



**2025 New York - New Jersey Interstate Championship
February 15, 2025**

**Queens College, City University of New York
Flushing, New York 11367**

Colleagues and friends,

Queens College, CUNY, and the alums and students of the Queens College Speech and Debate Society are pleased to invite you to the 2025 New York/New Jersey Interstate Championship Tournament on **Saturday, February 15th, 2025.** This one-day tournament will crown a NY/NJ state champion in each event and determine each state's two Interstate Oratorical Association representatives. The tournament will be held at Queens College, CUNY, in the Kew Garden Hills neighborhood of the New York City borough of Queens.

The Interstate Championship Tournament will feature all 11 AFA-NST events alongside IPDA Debate. All points and tabulations will be conducted according to AFA-NST procedures. Finals of the top six contestants will follow two preliminary rounds of individual events. We will offer an Individual Speaker Award to the top three individuals who enter at least four events in two genres of forensics. Sweepstakes awards will be given to the top three schools.

Below, you will find all the information you need to enter the tournament. Should you have any questions, please contact Randy Perez at qcspeechteam@gmail.com or 516-858-3156.

Best,

**Randy Perez, Tournament Director
Nathan Badin, Team President &
Adelise Felix, Team Vice President**

Alums and Students of the Queens College Speech and Debate Society

Entry Rules:

1. Schools may enter an unlimited amount of students in each event.
2. Students in IPDA debate may only cross-enter in ONE other event in each pattern. Students in IPDA debate may NOT enter in Extemp.

3. Fees

Invoices will be sent out via PayPal unless instructed otherwise.

If checks are your preferred payment method, make all checks payable to the Queens College Association (QCA) and write "QC Speech & Debate Society" in the memo section.

Entry fees will be assessed as follows:

- Team entry fee: \$20 (Every participating team will be charged the standard school entry fee)
 - Individual Entry slot fees: \$10 for I.E., \$25 for IPDA Debate
 - Uncovered IE slot fee: \$12 each (one judge covers 6 IE slots)
 - Uncovered IPDA slot fee: \$35 per debater (one judge covers two debate slots)
 - NOTE: All teams must cover at least 50% of their entry.
 - No exceptions unless negotiated well in advance and at the director's discretion.
4. Students may enter up to 3 events per pattern. Two duos count as two events.
 5. Please provide a qualified judge for every six slots or two debaters.
 6. The deadline for entry (via Speechwire) is Tuesday, February 11th at 1 pm.
 7. Invoices will be assessed on Tuesday, February 11th at 3 pm. Add/drop fees will be assessed as follows:
 - Add/drops on Wednesday, February 12th: \$15 per change plus entry fee
 - Drops on Thursday, February 13th: \$20 per drop plus entry fee – no adds permitted
 - Drops on Friday, February 14th: \$30 per drop plus entry fee – no adds permitted
 - Drops on Saturday, February 15th: \$50 per drop plus entry fee – no adds permitted.
 - Judge drops through Friday, February 14th: \$80 per drop
 - Judge drops on Saturday, February 15th: \$125 per drop

Judging

Each judge can cover six slots or two debaters. Judges will be used in both IE and IPDA pools unless otherwise noted. All judges are obligated for one round past their students' elimination. Failure of a judge to pick up their ballots will result in their students being ineligible for elimination rounds.

Competition Rules

1. We will use the current standing event definitions and time limits published by the American Forensics Association. We will offer a semi-final round for any event with 40 or more entries competing in both preliminary rounds of competition. As per AFA-NST language, Internet use is allowed in Extemp Prep. Queens College guest wi-fi access is available.
2. We will offer one division of the Individual IPDA debate. Students in IPDA debate may enter one other event in each pattern except for Extemp. Double-entered IPDA debaters must complete their IPDA round before their IE round.
3. In IPDA debate, students will be presented with five resolutions (2 policy/2 fact or value/1 metaphorical). EXCEPT ROUND 1. TOPIC DRAW WILL BE IN THE ROUND!!!! The 30-minute preparation time will commence with the first negative topic strike. Both affirmative and negative debaters will alternatively strike topics until one resolution is left for the round. As per IPDA rules, students ARE allowed to access any written or electronic materials during prep. Students are also allowed to transcribe and use notes during the round. Students can also use their phones as a timekeeping device, provided it is in "silent" or "airplane" mode. However, IPDA rules prohibit access to electronic materials during the debate round.
4. Awards will be presented to all elimination round participants, the top 3 IPDA debate schools, the top 3 overall teams, the top 3 debaters, and the top 3 individual speakers.
5. The final round of Persuasive Speaking will determine the two student representatives for the Interstate Oratorical Association contest. The top two students from New York and the top two students from New Jersey will represent their respective states at IOA. The following two students from each state will serve as the alternative representatives for that state. If there are not enough representatives in the final round from New York or New Jersey, we will turn to ranks in prelims to determine the representatives.
6. Students must enter at least four individual events to be eligible for speaker awards.

