

Dear Speech and/or Debate Coach and/or Sponsor

The Norfolk Senior High Speech and Debate program will again be hosting the Roger Maxwell Fall Tournament. The two-day tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14. Individual events will be held on Friday with debate events following on Saturday.

In debate, both novice and open divisions will be offered. Division for speech are noted below by (N)ovice and (O)pen. If needed, divisions/events may be combined.

The following events will be offered:

Speech:

Humorous Interp (O/N)
Dramatic Interp (O/N)
Poetry (O/N)
Informative (O/N)
Extemp (O/N)
Entertainment (O/N)
Oratory/Persuasive (O/N)
Impromptu (O/N)
Duet Acting/Duo Interp (O)
OID (O)

Debate

Policy (O/N)
Lincoln Douglas (O/N)
Public Forum (O/N)
Student Congress (O/N)

Speech events, with the exception of Duet/Duo events, will follow the NSAA rules and timelines. Complete rules are available on the NSAA website: <http://www.nsaahome.org/speech>. Digital files will be allowed in Extemp. Extemp will have 30 minutes of prep time. For Duet/Duo, entries may use either duet acting or duo interp style performances with a 12 minute maximum time limit.

Congress Bills will be available from the nscta.info/index.php/nscta-site-archive/2014-congressional-debate website soon. Updates for all events will be made via the joy of tournaments website.

We will not use paper registration.

Speech registration is available via: www.speechwire.com

Debate registration is available via www.tabroom.com

Registration deadline is November 10 at 5 p.m. The website will be closed at that time. Fees will be assessed at that time. Adds/changes after that time must be made by email and will be subject to approval by the tournament directors. Please make sure any late adds have judges supplied. If you have any questions about the tournament, feel free to email: chrisbegeman@npsne.org (debate) or peggybelt@npsne.org (speech).

Please, please, PLEASE: Make every effort to bring judges. Out here in the sort of middle of nowhere, our judge pool is shallow, though our judges are deep. Frankly, we don't have a lot of judges here. We would prefer that you bring judges rather than give us money for open judging slots! We also may be forced to refuse entries if you do not provide enough judges to cover your entry. Again, this is something we don't like to do, but we don't have many options.

Also, please try to use email as much as possible if you need information, have questions, or need to make changes. Phones and faxes are 20th century. It makes it much easier for everyone involved if you can use email. If **absolutely necessary**, the High School's phone number is 402.644.2529.

We look forward to seeing you in November!

Chris Begeman

Peggy Belt

Amber Doughty

Shawna Schaecher

Tentative Schedule

Friday

Registration	1:00 - 1:45 p.m. (Johnny Carson Theatre)
General Meeting	2:00 p.m.
Extemp Draw	2:00 p.m.
Round I (except extemp)	2:15
Round I (extemp)	2:30
Extemp Draw	3:30
Round II	4:00 (all events)
Extemp Draw	5:00
Round III	5:30 (all events)

Dinner Break

Finals Extemp Draw	ASAP (hopefully 7:00)
Final Round (all events)	ASAP (hopefully 7:30)
Awards	ASAP (In the Little Theatre)

Saturday

Registration (All events)	7:30 – 8:00 a.m. (In the forum area)
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Policy Debate

Round I	8:15 a.m.
Round II	10:30 a.m.
Round III	1:30 p.m.
Round IV	4:00 p.m.
Awards	6:00 p.m. (in the Little Theatre)
Finals	ASAP

LD/Public Forum

Round I	8:15 a.m.
Round II	9:30 a.m.
Round III	11:00 a.m.
Round IV	1:00 p.m.
Round V	3:00 p.m.
Semifinals	4:30 p.m.
Awards	6:00 p.m. (in the Little Theatre)
Finals	ASAP

Congress

Opening Remarks	8:15
Session I	8:30 – 10:30
Session II	10:45 – 12:30 p.m.
Session III	1:00 – 3:00
Session IV/Voting	3:15 – 5:00
Awards	6:00 (in the Little Theatre)

Event Information

Debate will follow **NSDA** rules for times and event rules. (Policy debate will have 8 minutes of prep time). Novice students should be in their first year of competition in their respective debate event.

We will use the November topic for **Public Forum**,
Resolved: In response to the current crisis, a government should prioritize the humanitarian needs of refugees over its national interests.

Lincoln Douglas will use the **November/December** topic:

Resolved: In the United States criminal justice system, jury nullification ought to be used in the face of perceived injustice.

Policy Debate will use the current NFL resolution:

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially curtail its domestic surveillance.

Congress bills are available on the a shared Google Folder at <https://goo.gl/SL0NME>

Our intention is to follow the National Forensic league guidelines of having one parliamentarian and two point recorders in each house.

Any speech event with fewer than 18 entries will not break to a final.

Speech

NSAA speech events will follow the NSAA rules and times (rules at www.nsaahome.org), **other than Duet Acting/Duo Interp.**

For Duet Acting/Duo interp, students may use either type of performance, NSAA acting or NFL Interp. They may use one table and two chairs, but no other props. Scripts are discouraged. Time limit will be 12 minutes.

Impromptu topics will vary by round and may include any of the following: quotations, questions, words, or objects. Contestants may choose either humorous or serious interpretations of questions. A sample ballot is available if you would like one.

Students may enter up to 3 speech events. Please note, we will not delay the tournament to wait for entries. If a student is not in the room with 10 minutes left prior to the start of the next round, that student will not compete in the round. No exceptions. Please plan accordingly. Students in extemp may lose prep time. Students in group events must plan appropriately.

Any speech event with fewer than 18 entries will not break to a final. Novice events will have 1 judge in finals. Final rounds will have 6 competitors in individual events, 5 in duet/duo and 4 in OID.

If you have any questions about the events, feel free to email chrisbegeman@npsne.org or peggybelt@npsne.org.

Tournament Fees and Awards

The fees for the tournament are as follows:

- C-X Debate \$25
- L-D Debate \$20
- PF Debate \$20
- Congress \$15
- Speech \$7

For debate entries, please provide **one adult judge** for every two entries or fraction thereof. If you have two entries, you'll need one judge. If you have three entries, you'll need two judges. The tournament has a LIMITED number of judges available for hire. **Policy** and **LD** judges are \$150 per judge. **PF** is \$100 and **Congress** is \$75. If you have students competing in **congress**, we ask that you provide one judge for every six entries (we may need to use the judge in another event--please note secondary events when entering your judge).

For speech events, please provide **one adult judge** for every 5 entries or fraction thereof. Fees for open judging slots are an additional \$15 per entry.

IN BOTH SPEECH AND DEBATE, WE ASK THAT THE JUDGES YOU PROVIDE BE QUALIFIED TO JUDGE BOTH NOVICE AND VARSITY. IF THIS IS AN AREA OF CONCERN FOR YOU, PLEASE EMAIL **BEFORE** YOU COMPLETE YOUR ENTRY. PLEASE DO NOT ENTER A JUDGE AND LIST AS "**NOVICE ONLY**." Unless you have prior confirmation, these judges will not be accepted and you will be assessed a judge fee for any judge that is removed. If you have policy entries, you need to bring policy judges. If you have LD entries, you need to bring LD judges. We typically run short in these areas, and we need judges.

The mugs will be back for both speech and debate. Awards will be presented to the top six speakers in each individual event on Friday. The top four debate teams will receive awards. In congress, the presiding officer(s) and top six speakers will receive awards.

Sweepstakes awards will be given for

- Top Speech Team
- Top Debate Team

- Richard Cross Top Overall Team (must compete in speech and debate events)