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Dear Speech and Debate Coaches and Moderators:

The Randolph High School Speech & Debate Team is pleased to invite you to the 30th Annual Randolph Fall Classic Speech & Debate Tournament to be held on **Saturday, November 16, 2019** on the campus of Randolph High School and Randolph Middle School. We will be offering competition in 15 different events at various levels of competition this year.

NEW THIS YEAR

Parliamentary Debate. We are offering this exciting and dynamic form of debate for the first time. In this event, teams of 2 students compete in a more parliamentary-style debate. To find out more, please check out the NYPDFL’s informational literature on the event either online or in our provided materials. **This style uses impromptu motions only**, meaning that no outside preparation is allowed or required. Teams will be given 15 minutes to prep. To encourage students to try this new offering, we will offer one free entry per school. Because of the ease of understanding of this event, we will be using the PF judge pool for this event, though other judges may be asked to help out if necessary. Therefore, please add your judges to the PF pool accordingly.

E-Ballots for All Events. **We will be expanding our use of e-ballots this year.** Once again, we need you, the coaches and moderators, to ensure clear communication to your judges about this. Please ask ALL judges, both speech and debate, to ensure that they **bring a device that they can complete their ballots on, as well as any necessary equipment (i.e., chargers)**. E-ballots are incredibly easy and intuitive – they have been used to great effect at many local and national tournaments. We will again train any new judges on the process the morning-of. We would again like to stress that **all events will be using e-ballots this year.**

Charitable Donations. Thanks to your generosity in previous years, our Parent Boosters organization will again be setting up a charitable fundraising table, with this year’s proceeds benefitting the **New Jersey Community Food Bank**, a fantastic local organization. The team that donates the most overall will receive a special award.

EVENTS & COMPETITION

| SPEECH | DEBATE |
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| Public Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declamation (DEC) • Informative Speaking (INF) • Original Oratory (OO) | Lincoln Douglas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varsity (VLD) • Junior Varsity (JVLD) • Novice (NLD) |
| Limited Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extemporaneous Speaking (EXT) • Impromptu Speaking (IMP) • Improvisational Acting (IMV) | Public Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varsity (VPF) • Junior Varsity (JVPF) • Novice (NPF) |
| Interpretation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dramatic Interpretation (DI) • Duo Interpretation (DUO) • Humorous Interpretation (HI) • Oral Interpretation (OI) • Program Oral Interpretation (POI) | Congressional <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varsity (VCON) • Novice (NCON) |
| | Parliamentary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open (PARLI) |

Competition will take place at Randolph High School (511 Millbrook Ave) and across the parking lot at Randolph Middle School (507 Millbrook Ave). We will offer snacks at our grab-and-go tables and judge hospitality rooms at both venues, but full lunch for competitors and judges will be served only at RHS. Our tab rooms will be staffed with Randolph student officers, coaches, and other NJSDL officers and board members and volunteers.

All NSDA and NJSDL rules for registration, source integrity, ethics, and timing are in effect. If you have questions, please consult the official NSDA and/or NJSDL rules.

Awards will be given to the top 6 competitors in all categories. Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded to the top 5 teams competing.

Lincoln Douglas & Public Forum Debate

There will be four double-flighted preliminary rounds with breaks to finals only if time permits. Please register your students for the appropriate division based on NJSDL rules. We will be using the NSDA Nov/Dec topics for both.

Parliamentary Debate

This two-person event new this year and will run as closely as possible to the LD & PF schedules. Impromptu topics will be given 15 minutes before each round begins.

Speech

There will be three preliminary rounds in all individual event (IE) categories with breaks to finals; in categories with sufficient numbers, we may break to semifinals and/or novice honors rounds, time permitting.

Congressional Debate

There will be two sessions and a final round of Congressional Debate, with the possibility of a novice division depending on the number of entries.

REGISTRATION

All registration must be completed via speechwire.com. If you have never used this site before or would like assistance, please let us know and we can assist. Speechwire will accept up to six (6) entries per school per category. We reserve the right to place any further entries on a waitlist, subject to room and judge availability. Coaches will receive notifications if and when we are able to clear the waitlist.

