

Jon Schamber High School Invitational 2020

The University of the Pacific Speech and Debate team cordially invites your team to attend the 39th annual Jon Schamber High School Forensics Tournament on Friday, October 30 through Sunday, November, 1 2020. The tournament will feature the following events:

Debate

- 🏆 CX Debate
- 🏆 Lincoln Douglas Debate
- 🏆 **Public Forum debate (TOC QUALIFIER FOR SEMI-FINAL ROUND PARTICIPANTS!)**
- 🏆 Parliamentary Debate

Individual Events (TOC & NIET TOC QUALIFIERS) ASYNCHRONOUSLY!

- 🏆 Dramatic Interpretation
- 🏆 Duo Interpretation
- 🏆 Extemporaneous Speaking (Combined National & International Topics)
- 🏆 Humorous Interp
- 🏆 Impromptu
- 🏆 Informative Speaking (formally Expository)
- 🏆 OPP
- 🏆 Oral Interpretation
- 🏆 Oratory
- 🏆 Programmed Oral Interpretation
- 🏆 Radio Broadcasting

We also offer Triathlon, which allows schools to triple enter up to six students in Individual Events.

Awards: Awards will be presented to all elimination round competitors. Speaker awards will be presented to the top three debaters in all divisions as well as the top three speakers in both divisions of Triathlon. The top two high schools with eleven or more contestants entered and the top two high schools with ten or fewer contestants entered will be honored with sweepstakes awards. In addition, the traveling sweepstakes trophy will be presented to the school that has accumulated the highest number of sweepstakes points over the years that the tournament has been offered on our campus. Additionally, Pacific Forensics Scholarships of at least \$5,000 will be awarded to the top competitor(s) in Parliamentary Debate, CX Debate, Triathlon, and Lincoln-Douglas debate. The members of Pacific Speech and Debate are looking forward to seeing your squad in October. We hope to see you here!

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Schedule

Friday, October 30, 2020

11:00-12:00 PM: Registration

**Starts in the Online &
ROUND ZERO**

12:00 PM LD1: Lincoln

Douglas Debate Round 1
(Piggy Back)

2:00 PM LD2: Lincoln Douglas
Debate Round 2 (Piggy Back)

4:00 PM LD3: Lincoln Douglas
Debate Round 3 (Piggy Back)

6:00 PM LD 4: Lincoln Douglas
Debate Round 4 (NO Piggy
Back)

7:30 PM LD 5: Lincoln Douglas
Debate Round 5 (NO Piggy
Back)

Saturday October 31, 2020

8:00 ROUND ZERO

8:30 AM D1- Policy,
Parliamentary & Public Forum
Debate Round 1

11:00 AM D2: Policy,

Parliamentary & Public Forum
Debate Round 2

1:30 D3: Policy, Parliamentary
& Public Forum Debate Round
3

4:00 PM D4: Policy,
Parliamentary & Public Forum
Debate Round 4

6:30 PM D5: Policy,
Parliamentary & Public Forum
Debate Round 5

Sunday, November 1, 2020

9:00 AM: Octofinals All Debate
Events

11:00 AM: Quarterfinals All
Debate Events

1:00 PM: Semifinals All Debate
Events

3:00 PM: Finals All Debate
Events

ASAP- Awards Ceremony

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HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION POLICY (CHSSA)

As a tournament, we will follow the harassment policy stated below ON TOP OF our own institutions harassment policy:

The California High School Speech Association is committed to providing its participants, judges, coaches, and members the opportunity to pursue excellence in their endeavors. This opportunity can exist only when each member of our community is assured an atmosphere of mutual respect. CHSSA is committed to maintaining an environment that is free from all forms of harassment and discrimination. Accordingly, all forms of harassment and discrimination are prohibited, whether committed by participants, judges, coaches, or observers. CHSSA is committed to the enforcement of this policy. Individuals who are found to have violated this policy will be subject to the full range of sanctions, up to and including removal from the tournament premises and prosecution by authorities. Any individual or group of individuals who believes they have been a victim of harassment and/or discrimination should report it to the Help Desk or appropriate authority immediately.

PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOR:

A waiver and guidelines form will be circulated for competitors, judges, and all other participants. We would ask that everyone you enter in our tournament read and agree to follow these procedures. We encourage your participants to respect these policies and we ask you to engage with respect, empathy, and fairness. Participants who do not respect this or refuse to agree will be disqualified from participation.

SAFETY GUIDELINES:

Two-party consent is required for the recording of a live debate round. Students and Judges are allowed to clarify at any point in the round that the recording/live streaming should stop. Any violation of this rule could result in disqualification. Recording of IE rounds being judged is prohibited.

