



## 11th Annual Solon Tournament

Saturday, January 26, 2019



The Solon High School Speech and Debate Team cordially invites you to the 11th Annual Solon Tournament held on Saturday, January 26, 2019. This year our tournament will again feature all OSDA events and allow for double entry in the speech events. We will also be offering competition to middle school students (grades 6-8).

**Where:** This year, all Speech events (for both high school and middle school) will be held at our high school and all Debate events (high school and middle school) will take place at the middle school/elementary complex. Please have your buses drop off IE competitors at the Senior Commons entrance of SHS. DO NOT come to the main entrance on Inwood, those doors will be locked. Debaters should be dropped off at the main entrance of Solon Middle School. All buses can then park at the back of the building near the Natatorium and Gymnasium at SHS or stay at SMS in their main parking lot. If teams have both IE and Debate entries, registration will take place in Room 115 of SHS, just off the main hallway near the front entrance. Debate only teams can go right to the middle school library. Competitors at each building should report to the cafeteria, and judges should report to the open study hall near the cafeteria at SHS and to the cafeteria at SMS.

Solon High School  
33600 Inwood Road  
Solon, Ohio 44139

Solon Middle School/Parkside Elementary  
6835 SOM Center Road  
Solon, Ohio 44139

**Events:** We offer all high school events: IE, LD, PF, Policy, and Congress. In addition, IE competitors have the opportunity to double enter, or compete in two speech events. Note: please remember to complete the Bid Intention in SpeechWire registration. For middle school students we offer the following events: in debate (Congress & PF), in speech (Dec, Interp, Oratory, and USX). Big Questions Debate will also be available to both high school and middle school competitors.

**Judge Information:** Please provide 1 judge for every 5 IE competitors, 1 for every 10 Congress contestants, and 1 judge for every 2 Debate entries. Please mark judges as either high school or middle school when entering them into Speechwire.

**Competition:** IE will have 3 preliminary rounds before a final power round of the top 7 speakers, LD & PF will compete in 4 rounds of debate, Policy in 3 rounds, Congress will have 3 hours of preliminary chambers before a 2-hour super session. Middle school students will all compete in 4 rounds of competition.

### General Tournament Schedule:

8:00-8:30	Team Registration
8:30am	Extemp Draw
9:00am	All Events: Round 1
2:00pm	IE Final Power Rounds
3:45pm	Award Ceremony in Auditorium

**\*\*If we can get registration taken care of by 8:30, we can stick to the time table above!**

### Debate Topics:

- **Congressional Debate** will generally use the OSDA Docket for the weekend of January 26<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow with which pieces of legislation will be for prelims and which ones for finals.
- **Middle School Congress** will use the OSDA Middle School Docket. More information about specific pieces of legislation will be emailed to coaches.
- **Lincoln Douglas will debate: Resolved:** The United States ought not provide military aid to authoritarian regimes.
- **High School AND Middle School Public Forum will debate: Resolved:** The United States federal government should prioritize reducing the federal debt over promoting economic growth.
- **Policy will debate: Resolved:** The United States federal government should substantially reduce its restrictions on legal immigration to the United States.

### Other Important Tournament Information:

- Teams need to finalize their registration on Speechwire by **4:00pm on Thursday, January 24, 2019**. After this time, you won't be able to add any entries and tournament invoices will be printed.
- IE, LD, and Congress competitors \$4; Duo, PF, and Policy teams \$8 each team.
- Please limit your entries to no more than 6 per category with the exception of Congress which can enter up to 10 students per school. We will take a waitlist for additional students beyond the 6 per school, and after all teams have registered (and if the space is available) we may open up for the additional students.
- All rounds will be open to observers. Please remind observers, competitors, and judges to turn off their cell phones during the competition. If an observer's phone goes off in a round they will be asked to leave, if a competitor's phone goes off they will be ranked last in the round or given the loss, and if a judge's phone goes off their school will be fined \$25.
- Each IE, LD, PF, and Policy round will have 1 judge. Congressional Debate will have 3 judges in each session. Final rounds of speech will be 3 judge panels.

- Awards will be given to students placing in the top 7 of all events and to the top 7 schools. The award ceremony **for all entries** will take place in the auditorium at Solon High School. **Please make arrangements for your buses to bring your debaters to SHS after their rounds are complete.**
- Delicious food will be available to purchase in each cafeteria, so please tell your students not to bring in any outside food! Complimentary food will be available for judges throughout the day in the judges' lounge.
- The Tab Room will be located in Room 115 off the main hallway at SHS and in the Library at SMS. Judges should return ballots there and any questions or concerns throughout the day can be directed to any tournament officials there.

We look forward to seeing you in 2019! Have a wonderful winter break!

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