LHSSL
October Classic

October 15 - 17, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Make sure that you use Google Chrome when accessing NSDA Campus rooms.

- All students and judges need to know their Tabroom login and password information. Test it before your first round. You can change your password if you don't remember it.

- All times on the schedule are set to Central Standard Time.

- **Team Squad Rooms:** A feature of NSDA Campus is a virtual squad room. Remember, a student must be linked to Tabroom to access the squad room.

- **Oral Interp:** Rounds will alternate between Prose and Poetry. Prose will be in the first round, Poetry in the second round, and Prose in the third round. Links to both performances will be available on the judges ballot. Please copy and paste the link to the corresponding event in the address bar to view the correct performance. IN ROUND ONE, YOU WILL ONLY WATCH PROSE PERFORMANCES.

- **Impromptu Information:** Judges will be directly messaged/emailed a link for impromptu topics. Topics will be grouped on the sheet with three for each speaker.

- **Extemp Prep:** We will be using a separate Zoom room for Extemp Prep. All students will proceed to the main Zoom room. Once inside the room, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd speakers will be directed to the breakout rooms. 4th, 5th, and 6th speakers will stay in the main room. After 1st speakers are dismissed to their rooms, the fourth speakers will begin prepping in Breakout Room 1, once the second speakers are dismissed, the fifth speakers will begin prep in Breakout Room 2. After the third speakers are dismissed, the sixth speakers will begin prep in Breakout Room 3. Students are expected to stay in the Main Prep Room when not prepping unless they are double-entered (in which case, they should notify the prep room managers). Attendance will be taken and announced in the main prep room.

  Students should be VERY proactive about coordinating their draw time and any other events with the extemp prep monitors.

Round 1 - US Foreign Policy
Round 2 - Int'l Hotspots
Round 3 - American Economics
Round 4 - COVID: Here and Abroad

Just for Judges

- All Judges are expected to be available for all preliminary and elimination rounds of the tournament unless already indicated by the head coach. Each round will be posted at least 15 minutes prior to start time.

- **Technology -** You must have a working camera and microphone. You should keep your camera on at all times during the round. Prior to judging, please visit https://campus.speechanddebate.org/ and select Test Competition Room to make sure your computer is functional with the NSDA Campus platform.

- **Standby Judges** - If you are not assigned a round during your flight, you are expected to check into the JUDGE POOL and stay there until all rounds have been started. The Tab Staff will call out for replacement judges. If you are not scheduled during your round and are not in the JUDGE POOL when called, your school will receive a 'missing judge' fine. We appreciate your help to ensure the event remains on schedule.

- **Time Violations in Speech Events:** Each speech event has a 30 second "grace period." If the judge in the round finds that the student has gone beyond the grace period, the student may not be ranked 1st, but need not be ranked last based on time. The ranking is up to the individual judge's discretion. No minimum time is mandated.

Ballot Writing - NSDA Campus provides space for you to keep time, communicate with students via voice or chat, as well as alert the tabroom of problems. But, above all, the most important role of the judge is to write thoughtful and thorough ballots. **While you will watch the round in NSDA Campus, you will complete your ballots in Tabroom.com. Please do not wait until the speaker has finished to begin typing your ballot. This can greatly delay the tournament.** In the midst of this new, innovative virtual environment, we want to ensure our students receive the necessary feedback and encouragement to continue improving their performance with a positive mindset and appreciation of the experience.

AFTER THE ROUND, ENTER YOUR RANKS/DECISION and CONFIRM
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. You may continue to edit your feedback after
you have submitted your ranks; however, you may not change your ranks
after you press SUBMIT and CONFIRM. If you've never used
tabroom.com before, please keep in mind that the computer will reorder the
speakers from SPEAKING ORDER to YOUR RANK ORDER. This is a
second layer of double-checking to assure you are entering the correct
rank for each student.

**WHAT IF THERE IS TECH ISSUES? OR MEMORY ISSUES? OR NOISE
IN THE BACKGROUND?**

*We want to ensure that [students feel supported and respected](#) throughout
the tournament. Please exercise [patience and understanding](#) if students
get lost, drop out, freeze, lag, have dogs barking in the background, arrive
appropriately late, go over the grace period, whatever. Regardless of
reason, we want to ensure our competitors feel valued in their experience
at the Duke Invitational.*

If a student's technology drops out, they will be afforded an opportunity to
rejoin the room and continue **WHERE THEY DROPPED OUT**. If students
are in the room; however, cannot rejoin by the end of the round (minimum
sixty minutes, but no more than ninety minutes from the start of the round),
they should be ranked last. **If you are waiting on a student to return, and
time has elapsed, please dismiss the other students and keep your
window open until the ninety minute mark has been reached.**

Please avoid ranking on extraneous details that do not directly relate or
significantly impact the student's performance (like background furniture,
kittens, siblings, noise, etc.).