



Cape Elizabeth High School's Speech and Debate Team

is pleased to invite you to



on January 6, 2024

Registration deadline: 11:55 p.m. January 3, 2024

Judge entry deadline: 6 p.m. January 5

Fees and judge obligations frozen (nonrefundable): 6 p.m. January 5

Drop deadline: Jan. 6, 8:30 a.m.

Nuisance fees for drops applied: \$10 after 8:30 a.m., January 6

Any questions, please contact [Lisa Melanson](#) Tournament Director, or [Greg Baker](#), Coach.

Tabroom, on tournament day: text with any drops: 207-370-4632

Emergencies or questions: Lisa Melanson: 207-899-8036 (mobile)

Registration

Registration must be completed through Tabroom.com by 11:55 p.m. Wednesday, January 3.

Entry Fees

- \$7.00 per entry
- Teams (Duo and PF) are two entries (\$14)

Make checks payable to CEHS, % Kate Thibeault, 345 Ocean House Rd., Cape Elizabeth, ME, 04107

Drops

Drops and changes will be accepted until January 6th, 8:30 AM. Invoices will be prepared by the end of the tournament day. Late add requests are not encouraged and will be accepted only at the discretion of the tournament host. Drops after this time will be assessed an additional charge of \$10 per entry.

Call or text the MFA hotline (207-370-4632) Saturday morning once you are en route to the tournament to confirm your team and judge attendance. Drops communicated prior to arrival will be waived the \$10 penalty.

Event categories

- Lincoln-Douglas Debate: 2 levels, if numbers allow
- Public Forum Debate: 2 levels, if numbers allow
- Congressional Debate: Senate and House, as needed
- Speech: All [Maine State Tournament categories](#), double-entry allowed

Event/division definitions

Novice level is for students competing in their first year of high school forensics (i.e. first year competitors). Note that Oratorical Declamation is limited to freshmen and sophomore students only.

Varsity level is for competitors with more than one year of experience who wish to try a higher level of competition.

Double-entry in Speech events is for students competing in more than one event (ex. Humorous Interpretation and Extemporaneous Speaking).

Topics

Extemporaneous Speaking topics

Review carefully the [high level topics for Extemporaneous Speaking here](#). Prompts will focus only on these topics.

NOTE: Competitors *will* be allowed to access sources on the web during preparation.

Congressional Debate

Click here for the [docket](#).

Lincoln-Douglas resolution

Resolved: The United States ought to substantially reduce its military presence in the West Asia-North Africa region.

Public Forum resolution

Resolved: The United States federal government should repeal Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act.

Judge Requirements

Help the meet run smoothly and fairly by supplying your required, trained judges, including unaffiliated, in accordance with MFA rules. Have all your judges finalized by 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 5.

Fractional entries round up (i.e. three LD entries = 2 judges). Third, fifth, and seventh judge must be neutral/unaffiliated for Speech, LD, PF.

- Lincoln-Douglas Debate: one judge for every 2 LD entries
- Public Forum: one judge for every 2 teams
- Speech or Congressional Debate: one judge for every 5 entries

Judges are expected to be available for ALL rounds of competition. Fines will be assessed for judges departing early unless cleared through Tabulation.

Registering judges

All tournament participants must have an account on the tournament platform **AND** be linked to their school to fulfill your judge quota. [Complete or share the steps here prior to tournament day](#). Missing a judge results in a \$80 fine.

Note judge conflicts or shadow needs in your judge registration on Tabroom.com. Email the tournament host for any complex judge situations. Remember a parent cannot judge the category in which their child is competing.

 Best practices: Judge notes

Meeting your judge burden

If you are struggling to fulfill your judge burden, many coaches have success by announcing their need to the Maine listserv and negotiating an exchange, including pay rate. In this case, add a negotiated judge to your Tabroom roster using the judge's email address so they are appropriately linked.

If you still can't fulfill your judge burden, the tournament may have extra judges available for you to hire. If so, fees for purchasing judges will be \$75 per judge. Contact the Tournament Director for support.

If you have extra judges, contact the Tournament Director so the judge can be added to the judge hire pool.

Judging guidelines

- All ballots will be accessed through tabroom.com.
- We are all influenced by implicit bias, or the stereotypes that unconsciously affect our decisions. When judging, our implicit biases negatively impact traditionally marginalized and disenfranchised students. Before writing comments or making a decision, reflect on any biases that may affect your decision making.

Awards

Tournament sweeps will be awarded to the top three teams each in Speech, Debate, and Congressional Debate. Individual awards for first through third in each category, and honorable mention as determined by Tab.

Note that ties in record will be broken first by MFA guidelines. Tabulation of awards follows standards adopted by MFA.

Schedule

8:00-8:30 Registration

8:30 Judges and student briefings in respective lounges

9:00 Rounds begin following briefings

4:00 Awards (sooner if possible)

Food

Students: Breakfast items, lunch and snacks will be on sale for students in the cafeteria.

Coach and judges: Complimentary breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks will be provided for coaches and judges.

Accommodations

We aim to make competition accessible and welcoming to all who wish to participate. Participants are welcome to use the bathroom they find most comfortable, if tournament participants need a single-stall bathroom, please contact the tournament director in advance.

Coaches or students should reach out to the tournament host to request ADA accommodations. Please contact the tournament director in advance if elevator access is required.

Recommendations and reminders for the new teams

[Submit your membership dues and forms](#). While not required, the MFA and NCFL offer lower rates if you join before December.

- [Managing rosters for NSDA members](#)
- [Tabroom Account Sign-up and Linking Instructions](#)
- Set expectations early and often with the [MFA Code of Ethics](#).