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## Invitation

Greetings Speech and Debate Community,

We're excited to invite you to the Clash of the Titans hosted by Northview High School in Johns Creek, Georgia. Our tournament will be held virtually on NSDA campus on September 17th-18th. Competitors in Speech events will be able to earn bids to the National Individual Events Tournament held May 12-15, 2022 in Houston, TX.

We will be offering competition in policy debate (novice, junior varsity, and varsity), public forum debate (novice and varsity), lincoln douglas debate (novice and varsity), as well as synchronous speech events in dramatic interpretation, humorous interpretation, program of oral interpretation, original oratory, informative, extemporaneous, and impromptu. We will also offer asynchronous duo.

Registration can be found at <http://titanclash21.tabroom.com/>

This document is live and updates can be expected regularly. Updates will be noted below.

### **Important Dates**

**August 9 @4pm**

**September 9th @6pm**

**September 14th @5pm**

**September 14 @5pm**

**September 14 @5pm**

**September 17**

**September 18**

**Registration Opens**

**Hired Judging Requests Due**

**New Entries Due**

**Fees Freeze**

**Judges Due**

**Competition for JV/V Debaters Begins**

**Competition for Novice Debaters & Speech Begins**

All entries must be affiliated with a school and a school authorized adult must be accessible at all times during the tournament. Independent entries are not allowed.

Best,

**Jonathan Waters & Matthew Cekanor**

Northview Speech & Debate Coaches

## Updates

- 8.21 - *Events added to the tournament: JV Divisions in LD & PF; Rookie Policy - See notes on [Rookie Policy](#); [Rookie PF Division](#)\* - tentatively is packet restricted (more information coming)*  
*[Schedules updated to include new events](#)*  
*[Prep time for rookie policy added](#)*
- 9.1 - *Information on Rookie PF added. Notes on Extemp topic areas and Impromptu topic areas added. Those topic areas will be released one week prior to the Tournament.*
- 9.2 - *Hired judging deadline added. Hire judges by 6pm on Sept. 9.*
- 9.7 - *Links added for restrictions for Rookie and Novice Policy Divisions*
- 9.11 - *[Updated Schedule for Speech](#). [Impromptu & Extemp topic areas added](#).  
*Tournament Contact Emails added. [Speech Tabulation Information Added](#).**

## Tournament Contact Emails

Before the tournament, please direct questions to [jonwaters7@gmail.com](mailto:jonwaters7@gmail.com).

If you need to reach a member of the tab staff about a particular event during the tournament, use the emails below:

Public Forum - [northviewtitanclash+pf@gmail.com](mailto:northviewtitanclash+pf@gmail.com)

Lincoln Douglas - [northviewtitanclash+ld@gmail.com](mailto:northviewtitanclash+ld@gmail.com)

Policy - [northviewtitanclash+policy@gmail.com](mailto:northviewtitanclash+policy@gmail.com)

Individual Events - [northviewtitanclash+speech@gmail.com](mailto:northviewtitanclash+speech@gmail.com)

Tournament Director - [northviewtitanclash@gmail.com](mailto:northviewtitanclash@gmail.com)

## Tabroom Staff

**Tournament Directors** -- Jonathan Waters & Matthew Cekanor

**Policy** - Maggie Berthiaume

**Public Forum** - Jeffrey Miller

**Lincoln Douglas** - Richard Bracknell

**Individual Events** - Mario Herrera

## **Entry Fees**

Entry fees for debate events are \$15 per team entry. Entry fees for speech events are \$10 per entry. The entry fees cover tabroom expenses and certificates/ mailing cost.

We will award certificates to elimination round participants in speech and debate as well as top speakers in debate events. The final number of students awarded will be based on the number of entries.

Certificates will be mailed to the school unless otherwise requested.

## **Payment Information**

Please mail checks to:

Northview High School  
ATTN: Jonathan Waters  
10625 Parsons Rd  
Johns Creek, GA 30097

Make checks payable to Northview High School. Write “#3020” in memo line.

## **Judging Obligations**

Out of respect for the hard work of the competitors, we ask that all of the judges that your team brings to the tournament are highly qualified. They should be ready to actively listen to the round and render a decision. All judges must complete an RFD after each round. Debate judges are *highly encouraged* to disclose their decision before leaving the round. Debate judges are required to have a paradigm in order to be counted towards a school's obligation. If judges are new, we encourage them to complete the certification training found [here](#). The judge training takes some time, so please let them know prior to the tournament.

Student judges are only allowed to cover and judge novice entries only. Please mark student judges in the notes.

Judges should be available to judge for the entire tournament. If your judge has a time conflict for a round, please ensure that you have a judge to fill that block of time.

All debate judges are obligated to judge through the first elimination round in the event they are entered OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively completing, whichever is later.

Speech judges are obligated for the entire tournament.

Judging Obligations are based on the number of entries or rounds depending on the event.

