



Dear High School Forensics Colleagues,

The Arizona State University Forensics Team cordially invites your team to attend the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication Invitational Tournament, January 5<sup>th</sup> through January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 on the Arizona State University Main Campus in Tempe, Arizona.

We are excited about the opportunity to host you on our campus. As the largest tournament in the state of Arizona, this tournament provides teams from all over the nation a chance to enjoy excellent competition in the Valley of the Sun in January. Last year, our tournament featured over 100 schools from more than 10 states, pushing the tournament over 1700 people.

Competition will feature six preliminary rounds of Policy, Public Forum, and Lincoln-Douglas debate. Congress competition will feature four preliminary assemblies and finals assemblies as entries warrant. There will be four preliminary rounds of speech and elimination rounds will begin with a quarterfinal round for events over 55 entries and a semifinal for events over 27 entries. Awards will be presented to all finalists, semifinalists, and quarterfinalists in each individual event, to each member of debate teams reaching the octafinal or double octafinal, and the top three speakers overall in individual events. **For 2018, the tournament will have Tournament of Champions bids for participants reaching the double-octafinals (Silver) and octafinals (Gold) of Public Forum, the semifinals of Policy Debate, and the finals in both Congressional Debate and Lincoln-Douglas.** Arizona State is also a bid tournament for all Speech events hosted at the UK TOC, qualifications procedures are found here: <http://www.uktoc.com/speech.html>. Last year, Drama, Extemp, and Oratory produced Semifinals bids to the TOC, with all other events delivering finals bids. Finally, the tournament is also a qualifier for the 2018 NIETOC, which you can read more about here: <http://www.nietoc.com/>. Last year, OO produced a quarterfinals bid to the NIETOC, with Drama, Humor and Duo offering bids for all semi-finalists.

**IF YOU READ NOTHING ELSE, READ THIS:**

- All entries handled at [asu.tabroom.com](http://asu.tabroom.com).
- All schools enter a waitlist, your entries will be removed from the waitlist and entered in the tournament upon receipt of registration fees (we will accept Purchase Orders)**
- Any school paid in advance may register online the night before the tournament begins, bypassing in-person registration
- Congress may not double enter with any other events
- 2 pieces of legislation per school, **due by December 4<sup>th</sup>**
- We will have **judge preferences** for both Varsity LD and TOC Policy Debate.
- We will charge schools \$20 per missed prelim ballot and will not clear students until the fees are paid.
- All questions should be directed to [hdshcforensics@gmail.com](mailto:hdshcforensics@gmail.com)

**NEW THIS YEAR:**

- 3 day schedule – Friday morning through Sunday evening
- Double entry in speech and LD, PF, and Policy **is permitted.**
- PF Varsity will now have judge strikes for 15% of the pool
- To receive judge prefs in LD and Policy, ALL judges from your school must have philosophies on tabroom.com
- Hired Judges must have philosophies/paradigms on tabroom or they will not be paid
- If you have extra LD or Policy judges that you can bring that we can hire, we'll pay them.
- Missing an elim ballot you are obligated for is now a **\$60 fine**
- Added Informative and removed Expository in Speech events
- Novice division speech events, \$5.
- ALL** Novice events limited to students in 1<sup>st</sup> calendar year of competition.
- No high school students can judge any event.

You should make your hotel reservations as early as possible as this is a busy time of year in Phoenix. For your convenience, we have negotiated tournament contracts for hotel accommodations at hotels nearby campus. We are finalizing hotel contracts, and we'll post them to the website and update this invitation as those become available.

Also, we expect schools to cover all of their entry as we are typically tight on hired judges. We would much rather have your judges than your money, so please make every effort to cover your entry.

Due to limited space, entries will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Please enter early to ensure your students' participation. Finally, in an effort to reduce printing and waste, we will make the tournament packets available online December 29 at our website ([hdshcinvitational.com](http://hdshcinvitational.com)) and on Tabroom ([asu.tabroom.com](http://asu.tabroom.com)).

We look forward to hosting you in January!