TOURNAMENT CONTACT:

Write this number down and put it in your wallet: 209-471-6470 (Prof. Farias' cell). We would appreciate it if you called this number as soon as you find out about emergency last minute drops, especially if you have LD entries or you are an IE-only school. You

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should also call if an issue arises during the tournament. Before the tournament, you can feel free to reach. We look forward to hosting this event and seeing you again. We hope you like the new schedule.

ENTRY FEES AND GUIDELINES

ENTRY FEES

School Fee \$50.00

CX/Parli/Public Forum Teams \$50.00

Lincoln-Douglas \$30.00

Individual Events Slots \$10.00 each.

Triathlon \$25.00 (covers the three events and the triathlon fee)

Uncovered teams \$200.00 each team (on top of entry fee)

Uncovered IEs \$25.00 each slot (on top of entry fee)

Uncovered L/D \$75.00 each entry (on top of entry fee)

FEE ASSESSMENT

Although we do not charge for adds or drops after the entry date. Fees will be assessed as of Wednesday, October 28 at Noon. This means that we will take drops and adds, but as of Wednesday at Noon, drops will not decrease your fees. Although Adds will increase your fees! This is done so that we can properly hire and allocate judging for the weekend.

DIVISIONS

A competitor in Novice division is a competitor in their first two years of competition combined at either the middle-school or high-school level. However, any student who reached elimination rounds at either the CHSSA middle-school or high-school tournaments must enter senior division.

Any competitor may enter Open division. A competitor who is a Junior or Senior with competitive experience prior to the current academic year must enter Open division. A Novice division competitor competing with a Open division partner must be entered in Open division. A Parliamentary debater must enter in Open division if they would normally be required to enter the Open division of CX, Extemp, or Impromptu under these guidelines.

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JUDGES

Each school must provide a judge for every 2 debate entries and a judge for every 6 IE entries to avoid judging fees. We will be relying on judges brought by the high schools during a majority of rounds. A debate judge may cover LD and either CX or Public Forum/Parliamentary Debate. A judge covering two debate teams will be required to judge at least four preliminary rounds of debate. A judge covering six entries will be required to judge at least two preliminary rounds of individual events. **Schools must provide judges for one round beyond the elimination of their contestants from competitions—please remind the people you enter as judges.**

What does this mean to you? A judge covering two debate teams will be expected to be present for both days of debate. A judge covering six individual events will be expected to be present for both Saturday and Sunday elimination rounds.

Thus, if your judges are there on Saturday, and your team does not advance, we will STILL expect them to be there on Sunday for the elimination rounds. Concomitantly, if your student does not advance to the semi-final or the final round in individual events, the judge is still committed for Sunday because that is one round past elimination. Should your judge not be available all three days, we will credit your commitment for what time they are there.

ENTRIES FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Due to the Asynchronous nature of Individual Events this year, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY and do your best to follow the steps.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

The tournament will exclusively use <http://www.speechwire.com>. Students should record their speech, upload to their own private (or a team) YouTube Channel, and marked as “unlisted” so that it cannot be found via a public search and only watched if shared. If you or your student have another cloud video service you would like to use, please let the tournament administration know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so that we can attempt to accommodate your students. **NOTE:** Competitor videos only need to be set on “unlisted” for the duration of the tournament. After the tournament is over,

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competitors can adjust their video setting to “private” ensuring the link no longer provide access to the video.

When registering for the tournament, Speechwire will provide a space to enter a student name, event **AND** url for their video. Entries must be completed and uploaded with a link by 4:00 pm on Monday, October 26, 2020. Speechwire will collect links for EVERY entry of your team and teams are responsible for making sure the links are correct and videos work.

After pairing and setting up digital ballots, judges will receive their dance cards/eballots, those links will be provided to them. These links will also be provided to the other competitors in the round. Due to privacy concerns, only judges and students participating in the specific round will have access to video links for that round. **PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THESE LINKS OUT OF RESPECT FOR PERFORMERS.**

The same video will be used for all preliminary rounds and finals. Preliminary rounds will be judged Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday with the deadline for ballots being (8:00 PM PST) to complete their ballots. Elimination rounds will then be paired and links will be sent to be judged by Sunday afternoon (2:00 PM PST). This means your judges will need to be available for the weekend to judge IEs as well.

JUDGES- ENTRY AND EXPECTATIONS

- 1) Put full name and indicate what you intend for them to cover.
- 2) Provide email and phone number for each judge
- 3) A judge can cover LD Debate and EITHER CX or Parli/PoFo.
- 4) One judge also can cover up to six individual event or Duo slots per conflict pattern.
- 5) Also, indicate the events and days they can judge, and be sure to note any conflicts of interest or preferred divisions.

Example judge entries:

1) J. Doe, jdoe@gmail.com, 209-867-5309, Covering Parli and IE's, Available Saturday and Sunday, Prefers Open.

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Double check that you receive entry confirmation and that you know if your "stand-by" entries are in.

