

Raptor Rumble Nov. 2019



Dear Speech and Debate Coach:

You are cordially invited to participate in the 6th Annual Raptor Rumble Speech and Debate Tournament at Eaglecrest High School on November 15-16, 2019.

Events: The following events will be offered: CX Debate*, JV CX Debate*, LD Debate, Public Forum Debate, National Extemp, International Extemp, Drama, Humor, Poetry, Duo, Original Oratory, Informative, POI, and Student Congress. Three rounds and finals will be held in all events.

* Depending on the number of entries, we may combine the JV CX and CX pools. If this looks like it will happen, I will email all coaches with JV CX and CX entries for input on how we will handle JV case limits.

FRIDAY: Congress only (4:00 – 8:00 PM)

SATURDAY: All other events

Events will be waved to best utilize space and judges. When entry numbers are more set, waves will be established and the schedule will be updated on SpeechWire to reflect the structure of the tournament--THE CURRENT SCHEDULE ON SPEECHWIRE IS A PLACEHOLDER AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Entries: A maximum of four (4) entries per school will be allowed in each event, except Congress, which will be limited to 10 entries per school. Additional entries can be placed on the waitlist and we will accommodate those entries if space is available.

Registration: All registration will occur at www.speechwire.com. Registration will close at 5 PM on Thursday, November 7, or earlier if the tournament fills. Registrations are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. As always, we would appreciate knowing of any drops in advance of the tournament, in order to help with the scheduling of rounds.

Rules:

- Competition is open to 9-12 grade students representing the school in which they are officially enrolled and doing so with the permission of their school administration and/or coaches.
- We will use all current November NSDA topics in each of the debates:
 - **CX:** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce Direct Commercial Sales and/or Foreign Military Sales of arms from the United States.
 - **PF:** Resolved: The benefits of the United States federal government's use of offensive cyber operations outweigh the harms.
 - **LD:** Resolved: The United States ought to eliminate subsidies for fossil fuels.
- CHSAA rules and event descriptions will be used for CHSAA events.
- Competitors double-entered in OO and Informative cannot perform the same speech in both events.
- NSDA Congress rules will be used for Congress.

Doubling Rules:

- CX, PF, and LD Debaters may not double-enter on Saturday, but they may double-enter in Congress on Friday.
- Congressional Debate students may double-enter in events on Saturday.

- Students in events (Drama, Humor, Poetry, POI, Duo, OO, Info, Extemp) may double-enter in two events on Saturday. Students are responsible for making it to their rounds. Students must pay attention to the schedule because we may not be using a full wave system—some events may occur in the same time period.
- Students can only enter one Extemp event.
- Extempers that double-enter risk losing part of their prep time.

JV/Varsity CX Rules:

- Varsity CX Debate is open to all CX debate teams.
- JV CX debate is limited to freshman and sophomore CX debaters or students in their first year of competition.
- In JV CX, no kritiks or counterplans are allowed.
- In JV CX, we will employ the NFHS Novice case limits, meaning that all teams should limit themselves to these case areas:
 - o Saudi Arabia
 - o Small Arms and Light Weapons
 - o Drone Exports
 - o India

Fees and Payment: The entry fee will be \$12.00 per student in events—\$24 per team (PF, CX, JVCX, Duo)—and \$9 per entry in Congress based upon the pre-registration numbers on Thursday, November 7. Changes in pre-registration will be reflected in the final entry fees if made via the web site by 5 PM on November 7. After that time, net increases in entries will result in increases in final entry fees, while net decreases in entries will not reduce your final entry fees. Payment can be made via credit card--contact Ashley McCulloch if your team would like to pay this way. **Please make checks payable to Eaglecrest High School Speech and Debate Team and mail payment to:**

Attn.: Ashley McCulloch
Eaglecrest High School
5100 S. Picadilly St.
Centennial, CO. 80015

Inclusion Statement: The Eaglecrest Speech and Debate community echoes the CHSAA Inclusion Statement and believes inclusion is vital to our community. We are committed to providing a safe and equitable learning and competitive environment that fosters a mindset of empathy, respect, and belonging for all involved in Speech and Debate, including, but not limited to students, coaches, judges and community members. We honor differences including races and cultures, genders and sexual orientations, abilities and aspirations, identities and affiliations, socioeconomics and worldviews. Embracing our diversity prepares our community to thrive. Individuals found to have violated this policy will be subject to the full range of sanctions, up to and including disqualification (competitors), forfeiture of judge pay (judges), and removal from the tournament premises.

Judging: Each school must provide AT LEAST one judge who will be available to judge ALL day and is available to judge ALL events entered by their school. Judges are responsible for checking for ballots at the appropriate times. Hired judges will be paid \$9 per round judged. Please help us run on time and recruit some judges! As you recruit judges, please enter their information into SpeechWire to expedite judge check-in on Saturday.

We all want tournaments to run quickly and efficiently, and that is not possible if we do not have a solid judging pool--please help by recruiting judges so we have a diverse and varied group of judges for our students to receive feedback from!

Awards: Trophies and medals will be awarded to all finalists during our awards ceremony. Numerous superior and excellent ribbons will be given as awards with ballots. Trophies, gavels, and ribbons will be awarded in Congress in-room on Friday evening.

Final Registration: Friday Congress check in will begin at 4:00 PM. Final registration on Saturday will be from 7:00 to 7:30 AM, with rounds beginning at 8:00 AM. Please plan to arrive at registration early. Schools not registered by 7:30 AM may be dropped from the tournament. **If you are running late, please call 303-884-6188 so we can finalize first rounds as quickly as possible.** Awards are scheduled for 7:30 PM or sooner.

Congressional Debate: Please submit bills and resolutions by Monday, October 28 by email to amcculloch2@cherrycreekschools.org in PDF format or Word format. The docket will be available on SpeechWire on or before Friday, November 1. If there are not enough pieces of legislation submitted, we will supplement the docket with legislation from the NSDA.

Food: Lunch and snacks will be served to coaches and judges. Concessions will be available for students to purchase throughout the day.

Miscellaneous Details: *Please note that a responsible coach must be present on site with students at all times.* Please also note that Cherry Creek Public Schools bans all use of tobacco by students and adults in or on all school grounds and facilities.

Location: The tournament will be located at:

Eaglecrest High School
5100 S. Picadilly St.
Centennial, CO. 80015.

Registration will be in the hallway in front of the cafeteria. From Picadilly St., turn into the west parking lot—the cafeteria is on the south side of the building.

Please be aware there will be a PTO Craft Fair in our gyms (the northwest side of the building) on Saturday. Please park in the southwest lot off of Picadilly St. for the easiest access to our building.

Questions, Comments, Ideas: Please feel free to contact Ashley McCulloch at Eaglecrest High School at 720-886-1283 (school office), 303-884-6188 (cell), or amcculloch2@cherrycreekschools.org

We look forward to hosting this tournament and hope you will be able to join us!

Sincerely,

Ashley McCulloch

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