry dropped after Wednesday deadline, plus fee forfeiture

$25 penalty for each round that a school’s judge fails to appear.

**Food**

Meals and snacks will be sold in the gym for competitors. Judges will be served in the COI.

**Event Rules and Sanctioning**

This tournament is sanctioned by the Louisiana High School Speech League, and will follow the Rules for Standardization of that organization. Middle School students are welcome to compete in accordance with those rules.

The Debate Topics will be the NSDA topic for the month of February for each type of debate. We will assign sides in PF prelims and Pro will speak first. Congress will use the LHSSL legislation posted online through the date of the tournament and students should bring their own copies of the legislation.

Duo Interpretation entries should not use binders.

We may alter the schedule to accommodate different numbers in any event. For instance, if numbers are small in an ie, we may go two rounds to finals in lieu of a third round, or have round 3 constitute a semi-final if numbers are large.

 **Tournament Schedule**

**Friday, Feb. 23**

**Registration 3:30-4 (COI Lobby)**

**Congress -Session 1 4:00- 6:00**

 **Session 2 7:00-9:00**

**Duo/Duet/Debate**

 **Round 1 4:00**

 **Round 2 5:15**

 **Round 3 7:00**

 **Round 4 Debate 8:15**

 **Duo-Duet Semis 8:15**

**Saturday, Feb 24**

**Registration 8:00-8:30 (COI Lobby)**

**Individual Events**

 **Round 1 8:30 (Extemp Prep 8:00)**

 **Round 2 10:30 (Prep: 10:00 )**

**Debate Elim 1 11:30**

**Duo/Duet Finals 11:30 IE Semis 1:00 (Prep 12:30)**

**Debate Elim 2 2:30**

**IE Finals 4:00 (Prep 3:30)**

**Debate Elim 3 4:30**

**Awards \* 6:00 (Theatre)**

**\*Schedule will be expedited to move this up if possible.**