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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026 at WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Esteemed Coaches and Colleagues,

Western High School Speech & Debate is pleased to welcome you to the Cat Claw Classic Invitational. The tournament will be held in person at our wonderful sunny campus in Davie, Florida on October 24, 2026. We look forward to a day of excellent competition on our campus. Please use this invitation as your guide to tournament information.

Sincerely, Brian Lynn, Director of Speech & Debate

Western Speech and Debate Team

LOCATION Western High School: 1200 SW 136th Ave, Davie, FL 33325

TABROOM https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn_id=40121

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS Kendall Wild & Lucy Livengood

DIRECTOR OF FORENSICS / HEAD COACH Brian Lynn

EVENTS OFFERED

DEBATE Congressional Debate, Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, Big Questions, World Schools

SPEECH Extemporaneous, Original Oratory, Informative, Impromptu

INTERP Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation

- All events are subject to change given limited entries.
- Novice and varsity competitors compete together.
- For this tournament, a “novice” is defined as a student in their first year of high school debate competition.

- Students may double-enter in two speech/interp events. Congress, Extemp, LD, and PF competitors may not double-enter.
- Current NSDA rules govern competition unless this invitation says otherwise.

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION REMINDER!

Competitors must appear on the school's final Tabroom registration. No competitors may be added on the morning of the tournament.

- Registration opens: Sunday, September 1 at 1:00pm EST
- Registration closes: Saturday, October 17 at 11:55pm EST
- Drop/change deadline: Tuesday, October 20 at 11:55pm EST
- Fees freeze: Tuesday, October 20 at 11:55pm EST
- Judge information due: Tuesday, October 20 at 11:55pm EST
- Change fees apply after: Saturday, October 17 at 11:55pm EST

ENTRY FEES & PAYMENT

- \$30 per individual speech event or Congress entry; \$60 per Duo team; \$30 per Lincoln-Douglas entry; \$60 per Public Forum team; \$100 per World Schools team.
- Student lunch is included with entry.
- Drop policy: After the first late-drop deadline, entry fees are forfeited; after the second deadline, an additional \$15 fee applies; day-of drops/no-shows forfeit the entry fee and incur a \$45 late-drop fee.
- Missing judge / judge drop fee: \$50 per judge.
- Missed judge round fee: \$50 per judge.
- Checks payable to: Western High School
- Payment: Check only at tournament registration unless otherwise announced.

MEALS & CONCESSIONS

- Lunch is included with competitor registration at no additional cost.
- Vegetarian and non-vegetarian lunch options will be available.
- Meals for registered judges and coaches will be provided in the Judges' Lounge / Media Center.
- Teams should indicate the number of vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals needed during Tabroom registration. Lunch tickets will be distributed to teams at morning check-in.
- Concessions will be open during the tournament.
- Breakfast + coffee available for coaches and judges.

JUDGE INFORMATION

BALLOTS & TRAINING

Every judge needs an individual Tabroom account with the correct email attached. All judges will complete training in the Judges' Lounge before competition begins.

- Congress: 1 judge for every 5 entries or fraction thereof.
- Speech/Interp: 1 judge for every 5 entries or fraction thereof.
- Public Forum: 1 judge for every 2 teams or fraction thereof.
- Lincoln-Douglas: 1 judge for every 2 entries or fraction thereof.
- Student judges may not be used.
- Judges are required to check in at the Media Center on tournament morning. Judge call and training will begin at 8:00 a.m.; judges should not arrive later than 7:45 a.m. Competition is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Start Time	OCTOBER 24, 2026
7:00 AM	REGISTRATION
8:00 AM	Round 1: EXT Prep
8:30 AM	Round 1: WSD, DI, DUO, HI, IMP, INFO, OO, POI, BQ, LD, PF
8:30 AM	Round 1: SC
9:30 AM	Round 2: EXT Prep
10:00 AM	Round 2: WSD, DI, DUO, HI, IMP, INFO, OO, POI, BQ, LD, PF
11:00 AM	Round 3: EXT Prep
11:00 AM	Round 2: SC
11:30 AM	Round 3: WSD, DI, DUO, HI, IMP, INFO, OO, POI, BQ, LD, PF
12:30 PM	LUNCH
1:30 PM	Round 4: EXT Prep
2:00 PM	Round 4: DI, DUO, HI, IMP, INFO, OO, POI, BQ, LD, PF
2:00 PM	Round 3: SC
3:15 PM	Round 5: EXT Prep
3:45 PM	Round 5: DI, DUO, HI, IMP, INFO, OO, POI, BQ, LD, PF
5:00 PM	AWARDS

BREAKS & ADVANCEMENT

- Congress: The top 9 competitors cumulatively will receive awards.