NOTE- The tournament will return to hiring judges for the weekend and may use qualified college students to judge speaking and/or debate events (qualifications pending). However, we would prefer schools cover their judging to minimize the amount of hiring and to keep fees low. We have tried to lower fees to accommodate schools and difficult moments for budget; however, the amount of uncovered fees has been increased to accommodate hired judging.

IE JUDGING EXPECTATIONS

Once we have all entries/videos registered, we will create the tournament on Monday. All judges should expect their dance cards (links to e ballots) shortly there after, but no later than noon, Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020. Judges are expected to watch their rounds, provide feedback and rankings. We would like for e-ballots to be returned to us as soon as possible. However, judges will have until Friday at noon to complete judging their assigned preliminary rounds. Saturday morning, Judges will receive their Final Round dance cards. While we would prefer e-ballots returned as soon as possible, Final round results must be returned by Sunday at noon. We will hold semifinals if numbers necessitate it.

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES AND RULES

EVENT GUIDELINES (OVERVALL)

We encourage all participants to familiarize themselves with the updated rules of the California High School Speech Association and the National Speech and Debate Association (provided via the documents on SpeechWire and our independent tournament website). 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.

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GUIDELINES/TOURNAMENT RULES FOR SPEECHES:

- All participants are required to use the appropriate naming convention within the online competition platform. Participants will change their name to their code - first name -pronouns (optional). Judges will change their name to judge - first name – pronouns (optional). Any participant failing to use the appropriate naming convention will be removed from the competition space by tournament officials.
 - o Example: judge - angelique - she/her.
- Competitors may not use green screens, virtual backdrops, on-screen text, or professional equipment enhancements such as professional lighting kits or professional grade camera recording and audio devices during their performance in any event. Professional equipment includes items like softboxes or an auditorium's lighting system; use of these items is not permitted. Backdrops of a solid color with no special markings may be used by competitors and judges.
- No virtual in-round observers will be permitted in any round. Because the tournament is only accessible via login information received by tournament competitors and judges, observers will not be able to access competition space. Any unauthorized persons will be immediately removed from that competition room by tournament officials. Tournament officials will make provisions for observers to watch late elimination rounds.
- Competitors may determine how close or distant the camera is set up in order to maximize both verbal and nonverbal communication. The camera being used must remain stationary throughout the entire performance, and no zooming or panning is permitted.
- Duo partners will not be allowed to perform in the same room for filming purposes
- Submissions or recordings may not be edited using any software; all submissions must be non-stop footage of the entire performance done through the permitted submission platform.

EVENT GUIDELINES (LIMITED PREPARATION)

All Limited Preparation prompts will be released Saturday, Oct. 24 at 4:00PM PST.

Videos must be submitted by the Monday evening deadline providing you and your student 48 hours to record and upload their speech.

Extemp prompts will consist of questions. Students can choose any question from the

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provided options. From the moment of selection, students will have 30 minutes to prepare and then must immediately perform and record their speech. Impromptu prompts will be questions about ethical decision making. Students can choose from any question. From the moment of selection, students will have 7 minutes to prepare, perform, and record their presentation. (Prep time should not be filmed for Extemp but should be filmed for Impromptu).

We recognize that asynchronous recordings beg the question of compelling some people to bend or even break the rules we have set. WE ARE CONFIDENT, however, our community will maintain the highest ethical standards in these difficult circumstances. By acting fairly and equitably, students learn valuable lessons that they can maintain the rest of their life. We are providing a 48 hour period so there is plenty of time to deal with any **technical** challenges that may arise. The video URL must be provided, by way of registration, before the close of the 48 hour period.

The one provided video will be judged in preliminary round 1 & 2, and then again in Finals if that student advances. While we hope these LP rules will be compliant with various national standards, it is not yet clear if those standards can adapt to this moment. The Pacific coaches and tournament staff believe these are the fairest rules for asynchronous conditions. We trust you to be ethical. We also feel one video is sufficient for competition, as the act of recording and uploading 3 different videos for a single competition is an unfair and unique burden on LP students.

Even if national standards are clarified after the release of this invitation, resulting in legs attained at our tournament not counting for nationals, we plan to maintain our rules for this year's tournament. Please keep this possibility in mind.

EVENT GUIDELINES (DEBATE EVENTS)

General

All debate events will be held live. The general expectation is for speakers and judges to have the video turned on to maximize visual and audio cues for listeners and viewers. However, should bandwidth or other technical issues occur, judges are encouraged to accommodate to maximize participation of all involved. There will be

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five preliminary rounds for all debate competitors. Thirty minutes prior to the first round of each day, students and judges should double check their technology. Before each round, judges should do a roll call to make sure each student is present, everyone will test their audio and video, judges will ensure the naming convention has been followed, and an email chain will be created if that is how students agree to do evidence exchange (or they can also use speechdrop.net) . Any tech issues should be resolved before the round begins. The first speaker should begin speaking promptly at the round start time. Judges will be given a time that decisions must be submitted, and they will submit their decision online via SpeechWire.com immediately after each debate. To keep rounds on time and ensure students and judges finish each day at a reasonable hour, judges should keep an RFDs and feedback brief, if at all. Judges should submit their decision BEFORE any RFD and are encouraged to write a reason for decision and comments on the online ballot and refer students to the ballots if they have questions.