7. Awards:

Awards will be given to all elimination round competitors in all events. IPDA will feature two elimination rounds.

Individual events sweepstakes points will be awarded as follows: 12 points for first place, 10 points for second, 8 points for third, 7 points for fourth, 5 points for fifth, and 3 points for sixth.

In debate, sweepstakes points will be awarded as follows: 5 points for each preliminary win, 10 points for reaching the Semis, and 15 points for reaching the Finals.

Top speakers and schools will be recognized. Students must be entered in four events to be eligible for individual sweeps.

8. For IPDA school sweeps, each school's top 3 debaters will be counted: 5 points per win in prelims, 10 points for reaching semifinals, and 15 points for reaching finals.

9. Schools must be entered in IPDA and IE to be in overall sweeps.

10. Unless otherwise noted, Judges will be placed in the IPDA and IE pool.

Pattern A – Extemp, POI, Duo, Persuasive, Informative, Prose, IPDA

Pattern B – Impromptu, Drama, ADS, CA, Poetry, IPDA

SCHEDULE for Saturday, February 15th, 2025

8:00am	Registration – Kiely Hall, 2 nd floor (by Kiely Hall 270)
8:30am	Extemp Draw/Round 1 IPDA (Extemp Draw in Kiely Hall 244; IPDA Draw in Kiely Hall 264)
9:00am	IA (Extemp/POI/Duo/Per/Info/Pro)
10:30am	IB (Imp/DI/ADS/CA/Poetry) – Round 2 IPDA
Noon	Extemp Draw/ Round 3 IPDA @ 12:15pm
12:30pm	IIA
2:00pm	IIB – Round 4 IPDA
3:30pm	Extemp Draw/ Semifinals IPDA
4:00pm	Finals A
5:15pm	Finals B/Finals IPDA
6:45pm	Awards (Benjamin Rosenthal Library 230)

*Schedule will be collapsed/adjusted if entries/judges warrant.

IMPORTANT LOCATIONS

Registration will be on the 2nd floor of the Kiely Hall hallway in front of Kiely Hall 270 and start at 8:00AM. Please look at posted signs throughout the Kiely Hall building.

Tab Room – Kiely Hall 248

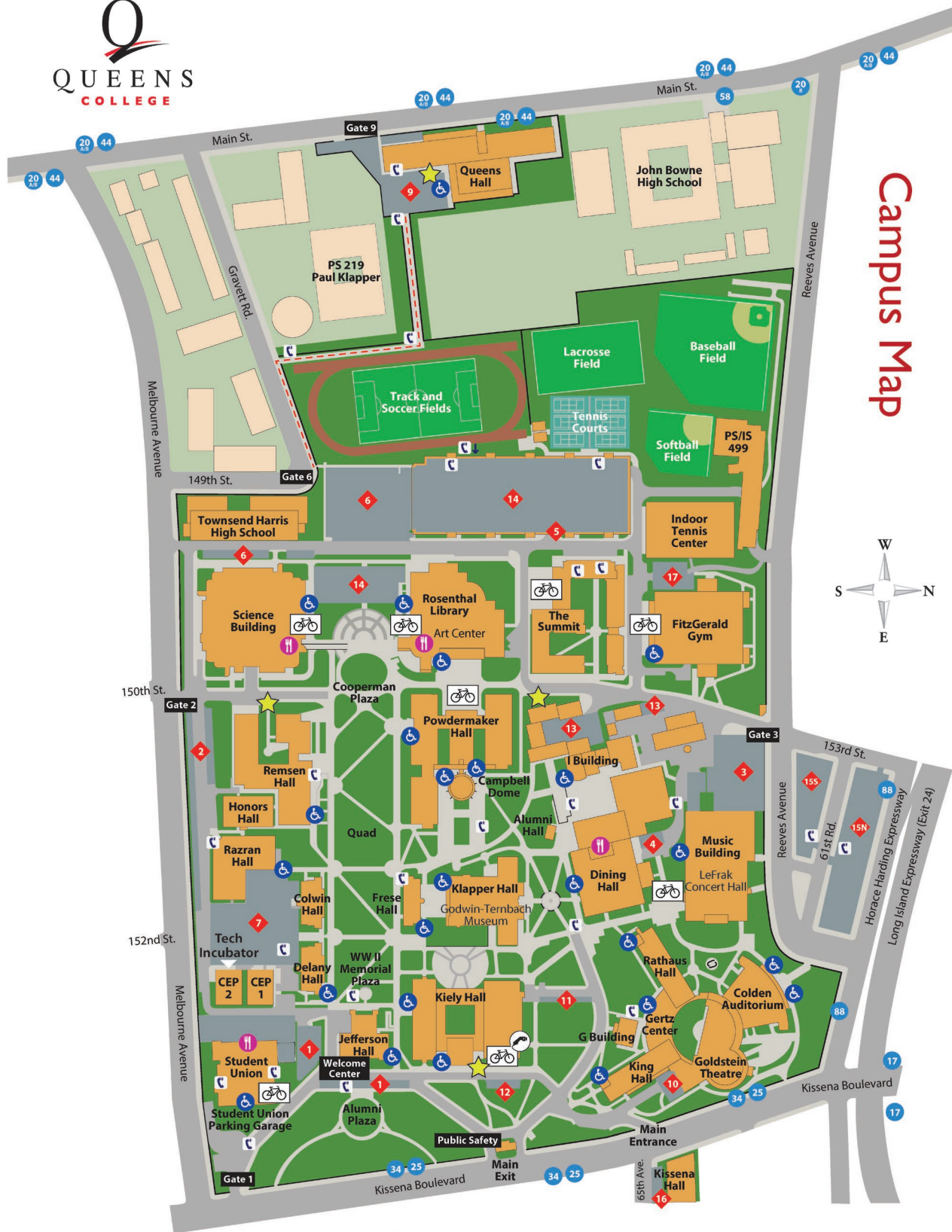
General assembly area & awards location – Benjamin Rosenthal Library 230