Policy - 3 rounds per entry in jv/v; 2 round per entry in rookie/novice

LD, and PF - 1 judge per 2 entries

Individual Events - 1 judge per 4 entries

**A limited number of hired judges will be available. Hired judging will close on September 9th at 6m.** Judges are hired per entry.

LD - \$100 per entry

CX - \$50 per round

PF - \$100 per entry

Speech - \$50 per entry

**Judges (including their paradigms) are due by September 14th by 5pm.**

## **Speech Tabulation**

The tournament will use similar tiebreaks to the GFCA tiebreaks for advancement to elimination round and for placements in final rounds. With numbers, most teams will advance to elimination round, so prelim scores will count in the final round.

**Advancement in elimination round will be determined by:**

- (a) all ranks except lowest
- (b) all ranks
- (c) reciprocals of all ranks: total number of 1's, total number of 2's, etc.
- (d) judge preference
- (e) online coinflip

**Placements in final rounds will be determined by:**

- (a) rank from all scores in all rounds dropping lowest
- (a) rank in final round only
- (b) judge preference in the final round

- (c) reciprocals: total number of 1's, total number of 2's, etc.
- (d) online coinflip

## **NIETOC Qualification**

NIETOC bids will be awarded based on the level of participation in each event. See below:

- 0-19 contestants = FIRST PLACE BID
- 20-34 contestants = FIRST, SECOND & THIRD PLACE BIDS
- 35-50 contestants = FINAL ROUND BIDS
- 51-70 contestants = SEMIFINAL ROUND BIDS
- 71-99 contestants = QUARTERFINAL ROUND BIDS
- 100 + contestants = OCTAFINAL ROUND BIDS

## **Extemp Topic Areas**

Extemp topics were created by the National Speech and Debate Association.

Round 1: US Education & Social Issues

Round 2: Africa & Middle East

Round 3: US Foreign Policy & National Security

Round 4: Asia & Europe

Final Round: US Politics & Legal Issues

## **Impromptu Topics Areas**

Impromptu topics were created by the Northview High School English Department

Round 1: Literary Quotes

Round 2: Disney Song Lyrics

Round 3: This or That

Round 4: Commercial Slogans

## Final Round: Greek Mythology – Gods, Heroes, Monsters, and Places

### Debate Topics

The Lincoln Douglas divisions will debate -- **Resolved: The member nations of the World Trade Organization ought to reduce intellectual property protections for medicines.**

The Public Forum divisions will debate -- **Resolved: The North Atlantic Treaty Organization should substantially increase its defense commitments to the Baltic states.**

The Policy divisions will debate -- **The United States federal government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States.**

*Novice Policy divisions will be restricted to the packet produced by the GFCA.*

*Rookie Public Forum divisions will be restricted to the packet produced by the GFCA*

### Prep Time

novice, jv, and varsity divisions policy debate - 8 minutes of prep time

rookie policy - 5 minutes of prep time

all public forum - 3 minutes of prep time

all lincoln douglas - 4 minutes of prep time.

### Tabroom.com Coin Flips

Automated Tabroom coin flips will be used in all public forum division preliminary rounds to determine sides/speaker order. They will also be used in lincoln douglas and policy elimination rounds that do not have locked sides.

They will be released through Tabroom.com 5 minutes after the pairings have been posted. The debaters that win the coin flip will have 5 minutes to input their choice of side or speaking order in Tabroom.com under their student page. Once the winning team makes a choice, the other team will be notified of the selections. If the winning debater does not make a choice within 5 minutes of the flip, the choice will go to the debater who lost the flip. If neither debater makes a selection in 10 minutes, the computer will automatically assign sides.

*We will not redo coin flips for any reason please be vigilant about coin flip notifications.*

## **Speaker Points**

Judges will be allowed a range of 25-30 speaker points in .10 increments for assigning speaker points. Tied points are not allowed. Points below 28 should be reserved for students who do something rude or disrespectful. Please share the Adam Smiley speaker points guide below with your judges. That is considered the standard for this tournament.

30- This individual would crush the gods of Mount Olympus in every debate and North Korea would instantly give up its nuclear program if this person was sent to argue our position tomorrow. There is literally nothing that could have been done better.

29.8- This is the best speech that I expect to be made at any similar tournament this year. Based on this round, I expect this individual to win top speaker at national tournaments.

29.5- Based on this round, I expect this individual to win top speaker at this tournament.

29.0- Based on this round, I expect this person to win a speaker award at this tournament

28.6- Based on this round, I expect this person to be in the top half of speakers at the tournament but not win a speaker award.

28.4- Based on this round, I expect this person to be in the bottom half of speakers at the tournament.

28.2- This person made a legitimate effort, but is one of the bottom speakers at the tournament.

28.0- This person showed little to no effort or understanding in the round.

Below a 28- This person did something extremely rude or disrespectful.



## **Rookie Policy Debate**

Rookie Policy Debate: All first year competitors (i.e.) novice in their four tournaments are eligible to compete in the Rookie division. The rookie division is designed to ease students into policy debate.