- Speech: In Original Oratory, Impromptu, and Extemporaneous Speaking, the top 6 competitors cumulatively will receive awards.
- Debate: In Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum, the top 3 will receive trophies based on record.

AWARDS

- Speech: Top 6 cumulatively in OO, Impromptu, and Extemp will receive awards. 6th through 4th place will receive a paperweight. The top 3 competitors will receive trophies.
- Congress: Top 9 competitors cumulatively will receive awards. 9th through 4th place will receive a paperweight. The top 3 competitors will receive trophies.
- Presiding Officers are eligible for recognition based on in-chamber voting.
- Team / sweepstakes awards: Plaque.
- Debate: Top 3 in Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum will receive trophies based on break-round results.

DEBATE TOPICS & LEGISLATION

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 📧 2026_09Sept/Oct LD Topic Analysis

PUBLIC FORUM 📧 2026_09Sept PF Topic Analysis

CONGRESS PACKET [Legislation](#)

LEGISLATION DEADLINE Monday, October 12 at 11:55pm EST

SUBMISSION DETAILS Schools and Students will be able to submit up to 4 pieces of legislation to our Tournament Director at kendallhw111@gmail.com. Legislation must utilize the NSDA Congress Format and must be emailed as a Microsoft Word attachment. Improperly formatted legislation can be rejected at the discretion of Tournament Directors.

EXTEMP ROUND AREAS

Round 1: Education

Round 2: National Energy/Business/Economy

Round 3: International Energy/Business/Economy

Round 4: U.S. Midterms

Round 5: Global Wars

IMPROMPTU CATEGORIES

Round 1: Founding Fathers

Round 2: Historical Moments of the 1900s

Round 3: Athlete Quotes

Round 4: Gen-Z Terminology

Round 5: Types of Cats

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

- Congress is one open division; novice and varsity competitors compete together.
- POs do not register separately. Chambers elect their Presiding Officers at the tournament, and POs remain eligible for awards based on in-chamber voting
- Direct questioning will be used.
- Authorship/sponsorship and first-negative speeches receive two minutes of questioning; all other speeches receive one minute.
- Each item of legislation must complete at least one full three-speech cycle.

- The docket will be set in chamber.
- Recency resets at the end of each session.
- Recesses are permitted, up to 10 minutes per session.
- At two hours of debate must take place per session; recess time counts toward that total.

RULE REMINDERS

- NSDA rules apply unless this invitation specifically says otherwise.
- Competitors may not reuse a performance selection they personally competed with in a previous season.
- No morning-of substitutions or event-shifting.
- Competitors should arrive in appropriate tournament/business attire.
- Electronic device and internet use follows current NSDA event rules.
- Coaches are responsible for making sure competitors know their event rules before tournament day.
- **Please leave all classrooms and common areas exactly as you found them. We appreciate your help in keeping Western's campus clean and competition-ready throughout the day.**

TOURNAMENT DAY

- Coaches: Tournament registration will open at 7:00 a.m. in the Media Center on the second floor. Coaches will check in their teams, submit payment by check, and collect meal tickets.
- Drops: Morning check-in is not the time to report last-minute drops. Please email the tournament director as soon as a drop is known and clearly identify the student and event.
- Judges: All judges must check in at the Media Center. Judge call and a brief training/update meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m.
- Competitors: Students will report to the cafeteria upon arrival and return there between rounds. Each school should coordinate an adult chaperone for its students in the cafeteria before and after rounds.
- Start of competition: Proceedings are expected to begin at 8:30 a.m.
- Meals: Competitor lunch tickets will be distributed at morning registration and redeemed in the cafeteria at the designated lunch time. Judge and coach meals will be available in the Media Center.

CAMPUS INFORMATION

- Student holding area: Cafeteria.
- Judges' and Coaches' Lounge: Media Center, second floor.

CAMPUS AT A GLANCE

Students will gather in the cafeteria. Judges and coaches will be based in the upstairs Media Center. A campus map will be included with final tournament information.

- Arrival / drop-off: Judges, coaches, and competitors should enter through the student parking lot on the southern side of campus along SW 14th Street, which includes a drop-off loop.

- Car parking: Student parking lot along SW 14th Street on the southernmost side of the school.
- Tournament entrance: Student parking lot / southern campus entrance.
- Coach check-in: Media Center, second floor.
- Tab room: Room 716, second floor
- Competitors should stay in designated tournament areas and only enter classrooms assigned for competition.
- Please leave all classrooms and common areas exactly as you found them. We appreciate your help in keeping Western's campus clean and competition-ready throughout the day.
- Elevators are available throughout campus.

TOURNAMENT CONTACT

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