Judge's Lounge – Kiely Hall 264

IPDA draw & prep area – Kiely Hall 270

Extemp draw & prep area - Kiely Hall 244

Campus Map



Building Abbreviations

Alumni Hall	AE
Campbell Dome	DM
Golden Auditorium	CA
Colwin Hall	CH
Delany Hall	DY
Dining Hall	DH

FitzGerald Gym
Frese Hall
G Building
Gertz Center
Goldstein Theatre
Honors Hall
I Building
Jefferson Hall

FG
FH
GB
GC
GT
HH
IB
JH
Kiely Hall
King Hall
Kissena Hall
Klapper Hall
Music Building
Powdermaker Hall
Professional Studies
Queens Hall

KY
KG
KS
KP
MU
PH
CEPI
QH
Rathaus Hall
Razran Hall
Remsen Hall
Rosenthal Library
Science Building
Student Union
Tech Incubator
The Summit

RA
RZ
RE
RO
SB
SU
CEP2

Key

QC Boundary	Parking Lots	Bus Routes	Food Services	Access-a-Ride	Accessibility Ramps	Emergency Phones
Buildings	Off Campus	Sidewalks	Roadways	Grassy Areas	Athletics Fields	Parking Areas
					Bike Racks	Charging*

*Designated Charging Location

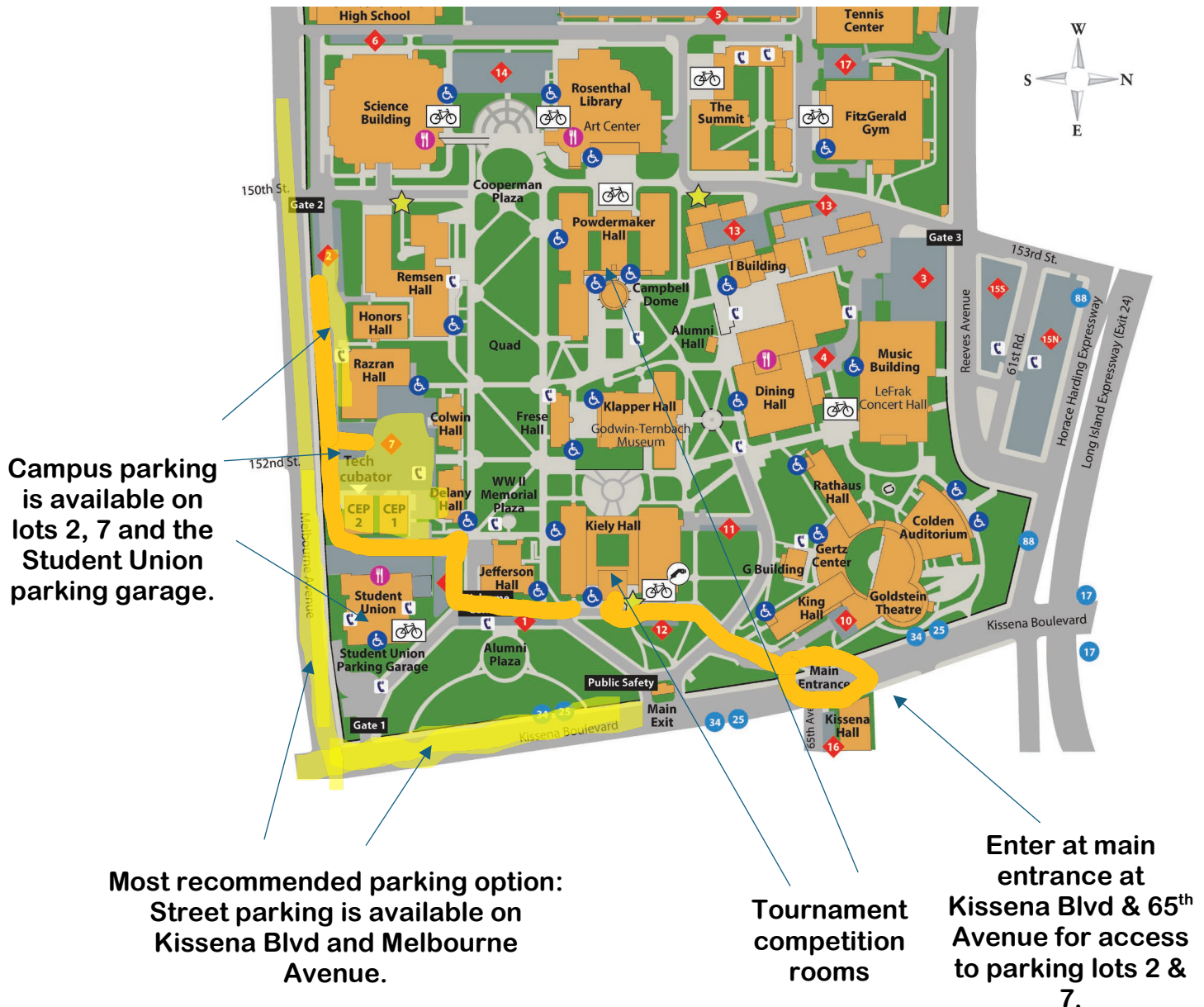
PARKING INSTRUCTIONS for Saturday, February 15th, 2025

MOST RECOMMENDED OPTION

Street parking adjacent to the Queens College campus is available on Kissena Blvd and Melbourne Avenue, highlighted in yellow on the map below. Park on the street and enter campus by walking through Public Safety at the main entrance at Kissena Blvd and 65th Avenue. Street parking is free on weekends and is a short walk to the Kiely Hall Building.

ALTERNATIVE PARKING OPTIONS

