

Jon Schamber High School Invitational 2021

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES AND RULES

EVENT GUIDELINES (OVERALL)

We encourage all participants to familiarize themselves with the updated rules of the California High School Speech Association and the National Speech and Debate. Concerns and, when necessary, protests must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director as soon as possible after an alleged infraction of a rule has taken place. As much as we can, we will follow CHSSA State Tournament event and tabbing rules for our tournament. However, the tournament invite will dictate the rules for the tournament. If it is NOT in the invite, the Tournament Director is the final arbiter for all alleged violations.

Computers & Internet

Debaters shall be allowed access to computers during preparation time and during the round after preparation time has ended. Debaters shall be allowed to use their computer to prepare arguments and ARE ENCOURAGED to only use materials prepared during prep time by either them or their partner. During preparation time, debaters may consult both physical and electronic copies of any written material, including both prepared notes and published sources. Debaters may use computers, as well as flash drives and external hard drives, to store and to retrieve written material. Debaters MAY use their phone and MAY ACCESS the internet during preparation time. All other guidelines as established by CHSSA should be reviewed by all coaches and students (The guidelines are uploaded in the documents folder on SpeechWire along with our tournament website).

Evidence

Evidence rules require that all students have evidence immediately ready to go when requested. If evidence is paraphrased, it is required that the competitor has the specific text from the original source which is being paraphrased clearly indicated and immediately available. If it takes teams more than one minute to find and send evidence that is requested, the team looking for the evidence must take preparation time to find it. Any reading of evidence produced at a team's request must be done within the requesting team's preparation time. These requirements are to ensure that we stick to the schedule and avoid keeping students and judges in competition longer than their commitment.

Debaters must send original sources via PDF or Word document; no links directly to

online articles may be shared due to paywalls, subscription restrictions, and the inability to highlight the sections read or paraphrased. Evidence must be shared as a PDF or Word document through a link in the virtual room chat box, through an email chain, or through speechdrop.net. Students who plan to use the email option are recommended not to use their personal email address, and instead, to create a tournament-only account to use. The email chain must be created in the 30 minutes prior to the debate in order to be used. Judges should be added to the email chain if they so request.

Outside Assistance

Participants in the tournament will be reminded of their commitment to the state and national organization codes of honor. During the course of a round, receiving outside assistance from any non-participant in the round, including coaches, teammates, and family members, is strictly prohibited. Any allegations of a rule violation should be submitted to the Tournament Director and will be handled through protest process. Students found to have violated tournament policy may face loss of round, disqualification from the tournament, and/or notification to school administration.

Forfeit Rule

While we will do our best to accommodate and troubleshoot problems with technology, we also need to do our best to keep the tournament running on time. Debaters will be forfeited if they fail to arrive at their competition room within 10 minutes after the round was scheduled to start (accept for Parliamentary debate where a 5 minute forfeit rule is in place). Round start times will be updated throughout the tournament if the tournament starts to run off schedule. Please explain to your students the importance of being on time, OR EVEN EARLY, to rounds. Students are responsible for reading postings correctly, getting to the contest room, asking the judge if their code and/or name appears correctly, and ensuring they are prepared. Debaters who forfeit a round will receive zero speaker points for the round; debaters who receive a forfeit win will have their speaker points averaged for the round.

If we receive multiple reports that judges are arriving to rounds late (after the 10-minute mark), the tournament will begin randomly selecting student teams from that school to forfeit. This means that judges will have not one BUT TWO opportunities to make sure they arrive in their round on time. If a judge from a school is having consistent problems, they should be contacting the tournament, or their coach should be contacting the tournament.

EVENT GUIDELINES

POLICY DEBATE

TOPIC: Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States.

We will use the following time limits for Cross-Examination Debate: 8-3-8-3-8-3-8-3-5-5-5-5 with 8 minutes prep time per team.

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

OPEN TOPIC: Resolved: The member nations of the World Trade Organization ought to reduce intellectual property protections for medicines.