1) The Rookie policy debate division will use the same novice packet as the novice division but will have more argument limitations. The timeline for the rookie division will be made available by August 15 each year.

(2) The Rookie policy division will use the modified speech times:

First Affirmative Constructive – 6 minutes

Cross-Examination of the First Affirmative – 2 minutes

First Negative Constructive – 6 minutes

Cross-Examination of the First Negative – 2 minutes

Second Affirmative Constructive – 6 minutes

Cross-Examination of the Second Affirmative – 2 minutes

Second Negative Constructive – 6 minutes

Cross-Examination of the Second Negative – 2 minutes

First Negative Rebuttal – 4 minutes First Affirmative Rebuttal – 4 minutes

Second Negative Rebuttal – 4 minutes Second Affirmative Rebuttal – 4 minutes

Check [here](#) for argument restrictions for rookie policy debate.

## **Novice Policy Debate**

This tournament will follow argument restrictions determined by the GFCA. Those argument restrictions can be found [here](#).

## **Rookie Public Forum Debate**

Rookie Public Forum is intended for debaters at their first two tournaments. They will use normal public forum times.

See the email below that was sent out to the GFCA membership on 8/30 regarding argument restrictions.

Attached is the September-October packet for Public Forum Debate. They are also available as [Dropbox files here](#) and will be linked on the GFCA website shortly. Many thanks to Jeff Miller of Marist School for putting these materials together.

In the Rookie division, students are limited to the evidence in these files for writing their AC and NC cases (see attached Evidence Guidelines). They will certainly need to do lots of their own formulating and writing, but they will be able to anticipate that their opponents will also write their cases based on this evidence, so no one will be surprised.

All other divisions of PF (Novice, JV, Varsity) are welcome to use this as a resource packet as desired, but they are not limited to using the materials in these files.

We hope this helps our beginners have a great start to the 2021-2022 debate season.

## **Schedules**

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time

### **JV/VARSITY PUBLIC FORUM & LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE**

#### **Friday, September 17**

4:30PM — Round 1 Pairings

5:00PM — Round 1

6:00PM — Dinner

6:45PM — Round 2 Pairings

7:15PM — Round 2

#### **Saturday, September 18**

9:30AM — Round 3 Pairings

10:00AM — Round 3

11:30AM — Round 4 Pairings

12:00PM — Round 4

1:00PM — Lunch

2:00PM — Round 5 Pairings

2:30PM — Round 5

4:15PM — Elim 1 Pairings

4:45PM — Elim 1

6:00PM — Elim 2 Pairings

6:30PM — Elim 2

## **ROOKIE/NOVICE PUBLIC FORUM & NOVICE LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE**

### **Saturday, September 18**

9:00AM — Round 1 Pairings

9:30AM — Round 1

11:00AM — Round 2 Pairings

11:30AM — Round 2

12:30PM — Lunch

1:30PM — Round 3 Pairings

2:00PM — Round 3

3:30PM — Round 4 Pairings

4:00PM — Round 4

5:45PM — Elim 1 Pairings

6:15PM — Elim 1

## **SPEECH EVENTS**

### **Saturday, September 18**

8:30AM — Round 1 — Extemp Prep

9:00AM — Round 1 — Extemp

9:30AM — Round 1 — HI, Di, POI, OO, INF, IM  
10:30AM — Round 2 — Extemp Prep  
11:00AM — Round 2 — Extemp  
11:30AM — Round 2 — HI, Di, POI, OO, INF, IM  
12:30 — Lunch Break  
1:30PM — Round 3 — Extemp Prep  
2:00PM — Round 3 — Extemp  
2:30PM — Round 3 — HI, Di, POI, OO, INF, IM  
3:30PM — Round 4 — Extemp Prep  
4:00PM — Round 4 — Extemp  
4:30PM — Round 4 — HI, Di, OO, INF, IM  
5:30PM — Finals — Extemp Prep  
6:00PM — Finals — Extemp  
6:30PM — Finals — HI, POI, INF  
7:00PM — Finals — DI, OO, IM

## **JV/VARSITY POLICY DEBATE**

### **Friday, September 17**

6:00PM — Round 1 Pairings  
6:30PM — Round 1

### **Saturday, September 18**

8:00AM — Round 2 Pairings  
8:30AM — Round 2  
10:45AM — Round 3 Pairings  
11:15AM — Round 3  
1:15PM — Lunch Break  
2:00PM — Round 4 Pairings  
2:30PM — Round 4

4:45PM — Round 5 Pairings

5:15PM — Round 5

## **NOVICE/ROOKIE POLICY DEBATE**

### **Saturday, September 18**

8:00AM — Round 1 Pairings

8:30AM — Round 1

10:45AM — Round 2 Pairings (Powermatched)

11:15AM — Round 2

1:15PM — Lunch Break

2:00PM — Round 3 Pairings

2:30PM — Round 3

4:45PM — Elim 1 Pairings (Novice Only)

5:15PM — Elim 1 (Novice Only)