You can park in parking lots 2 and 7 and the Student Union building parking garage, highlighted in yellow on the map below. You must enter campus at the main entrance on Kissena Blvd and 65th Avenue and proceed through campus to the designated areas drawn in yellow. To park in the Student Union building garage, please enter at Gate 1 at the corner of Kissena Blvd and Melbourne Avenue – not at the main entrance on 65th Avenue.



RECOMMENDED LOCAL DINING OPTIONS

Lunch is on your own. Very few campus dining facilities will be open on Saturday, but the dining hall building will be open. However, it is highly recommended that you consider local restaurants around the Queens College campus.

1. Gino's of Kissena (Pizza), 65-01 Kissena Blvd, Flushing, NY 11367, (718) 939-4887 (Gino's is across the street from the main campus entrance on Kissena Blvd and 65th Avenue. Will deliver to campus.)
2. Bagels Plus Deli, 70-39 Parsons Blvd, Flushing, NY 11365 (718) 591-3615
3. McDonald's, 72-69 Kissena Blvd, Flushing, NY 11367
4. Valentino's Pizzeria and Restaurant, 71-47 Kissena Blvd, Flushing, NY 11367, (718) 591-6464
5. Dunkin', 153-67 Horace Harding Expressway, Flushing, NY 11367 (718) 358-4031
6. Qiu Sushi & Tea Bar (Japanese) 60-05 Kissena Blvd, Flushing, NY 11367 (718) 799-0628
7. Subway, 59-16 Kissena Blvd, Flushing, NY 11367, (718) 886-0193
8. Tost Restaurant (Vegan & Vegetarian), 60-10 Kissena Blvd, Flushing, NY 11367, (718) 460-8678
9. Smash House Burgers, 69-44 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11367, (718) 640-1762