Newark Debate Academy's 1st High School Policy Debate Tournament for 26-27

When: Saturday, November 14th, 2026
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Where: Technology High School

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*Please also use NDA's Slack to communicate with tournament contacts.

Registration: Link to the tabroom site for registration is: http://ndahs1.tabroom.com. All registration should be done via tabroom.com. Any changes should be reported to one of the tournament contacts as soon as you are aware of them. Please check in with the tournament when you arrive on the day of the competition to confirm your registration. After registration please head to the cafeteria with your team to have snacks.

Transportation: Busing is not provided for this event.

Food: The tournament will be providing breakfast and lunch to all students and staff. If one of your students has a dietary restriction that needs to be accommodated, coaches must report it to one of the tournament contacts prior to the event.

Judging: All judges must attend the 9:30 AM judges meeting to receive training and to make sure they are properly entered in the tournament. Each school is required to bring 1 Judge for every 2 entries.

Tournament Schedule

Saturday, November 14th, 2026 @ Technology High School

9:00 AM-Judge Report and Judge Meeting
10:00 AM - Start Time Round 1
11:45 AM - Start Time Round 2
1:30 PM - Lunch
2:40 PM – Start Time Round 3
4:30 PM – Awards

Policy Divisions: We will be hosting Novice and Open divisions as registered entries allow permit.

Resolution/Topic: The resolution debated at this tournament will be the 2026-2027 NSDA High School Policy Debate Topic. **The United States federal government should establish national health insurance in the United States.** ” Students are encouraged to use the evidence packets as a floor not a ceiling in terms of the evidence presented in debates. Students should do their own independent research on the resolution.

We will pair mavericks (solo debaters) with mavericks from other schools to create hybrid partnerships as entries. Mavericks will only be allowed to compete as a last resort and is otherwise prohibited.

We will use a 25-30 point scale, allowing for a tenth of a decimal place and NO TIES between debaters in the same round. We will follow NJDSL directions for best practices unless otherwise stated within the invite. We do allow for Low-Point Wins.

Thank you and we hope to see everyone at the tournament.

-Newark Debate Academy