NOVICE TOPIC: Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified.

You may NOT double enter in LD and any team debate event. Lincoln Douglas Debate Time 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 with 5 minutes preparation time per debater.

PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE

Topic: Resolved: The North Atlantic Treaty Organization should substantially increase its defense commitments to the Baltic states.

Students MAY NOT double enter ANY team debate event. Public Forum Debate Times 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-3-2-2 with 3 minutes of preparation time for each team during the debate to be used as a team sees fit.

Debate Advance Rules

Tie Breakers and Speaker Awards: In ALL debate, we will use the following procedures for tie-breaks: 1) Opponent Record, 2) Adjusted speaker points (dropped High-Low), 3) Total Points, 4) Judge Variance.

In team debate events, the top ten speakers in each division will receive speaker awards. Speaker awards will be determined by: 1. Adjusted speaker points (Drop High-Low), 2. total points; 3. Adjusted speaker points (Drop Low); 4. Adjusted speaker points (Drop High); 5. judge variance (Z-score).

Disclosure - Please help us keep **on schedule**. Following the return of the ballot, critics may disclose as much information as they see fit. Delays attributed to coach/judges may, at the tournament director's discretion, result in penalties to that school's teams including removal from the tournament.

Preliminary Rounds – Power-matching for all preliminary rounds will be high-low in win-loss brackets. The computer will randomly match Rounds 1 and 2. Rounds 1-2 will be pre-set on a geographic formula. Seven geographical areas will be used: Yosemite League, Kern League, Redwood League, Golden Gate League, Coast League,

Capitol League, and all other areas. Every effort will be made not to match teams or debaters against schools from their own geographic area during Rounds 1-2. Byes will be drawn on a random basis. Rounds 3 through 5 will be power-matched (high-low within win- loss brackets) based upon the results of all previous rounds.

Elimination Rounds - In elimination rounds, brackets WILL be broken (if possible). Partial elimination rounds will be held, as necessary. If there are enough entries to warrant it (33+), the top 16 debate teams and the top 16 Lincoln Douglas debaters will advance to Octofinals. Ties for the sixteenth team or LD debater will be broken using the formula above. In the case of unbreakable ties, a coin will be flipped. Debaters will flip for sides unless they have met in earlier rounds.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS AND TRIATHLON RULES

DIVISION RULES

Eligibility Rules - Open Division is available to all eligible students, regardless of experience. Students are novices in individual events when they:

1. are in their first year (defined as two semesters) of high school individual event competition and
2. have not placed third or higher in the same or a *similar event* two or more times in any division.

Collapsing Divisions – Every effort will be made to protect novice competitors. However, if there are fewer than seven (7) entries in an event, it may be collapsed into the next highest division. If this occurs, top novices will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony.

ELIMINATION ROUNDS

Criteria for Elimination Round - Any event with less than 7 contestants will not have a final round. For events with 7 to 29 competitors competing in all preliminary rounds, a final round will be held. In events where more than 30 students compete in all preliminary rounds, semifinals will be offered.

Advancement to Elimination Rounds – No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, then by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion) and finally by the highest cumulative ratings.

Placement/Advancement in Elimination Rounds - Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings in the elimination round, then by judge's preference, followed by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion) and finally by the highest cumulative ratings.

Triathlon. Each school may enter five students in senior division Triathlon and five students in junior division Triathlon. Each student must enter at least three individuals events. Neither Team Debate Events nor Lincoln Douglas Debate count as Triathlon events. The top three students in each division of Triathlon will be honored. Awards are determined on the basis of elimination results only. Radio Broadcasting can count as one event.

Sweepstakes: Contestants not competing in an elimination round will not receive sweepstakes points. Triathlon results do not accrue sweepstakes points. Points will be awarded as follows:

Points for First; Points for Second; Points for Third/Semifinals of Debate; Finalist; Semi-Finalist; Quarter-Finals; Octo-Finals

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