Only students who are sponsored by a degree-granting institution are permitted to compete. No individual or "lone wolf" entries are permitted. We do allow double-entries across all the IE events only. Mavericks in Public Forum are not permitted. There are no double-entries permitted in any debate event, or across speech and debate events.

Please mark all speech novices as such in your registration. If there are enough novices in each category, we may be able to hold **novice honors rounds** concurrent with the final rounds, judged by volunteers and/or experienced Randolph team members. At minimum, we will give an award to the top non-advancing novice in each category that does not proceed to a novice honors round.

On-site school registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the first round will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m. A complete tournament schedule will be available on speechwire.com. Please refer to the following page for details.

DEADLINES

We need somewhat stable students counts so that we can best prepare our venues for your arrival. To that end, we will begin assessing **nuisance fees** for any registration changes other than name changes after **9am on Thursday, 11/14**. We will **lock registration at 4pm on the day before the tournament**. Any changes after that point must be communicated directly to the tournament staff via email or at on-site registration the next day.

All Congress bills must be emailed to Peter Quinn (pquinn@rtnj.org) by 10am on Monday, November 11. Please make certain that you are following the NJSDL guidelines for legislation, including proofreading, educational value, and suitability for the event. **All legislation must be sent by coaches; direct submissions from students will be returned.**

JUDGES

Judging quotas are based on the following:

- Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum, and Parliamentary Debate
 - Teams must provide one (1) judge for every three (3) entries or fraction thereof.
 - Student debaters with at least two full years of experience may be used as judges for Novice LD or Novice PF ONLY, so long as they are marked as such in registration notes. For example, if a team has one NPF entry and two VPF entries, a student judge WILL ONLY cover the novice entry.
- IE categories and Congress
 - Teams must provide one (1) judge for every five (5) entries or fraction thereof.
 - Student judges are not permitted.

When registering your judges, if you have a judge who is able to judge your own team without conflict, please mark him or her as “clean” on the drop-down menu. Judges like these are very valuable to the tournament. If a “dirty” judge is marked clean, a judge fee may be assessed to your team.

We may be forced to assign judges based on need, regardless of category. This is something we will try never to do, but if circumstances demand it, it would be helpful for coaches to let us know of any judges who would feel more comfortable doing this. That said, **speech judges can and will be used to judge Congress rounds. Please prepare your judges for this possibility.**

We will, as usual, conduct a brief overview session for judges at approximately 8:45am. While we strive to alleviate confusion and answer all questions, we cannot spend the time to fully train judges. If you have untrained judges, please consider attending one of the free NJSDL judge training sessions (njsdl.org), or the NSDA online course.

FEES

Our fee structure is below. All payments should be made out to Randolph High School. We accept payments before, at, or immediately after registration; or, in case of a purchase order, after the tournament. Please send payments to:

Randolph High School
attn. Peter Quinn
511 Millbrook Avenue, Randolph, NJ 07869

▪ **Registration Fees**

- School registration fee
 - \$10 per school
- Lincoln Douglas
 - \$15 per entry
- Public Forum and Parliamentary Debate
 - \$20 per entry
- IE categories and Congress
 - \$10 per entry except Duo Interpretation (\$15 per entry)

▪ **Administrative Fees.** These fees are designed to discourage schools and teams from doing things that make our job of running the tournament extremely difficult. We would prefer not to charge these fees – we would much rather have a smooth-running tournament!

- Late entry fee
 - \$10 per entry after 9am on 11/14
- Drop fee
 - \$10 per dropped entry after 9am on 11/14
- Entire school late withdrawal fee (*please don't do this!*)
 - 50% of full invoice if within 24 hours of tournament; 100% for no-show
- Judge fees
 - \$90 per missing judge, per requirements below
 - \$90 per dropped & non-replaced judge beginning 24 hours before registration
 - \$20 per missed judge call at the discretion of tournament staff.

We look forward to seeing you in November! Please contact Peter Quinn (pquinn@rtnj.org) with any questions. Until then, we wish you the very best start to the 2018-19 season.