**Patriot Games Classic**

**2025 Invitation**

George Mason University cordially invites you to attend the 21st Annual Patriot Games Classic to be held on the George Mason University Campus in Fairfax, Virginia on December 6th and 7th, 2025. Thank you to everyone who has made Patriot Games an important part of their travel schedule for the past two decades!!.

The deadline for entry is Friday, November 14th at 5:00pm EST, but we strongly encourage people to enter early, as once we are filled, we will no longer be to accept entries. ***Registration is open.*** Registration will take place through the website:

We have been able to reserve a block of rooms at the Fairfax Marriott for this tournament. Information on the block is in the invite. This weekend promises to be full of high energy and stress, which sometimes can effect students adversely. As a reminder, please bring all relevant medical forms with you in case a medical professional needs them.

We look forward to seeing you all in December!

Sincerely,

**Tournament Co-Directors**

Dawn Lowry

Director of Forensics

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Assistant Director of Forensics

**Student Tournament Co-Directors**

 Grace Cora and Emma Schiable

**EVENTS OFFERED/ENTRY CAPS:**

**Pattern A**

EXT Extemporaneous Speaking 8

HI Humorous Interpretation 8

OI Oral Interpretation 8

DUO Duo Interpretation 8

INFO Informative Speaking 8

IMP Impromptu 8

**Pattern B/Debate:**

OO Original Oratory 8

DI Dramatic Interpretation 8

DEC Declamation 8

POI Program Oral Interpretation 8

PF Public Forum Debate 8

LD Lincoln-Douglas Debate 8

CD Congressional Debate 8

Additional slots may be requested via Speechwire’s wait list feature. After positive feedback, we are attempting to add Impromptu to our in-person tournament. As this does impact room availability, we cannot guarantee being able to increase event size. Schools will be notified which entries have been accepted from the wait list each Monday, starting Nov. 17th, 2025.

**Competitors at most may enter:**

2 speech events per pattern; or

1 form of debate and 2 speech events in Pattern A.

A: EXT, HI, OI (1st Round Prose), DUO, INF

B: OO, DEC, DI, POI, All debate, and Congress

**FEES:**

IE Entry, Duo (per team) $45.00

IE Judge (per uncovered entry) $25.00

Congress, LD, PF (per team) $70.00

Debate Judge (per uncovered entry) $45.00

Entry Drop/Change 11/17 @ 5PM Entry Fee (EF)

Entry Drop/Change 11/24@5PM EF + $25.00

Entry Drop/Change 12/1@5PM EF + $35.00

Entry Drop/Change 12/5 EF +$50.00

Judge Drop 11/24@5PM $100.00

Judge Drop 12/5 $200.00

**JUDGE REQUIREMENTS:**

* A qualified judge should be provided for every 6 entries or fraction thereof in individual events.
* A qualified judge should be provided for every 2 entries or fraction thereof in PF and LD.
* A qualified judge should be provided for every school with Congressional Debate entries.
* Judge pools are separate; no judge may cover more than one obligation.

Entry fees will be calculated at 9pm on Monday November 17th 2025.

All additional fee changes take place at 5:01 pm of the specified date on pg.1.

**Fees are due at or before registration**: School or personal checks should be made payable to *George Mason University*. Hold checks are not accepted. Schools can also pay online. Information regarding online payment will be emailed out on request.

Fees assessed once the tournament has started (for no-show students or no-show judges) should be paid immediately at the ballot table. **Schools with outstanding fees risk preventing their students from participating in elimination rounds.**

**TOURNAMENT HOTEL:**

Marriott Fair Oaks will once again serve as the official tournament hotel for the GMU Patriot Games. A block of rooms has been reserved here for the tournament weekend.We are waiting for the registration link from Marriott and will update the Speechwire page as soon as we get it.

**Marriott Fairfax at Fair Oaks:**

**11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway**

**Fairfax, VA 22033**

**(703) 352-2525**

*\*10 minute drive from campus*

Room rates have been reserved for us under GMU Patriot Games. A reduced rate will be available through the first week of November. The following note is from the hotel regarding making reservations:

**METHOD OF RESERVATIONS**

**Reservations for the Event will be made by Rooming List to be provided directly to the hotel on or before:**

**Friday, November 7th, 2025 by 4:00pm (EST).**

**• Each submitted Rooming List must be fully complete at the time of submission.**

**• Rooming Lists with blank name spaces or unknown dates will not be uploaded or guaranteed. TEMPLATE LOCATED ON FILES TO DOWNLOAD PORTION OF SPEECHWIRE. LOOK FOR BUTTON ON GENERAL PAGE.**

**• Mandatory Information – Room First & Last Name / Arrival & Departure Dates / Room Type / Email Address**

**• Submit Rooming List to the Sales Office –****seth.weiner@fairfaxmarriott.com**

**• Please do not call the Hotel directly for reservation assistance. All reservation details of any kind must go through the Sales Office via email to Seth Weiner.**

**GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS**

All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit.

Hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by one of the above methods.

**BILLING ARRANGEMENTS**

The following billing arrangements apply: **Individual to Pay**

* Individual Master Billing requests will be addressed after rooming list confirmations on a school-by-school basis.

**CANCELLATION**

If an Individual guest wishes to cancel their reservation, they must do so by 6:00pm 48-hours prior to their reservation arrival date. If the reservation is not cancelled and the guest does not check into the hotel the guest will be charged for 1 night’s room and tax to the credit card on file when the reservation was made.

**OTHER OPTIONS:** Fairfax is home to numerous hotels, so if you need to find one that suits your team’s needs, it wouldn’t be hard to find. We can also make recommendations if you need them.

**21ST Annual Patriot Games Tournament Schedule**

**<Tentative and subject to change>**

**Friday December 5th, 2025**

7:00-8:30 Registration, Marriott Fair Oaks

**Saturday December 6TH, 2025**

8:00 LD Round 1, PFD Round 1, Congress 1 (8:00-11:00)

9:00 LD Round 2, PFD Round 2

10:00 Round 1B (OO, DEC, DI, POI)

11:15 Draw

11:45 Round 1A (EXT, HI, OI, DUO, INF)

1:30 LD Round 3, PFD Round 3, Congress 2 (1:30-4:30)

2:30 Round 2B

4:00 LD Round 4, PFD Round 4

5:00 Draw

5:30 Round 2A

7:00 Round 3B, Congress Semis

8:30 LD Round 5, PFD Round 5

10:30 Posting of Congress, PFD, and LD elimination round participants online and at the Marriott

**Sunday December 7TH, 2025**

7:30 Triple Octo PFD

8:15 Draw

8:45 Round 3A

10:15 Double Octo-Finals PFD and LD, Quarter-Finals B Pattern, Congress Final 1 (9:30-11:30)

11:30 Draw

11:45 Quarter-Finals A Pattern

12:45 Octo-Finals PFD and LD

1:15 Semi-Finals B Pattern, Congress Final 2 (1:15-2:45)

2:00 Quarter-Finals PFD and LD

2:45 Draw

3:15 Semi-Finals PFD and LD, Semi-Finals A Pattern

4:45 Finals LD, Finals PFD, Finals B Pattern

5:45 Draw

6:00 Finals A Pattern

8:30 Awards (ASAP)

**EVENT RULES:**

**Congress:**
Each school entering Congress **must provide a bill or resolution for debate**. The bills should be emailed to dlowry4@gmu.edu no later than 5 p.m. Monday November 17TH 2025. Please use the NSDA template when submitting your bill. We will post the legislation packet for all schools on the website no later than Wednesday, November 29TH, 2025. **Schools who enter Congress students without submitting legislation risk their students being removed from the competition**. All applicable rules will be published with the legislation packet.

**Public Forum Debate: NSDA Rules**
Public Forum will use the December 2025 NSDA Topic as published on the NSDA website.

**Lincoln/Douglas Debate: NSDA Rules**

LD will use the November/December 2025 NSDA Topic as published on the NSDA website.

**Duo Interpretation: NSDA Rules**

**Declamation: NCFL Rules**

Freshman and Sophomore competitors only.

**Oral Interpretation: CFL Rules (Round 1 begins with Prose)**

**Dramatic Interpretation: NSDA Rules**

**Humorous Interpretation: NSDA Rules**

**Original Oratory: NSDA Rules**

**Extemporaneous Speaking: NCFL Rules**
Please note that the final round will feature an open 3-minute cross-examination period.

**Informative Speaking: NSDA Rules**

**Program Oral Interpretation: NSDA Rules**

**Impromptu: NSDA Rules \*\***

***\*\* Round Themes will be announced once registration closes.***

**Team and Individual Sweepstakes: TBA via Speechwire email.**