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

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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.

Partner to Partner Communication

Students debating in partner events should prepare for the possibility that they will not be in the same physical location as their partner during the tournament. Debaters should establish and test a means of messaging their partner during the round. This may be through instant messaging, a phone conversation, or whatever debaters deem prudent. Debaters should not plan to use a separate communication platform that requires computer video or computer audio as that will disrupt the online debate round.

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.

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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. 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, logging into the contest room, asking the judge if their code and/or name appears correctly, and ensuring their technology is working. 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 30-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 (CROSS-EXAMINATION)

Topic : Resolved: The United States federal government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following: forensic science, policing, sentencing. 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.

EVENT GUIDELINES (LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE)

OPEN TOPIC: Resolved: In a democracy, voting ought to be compulsory.

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.

EVENT GUIDELINES (PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE)

Topic: Resolved: The United States federal government should enact the Medicare-For-

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All Act of 2019. The AFF will go always speak first. Students **MAY NOT** double enter **ANY** team debate event. Public Forum Debate Times 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2-2 with 4 minutes of preparation time for each team during the debate to be used as a team sees fit.

EVENT GUIDELINES (PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE)

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE TOPIC AREAS

All topics may be value or policy. The topic areas for prelims are as follows. Keep in mind that a specific proposition will be announced for each round at the tournament.

Round 1: United States immigration policy

Round 2: International approaches to Covid-19

Round 3: United States elections

Round 4: United Nations reforms

Round 5: Economic and/or security concerns of the African Union

Parliamentary Debate topics will be announced centrally and the topic will be posted online in multiple areas along with the topic announce time and debate start time. Teams will have 20 minutes from topic announce to for preparation and 10 minutes until forfeit. We understand that this means teams may use the time to log in as extra preparation time but judges will be instructed to be firm about the 10 minute forfeit rule. It is incumbent upon students to be in the room debating BEFORE 30:01 and if they use 29 minutes of prep and are unable to log in on time, then that is the problem of the team debating. Teams will be allowed to prep together or with their coaches but shall refrain with communicating with any person besides their partner DURING the round. The times are 7-8-8-8-4-5. The speeches alternate between government (affirmative) and opposition (negative) on the motion.

Debate 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

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High-Low), 2. total points; 3. Adjusted speaker points (Drop Low); 4. Adjusted speaker points (Drop High); 5. judge variance (Z-score).

Number of Entries: The entry cap per division will be raised to 80 teams per event. Entries that exceed the cap will be placed on a waiting list and we will begin admitting entries passed the cap up until the Wednesday before the tournament begins (Oct. 28, 2020). Furthermore, schools should be entering judge coverage as entries are submitted. TBA judge slots will be deleted throughout the entry process and judges failing to show will result in schools being assessed extra fees.

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.

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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.

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Number of Entries

Individual Events:

Each school will be allowed a maximum of 60 initial individual event entries. In addition, each school may enter up to six teams in Duo Interpretation. Radio broadcasting entries do not count toward the maximum number of entries. As judging and space provides, entries may be admitted.

Debate Events:

We can comfortably guarantee space for a total 80 debaters/teams across both divisions in all events. So, that means that once we hit a total, the rest will be placed on a wait list. Schools will be notified no later than Wednesday before the tournament.

Triathlon . Each school may enter three students in senior division Triathlon and three students in junior division Triathlon. Each student must enter at least three individuals events. Team Debate, Parliamentary Debate, and Lincoln Douglas Debate do not 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.

Radio Broadcasting: Contestants should prepare a 4 to 5 minute news broadcast involving current events, domestic affairs, international affairs, business news, sports, or entertainment news. All or one of these areas may be included in the broadcast. Contestants will be judged on content, creativity, delivery, and production quality. Production quality means that the broadcast should be free from distracting noises. All contestants will be entered in one division. The top three contestants will receive trophies. Schools may enter up to four contestants in this event. The cassettes or compact disks must be given to the Tournament Director when the school registers at the tournament.

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:

Event

Points for 1st

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Points for 2nd

Points for 3rd

Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Quarter-Finals

Octo-Finals

CX PuFo Parli 20 15 10 -- -- 5 3

LD 15 10 7 -- -- 4 2

IEs/Duo/Radio 10 7 5 3 1 -- --