

2026 National Tournament - High School

High School Tournament Event Schedules and Venues

**Richmond, Virginia
June 14-19, 2026**



All schedules are subject to change. Schedule in Eastern Time.

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Sunday Schedule - Registration & Special Events

Venue: Greater Richmond Convention Center

**Events at the Richmond Marriott (connected via skywalk to the Greater Richmond Convention Center)*

8:00 a.m.	Shop Custom Apparel (Exhibit Hall Registration Lobby)
8:30 a.m.	NSDA Store Opens (Room B15)
8:30 a.m.	Tournament Expo Opens (Room B21B-C)
8:30 a.m.	Early Registration Opens (Tournament Officials only, optional) (Room B21A)
8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	Asian American/Pacific Islander Coaches' Caucus (Room B18)
8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	Hispanic/Latine Coaches' Caucus (Room B19)
9:00 a.m.	Registration Opens (Room B21A)
9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Small School Coaches' Interest Group (Room B18)
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	New Coach Reception #1 at the Richmond Marriott Capital Ballroom*
<i>(Presented by FGS Global)</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Tournament Officials Meeting (Room B10)
10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Rural Coaches' Interest Group (Room B19)
11:00 a.m.	Tab Meeting Breakouts
11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	Black/African American Coaches' Caucus (Room B18)
11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	Access and Ability Alliance Coaches' Caucus (Room B19)
12:00 p.m.	Parliamentarian Meeting (mandatory) (Room E21A)
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	District Leader Luncheon at the Richmond Marriott Capital Ballroom*
<i>Presented by Simpson College</i>	
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Indigenous Persons Coaches' Caucus (Room B18)
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Military Coach Reception (Room B12)
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Speech Judge Training (optional) (Room E22A-B)
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Congress Judge Training (optional) (Room E21A)
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Debate Judge Training (optional) (Room E21C)
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	World Schools Debate Judge Training (mandatory) (Room B10)
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	New Coach Reception #2 at the Richmond Marriott Capital Ballroom*
<i>(Presented by FGS Global)</i>	
3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	LGBTQIA+ Coaches' Caucus (Room B19)
3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Independent (Non-Public) School Coaches' Interest Group (Room B18)

4:00 p.m. NSDA Store and Tournament Expo close

4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. Women's Coaches' Caucus (Room B19)

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Late Registration in Room B21A (the last registration opportunity after this will be Monday, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.)

Main Debate Events

2026 Tentative Master Schedule

Policy (CX) • Lincoln-Douglas (LD) • Public Forum (PF)

Monday

Venues: Hermitage High School (CX), Highland Springs High School (LD), Glen Allen High School (PF)

Round 1 9:00 a.m.
 Round 2 11:30 a.m.
 Round 3 2:15 p.m.
 Round 4 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Venues: Hermitage High School (CX), Highland Springs High School (LD), Glen Allen High School (PF)

Round 5 8:00 a.m.
 Round 6 10:30 a.m.

(Teams who win at least 8 prelim ballots will advance to Rounds 7 / 8)

Round 7 2:00 p.m.
 Round 8 4:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.	Online Postings	Tabroom.com
12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Supplemental Re-registration	Tabroom.com
<i>(All competitors eliminated on Tuesday are eligible if pre-registered)</i>		
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Student Party	Virginia Museum of History & Culture

Wednesday

Venues: Clover Hill High School

8:00 a.m. CX / LD / PF (Round 9)
 11:30 a.m. CX / LD / PF (Round 10)
 3:00 p.m. CX / LD / PF (Round 11)
 6:00 p.m. CX / LD / PF (Round 12)

Thursday

Venues: Bailey Bridge Middle School

8:00 a.m. CX / LD / PF (Round 13)
 10:00 a.m. LD / PF (Round 14)
 11:00 a.m. CX (Round 14)
 12:00 p.m. LD / PF (Round 15)
 1:30 p.m. LD / PF (Round 16 - if needed)
 2:00 p.m. CX (Round 15)
 5:00 p.m. CX (Round 16 - if needed)

Friday

Final rounds of Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum will be held at the Altria Theater.

Main Speech Events

2026 Tentative Master Schedule

USX • IX • OO • INF • HI • DI • DUO • POI

Monday

Venues: Clover Hill High School (USX, IX, INF), Manchester High School (DUO, OO, HI), Bailey Bridge Middle School (DI, POI)

Extemp Prep: Gym

Round 1	9:00 a.m.	(Draw at 8:30 a.m.; be in draw at 7:55 a.m.)
Round 2	11:30 a.m.	(Draw at 11:00 a.m.)
Round 3	2:00 p.m.	(Draw at 1:30 p.m.)
Round 4	4:00 p.m.	(Draw at 3:30 p.m.)

Tuesday

Venues: Clover Hill High School (USX, IX, INF), Manchester High School (DUO, OO, HI), Bailey Bridge Middle School (DI, POI)

Extemp Prep: Gym

Round 5	8:30 a.m.	(Draw at 8:00 a.m.; be in draw at 7:30 a.m.)
Round 6	10:30 a.m.	(Draw at 10:00 a.m.)

(The top 60 competitors in each event after prelims will advance to Rounds 7 / 8)

Round 7	2:00 p.m.	(OO, INF, HI, DI, DUO, POI)
	2:30 p.m.	(USX/IX - Draw at 2:00 p.m.)
Round 8	4:00 p.m.	(OO, INF, HI, DI, DUO, POI)
	4:30 p.m.	(USX/IX - Draw at 4:00 p.m.)

6:30 p.m.	Online Postings	Tabroom.com
12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Supplemental Re-registration	Tabroom.com
<i>(All competitors eliminated on Tuesday are eligible if pre-registered)</i>		
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Student Party	Virginia Museum of History & Culture

Wednesday

Venues: Manchester (DUO, HI), Bailey Bridge Middle School (DI, POI, OO, INF, IX, USX)

Extemp Prep: Gym

Round 9	8:30 a.m.	(Draw at 8:00 a.m. Be in draw at 7:45 for announcements)
Round 10	10:30 a.m.	(Draw at 10:00 a.m.)
Round 11	2:00 p.m.	(Draw at 1:30 p.m.)
Round 12	4:00 p.m.	(OO, INF, HI, DI, DUO, POI)
Round 12	4:30 p.m.	(USX/IX - Draw at 4:00 p.m.)

Thursday

Venue: Altria Theater

8:30 a.m. Finalists' Sound and Light Check (All Speech Events)
Final rounds of INF, POI, HI, DI, and DUO will be held.

Friday

Venue: Altria Theater

Final rounds of IX, USX, and OO will be held.

Congressional Debate

*VENUES: Greater Richmond Convention Center and Richmond Marriott (Mon-Tues) •
Greater Richmond Convention Center (Wed-Fri)*

Monday

Venues: Greater Richmond Convention Center and Richmond Marriott

8:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony (in-person, all competitors, in GRCC Room B21C)
9:00 a.m. Round 1: Elect presiding officer (PO); set agenda; convene
12:45 p.m. Recess for lunch
2:15 p.m. Round 2: Elect PO; convene
5:45 p.m. Recess

Tuesday

Venues: Greater Richmond Convention Center and Richmond Marriott

8:00 a.m. Round 3: Elect PO; convene
11:30 a.m. PO recognition; Leadership Bowl voting; recess

3:00 p.m.	Online Postings	Tabroom.com
12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Supplemental Re-registration	Tabroom.com
<i>(All competitors eliminated on Tuesday are eligible if pre-registered)</i>		
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Student Party	Virginia Museum of History & Culture

Wednesday

Venue: Greater Richmond Convention Center

8:00 a.m. Elimination Round Opening Ceremony (in-person, all elim competitors, in GRCC Room B21C)
8:30 a.m. Senate Semifinal and House Quarterfinal Round 1: Elect PO; set agenda; convene
12:15 p.m. Recess for lunch
2:00 p.m. Senate Semifinal and House Quarterfinal Round 2: Elect PO; convene
5:30 p.m. PO recognition; Leadership Bowl voting; recess
7:00 p.m. Posting of Senate Finalists and House Semifinalists

Thursday

Venue: Greater Richmond Convention Center

8:00 a.m. Senate Final/House Semifinal Opening Assembly (in-person, all remaining competitors, in GRCC Room B21A)
8:45 a.m. Senate Final and House Semifinal Round 1: Elect PO; set agenda; convene
12:30 p.m. Recess for lunch
2:00 p.m. Senate Finals and House Semifinal Round 2: Reconvene
5:30 p.m. PO recognition, Leadership Bowl voting; recess
7:00 p.m. Posting of House Finalists

Friday

Venue: Greater Richmond Convention Center

8:15 a.m. House Final Round 1: Elect PO; set agenda; convene
11:30 p.m. Recess for lunch
12:45 p.m. House Final Round 2: Reconvene
3:45 p.m. PO recognition; Leadership Bowl voting; recess

Note: Contestant chamber assignments will be released on Tabroom.com on Monday morning.

Big Questions Debate

2026 Tentative Schedule

VENUES: Highland Springs High School (Mon/Tues), Clover Hill High School (Wed), Bailey Bridge Middle School (Thurs)

Monday

Venue: Highland Springs High School

10:00 a.m. Judge training for all Big Questions judges
11:15 a.m. Round 1
1:45 p.m. Round 2
4:30 p.m. Round 3

Tuesday

Venue: Highland Springs High School

9:00 a.m. Round 4
11:30 a.m. Round 5
3:00 p.m. Round 6

6:30 p.m.	Online Postings	Tabroom.com
12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Supplemental Re-registration	Tabroom.com
<i>(All competitors eliminated on Tuesday are eligible if pre-registered)</i>		
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Student Party	Virginia Museum of History & Culture

Wednesday

Venue: Clover Hill High School

10:00 a.m. Round 7
1:00 p.m. Round 8
3:30 p.m. Round 9

Thursday

Venue: Bailey Bridge Middle School

10:00 a.m. Round 10 **If needed
12:30 p.m. Round 11 **If needed
3:30 p.m. Round 12 **If needed
5:00 p.m. Round 13 **If needed

Friday

The final round of BQ will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

World Schools Debate

VENUES: JR Tucker High School (Mon/Tues), Clover Hill High School (Wed), Bailey Bridge Middle School (Thurs)

Monday

Venue: JR Tucker High School

- 8:15 a.m. Coaches Meeting (Auditorium)
- 9:15 a.m. Makeup WS Judge Training (for judges unable to attend Sunday)
- 9:00 a.m. Round 1 (Prepared Motion)
- 11:00 a.m. Round 2 (Prepared Motion)
- 1:45 p.m. Team Roll Call (Gym) and Judge Roll Call (Auditorium)
- 2:10 p.m. Impromptu Motion Announced and Prep Begins
- 3:15 p.m. Round 3 (Impromptu Motion)
- 5:15 p.m. Round 4 (Prepared Motion)

Tuesday

Venue: JR Tucker High School

- 8:15 a.m. Team Roll Call (Gym) and Judge Roll Call (Auditorium)
- 8:30 a.m. Impromptu Motion Announced and Prep Begins
- 9:30 a.m. Round 5 (Impromptu)
- 12:30 p.m. Team Roll Call (Gym) and Judge Roll Call (Auditorium)
- 12:45 p.m. Impromptu Motion Announced and Prep Begins
- 1:45 p.m. Round 6 (Impromptu)
- 3:45 p.m. Announcement of Advancing Teams
- 4:15 p.m. Team Roll Call (Gym) and Judge Roll Call (Auditorium)
- 4:30 p.m. Impromptu Motion Announced and Prep Begins
- 5:30 p.m. First Elimination Round* (Impromptu Motion)

**Depending on the number of entries with a 4-2 or better record, the first elimination round may be a quadruple octafinal or a triple octafinal.*

7:30 p.m.	Online Postings	Tabroom.com
12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Supplemental Re-registration	Tabroom.com
<i>(All competitors eliminated on Tuesday are eligible if pre-registered)</i>		
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Student Party	Virginia Museum of History & Culture

Wednesday

Venue: Clover Hill High School

- 8:00 a.m. Roll Call for All Teams in the Second Elim (Gym) and Judges (Auditorium)
- 8:15 a.m. Second Elimination Round (Prepared Motion)
- 10:30 a.m. Roll Call for All Teams in the Third Elim and Judges
- 10:45 a.m. Impromptu Motion Announced and Prep Begins
- 11:45 a.m. Third Elimination Round (Impromptu Motion)
- 2:45 p.m. Roll Call for All Teams in the Fourth Elim and Judges
- 3:00 p.m. Impromptu Motion Announced and Prep Begins
- 4:00 p.m. Fourth Elimination Round (Impromptu Motion)

Thursday

Venue: Bailey Bridge Middle School

- 8:00 a.m. Roll Call for Teams in the Fifth Elim and Judges
- 8:15 a.m. Impromptu Motion Announced and Prep Begins
- 9:15 a.m. Fifth Elimination Round (Impromptu Motion)
- 10:30 a.m. Roll Call for Teams in the Sixth Elim and Judges (if needed)
- 10:45 a.m. Impromptu Resolution Announced and Prep Begins (if needed)
- 11:45 a.m. Sixth Elimination Round (Impromptu Motion) (if needed)

Friday

Finals of World Schools Debate (Prepared Motion) will be held on Friday at the Altria Theater.

Extemporaneous Debate

VENUES: JR Tucker High School (Cardinal Group Wed), Hermitage High School (Dogwood Group Wed and all Thurs competition)

Note: In late May, coaches will learn if their students/judges are in the Cardinal or Dogwood Group by finding the designation on the General tab of their school's registration in Tabroom.com. Re-registered students in the Cardinal group will compete at JR Tucker HS on Wed and Hermitage HS on Thurs. Re-registered students in the Dogwood group will compete at Hermitage HS on Wed and Thurs. The groups will have separate competition on Wednesday, but they will combine into one group on Thursday.

Tuesday

- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration for supplemental-only schools in-person, Virginia Museum of History & Culture
- 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Online re-registration through Tabroom.com is required to confirm participation, including for students who are only competing in supplemental events

Wednesday

- **8:00 a.m. mandatory meeting** in the gym for Extemp Debate judges obligated for Wednesday. Please review Tabroom instructions emailed to you on Tuesday evening!

Round	Time		Topic Release	Venue: JR Tucker (Cardinal) or Hermitage (Dogwood)
1	8:30 a.m.	(preset)	7:30 a.m.	
2	11:00 a.m.	(preset)	10:30 a.m.	
3	1:45 p.m.	(powered)	1:15 p.m.	
4	4:30 p.m.	(powered)	4:00 p.m.	
5	7:15 p.m.		6:45 p.m.	

Note: All contestants will be scheduled in Rounds 1-4, and Rounds 3 and 4 are power-matched so that debaters with similar records debate each other. Only those whose records are 3-1 or 4-0 at the end of Round 4 will advance to Round 5.

Thursday

7:45 a.m. mandatory meeting in Judge Pooling for Extemp Debate judges obligated for Thursday who were not obligated for Wednesday. In other words, no one needs to attend the judge meeting on both days. Please review Tabroom.com instructions emailed to you on Tuesday evening!

Round	Time		Topic Release	Venue: Hermitage HS (Dogwood & Cardinal Groups)
6	8:30 a.m.		8:00 a.m.	
7	10:15 a.m.		9:45 a.m.	
8	11:30 a.m.		11:00 a.m.	
9	1:15 p.m.		12:45 p.m.	
10	2:30 p.m.		2:00 p.m.	
11	3:45 p.m.		3:15 p.m.	
12	5:00 p.m.		4:30 p.m.	
13	6:15 p.m.		5:45 p.m.	

Friday

Round	Time	Topic Release	Venue: Greater Richmond Convention Center
14**	9:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	** if needed

The final round of Extemp Debate will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

Supplemental Speech Events

VENUES: Manchester High School & Bailey Bridge Middle School

[Learn more about supplemental speech flighting and patterning.](#)

PATTERN A: Extemp Commentary, Original Spoken Word Poetry, Prose, Expository

PATTERN B: Impromptu, Poetry, Storytelling

Tuesday

- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration for supplemental-only schools in-person, Virginia Museum of History & Culture
- 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Online re-registration through Tabroom.com is required to confirm participation

Wednesday

Commentary Draw: Gym

<i>Round</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Draw</i>	<i>Venue: Manchester HS & Bailey Bridge MS</i>
1A*	8:30 a.m.	Commentary Draw – 8:00 a.m.	
1B*	10:00 a.m.		
2A*	1:00 p.m.	Commentary Draw – 12:30 p.m.	
2B*	2:30 p.m.		
3A*	3:30 p.m.	Commentary Draw – 3:00 p.m.	
3B*	5:00 p.m.		

**Double-flighted rounds*

Thursday

Commentary Draw: Gym

<i>Round</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Draw</i>	<i>Venue: Manchester HS & Bailey Bridge MS</i>
Elim 1A	8:30 a.m.	Commentary Draw – 8:00 a.m.	
Elim 1B	10:00 a.m.		
Elim 2A/B	12:00 p.m.	Commentary Draw – 11:30 a.m.	
Elim 3A/B	2:00 p.m.	Commentary Draw – 1:30 p.m.	
Elim 4A/B	3:30 p.m.	Commentary Draw – 3:00 p.m.	
Elim 5A/B*	5:30 p.m.	Commentary Draw – 5:00 p.m.	

**if needed*

Friday

The final rounds of supplemental speech will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

Final Rounds Schedule

Main Event Finals

Round and judge introductions typically begin 15 minutes prior to the round start time. Rounds will begin early if ahead of schedule. **Rounds are at the Altria Theater unless otherwise noted.**

Thursday, June 18

- 8:00 a.m. **Sen. Richard Lugar Congressional Debate – Senate Final Round**
Held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center
- 8:30 a.m. **Finalists' Sound and Light Check**
- 11:00 a.m. **Informative Speaking**
- 12:45 p.m. **Humorous Interpretation**
- 2:15 p.m. **Lanny D. and B. J. Naegelin Dramatic Interpretation**
Presented by Simpson College
- 4:15 p.m. **Leadership and Impact Honors**
*Honoring the Coach of the Year, Communicator of the Year, New First and Second Diamond recipients, and the Activating Equity Award winner***
- 5:00 p.m. **Program Oral Interpretation**
Presented by Advantage Communications
- 7:00 p.m. **Legacy and Service Honors**
*Honoring the Lifetime Service Award, Hall of Fame, Tenth Diamond awardee, and the Pelham Commendation honoree***
- 8:00 p.m. **Dr. Tommie Lindsey, Jr. Duo Interpretation**
Presented by Colorado College

***3rd-10th Diamond recipients will be honored at the Hall of Fame event on Sunday, June 14.*

Friday, June 19

- 8:00 a.m. **Rep. Barbara Jordan Congressional Debate – House Final Round**
Held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center
- 8:00 a.m. **World Schools Debate**
Presented by Simpson College
- 9:30 a.m. **Carmendale Fernandes United States Extemporaneous Speaking**
- 10:45 a.m. **A. C. Eley International Extemporaneous Speaking**
Presented by the Council on Foreign Relations
- 12:00 p.m. **Richard B. Sodikow Policy Debate**
Presented by The Friends of The Christian Science Monitor
- 2:00 p.m. **Lincoln-Douglas Debate**
Presented by Truman State University
- 3:30 p.m. **Donus D. Roberts Public Forum Debate**
- 5:00 p.m. **Joe and Pam Wycoff Original Oratory**
Presented by Red Hill Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation Auxiliary
- 6:30 p.m. **High School National Awards Assembly**

Supplemental Event Finals

Friday, June 19

Greater Richmond Convention Center

8:00 a.m. **Storytelling**

Presented by Bob and Salli Stockton

9:00 a.m. **Expository**

Presented by Bob and Salli Stockton

10:00 a.m. **Poetry Reading**

Presented by Bob and Salli Stockton

11:00 a.m. **Original Spoken Word Poetry**

Presented by Always Writing 4 U

12:00 p.m. **Prose Reading**

Presented by Bob and Salli Stockton

1:00 p.m. **Brother René Sterner Commentary**

Presented by Bob and Salli Stockton

2:00 p.m. **Impromptu**

Presented by Bob and Salli Stockton

3:00 p.m. **Extemporaneous Debate**

Presented by Colorado College

3:30 p.m. **Big Questions Debate**

Store Schedule

Sunday, June 14

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Greater Richmond Convention Center

Tuesday, June 16

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture

Thursday, June 18

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Altria Theater

Friday, June 19

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Altria Theater