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## TOURNAMENT FEATURES

**AWARDS:** Awards will be presented to all competitors in elimination events in both individual events and debate. Teams must be present in order to receive their awards. Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded for the top five schools in the tournament. Unfortunately, we are not able to mail awards to teams that depart early. If you are leaving before the awards ceremony for your events, the Trophy Desk will have them. See the Welcome Packet for location.

### Event Descriptions

**POLICY:** Policy debate features two-member teams who will debate on the 2017-2018 National Speech and Debate Association's policy debate topic. Novice and Varsity divisions will be offered. Novice division is limited to debaters in their first year of competition. If either member of a team is ineligible for the novice division, the team must be entered in the varsity division. The traditional 8-3-5 format will be used with 8 minutes maximum preparation time per team.

**LINCOLN-DOUGLAS:** Lincoln-Douglas debate features individual debaters who will debate on the NSDA topic for January and February of 2018. Varsity and novice divisions will be offered. Novice division is limited to debaters in their first year of competition. L/D will use the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 time format with 4 minutes preparation time for each debater.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** This event involves two teams debating over the January 2018 NFL topic. The format is 4-4-3-4-4-3-2-2-3-2-2 with 2 minutes of prep per team.

**CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE:** We will be using standard NSDA procedures. See [www.nflonline.org](http://www.nflonline.org) for more information. One division will be offered. We will offer three preliminary assemblies – each will be approximately 3 hours in duration. Any student may run for the position of Presiding Officer (P.O.). Each chamber elects one P.O. per session.

Each school may submit up to two **\*2\*** pieces of legislation by emailing them to [hdshcforensics@gmail.com](mailto:hdshcforensics@gmail.com) no later than Monday, **December 4<sup>th</sup>** in order to provide schools with time to prepare before the holiday break. Our student congress legislation packet will then be compiled and posted on our website by Monday **December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Legislation should conform to standard NSDA formatting. Legislation will be selected for preliminary or final assemblies before the start of the tournament. Each school is permitted up to 15 entries in Student Congress. Chambers will be limited to 20 students, whenever possible.

**FORFEIT RULE:** Judges will enforce a **twenty-minute forfeit rule** for all debate competitors.

***CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE STUDENTS: NO DOUBLE ENTRY IS ALLOWED. SPEECH/DEBATE DOUBLE ENTRY IS ALLOWED AT YOUR OWN RISK. STUDENTS MAY ENTER UP TO 3 EVENTS PER SPEECH PATTERN.***

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

**DIVISIONS:** All competitors will compete in a single division. Students currently enrolled in grades 9-12 are eligible to compete.

**MATERIAL:** Material in individual events may not have been used by that student in competition prior to the completion of the 2017 High School National Forensic League Tournament.

**ORIGINAL ORATORY:** OO consists of a speech that is the original work of the student and is designed to persuade the audience. Presentation must be memorized. Any non-factual reference, especially a personal reference, must

be so identified. Not more than 100 words of the oration may be a direct quotation from any other source. Maximum time is ten (10) minutes.

**PROSE INTERPRETATION:** Selections used in this event shall be cuttings from published printed novels, short stories, essays (excluding plays or poetry). This may be a memorized event but contestants must use a manuscript. Adaptations may be for the purpose of continuity only. Maximum time is ten (10) minutes, including memorized introduction, which presents the author(s) and title.

**DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION/HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION:** Selections used in these events shall be cuttings from published printed novels, short stories, plays, or poetry. The presentation is memorized and is delivered without a manuscript. Costumes or props are not allowed in the presentation. Adaptations may be for the purpose of continuity only. Maximum time is ten (10) minutes, including memorized introduction, which presents the author(s) and title.

**DUO INTERPRETATION:** This event involves two competitors interpreting a cutting from a play, prose or poetry, humorous or serious, involving the portrayal of one or more characters by each individual. This is not an acting event; thus, no costumes, lighting, props, etc. are to be used. The presentation is memorized and delivered without a manuscript. The competitors' focus should be off-stage and not on each other. Maximum time is ten (10) minutes, including memorized introduction, which presents the author(s) and title.

**POETRY INTERPRETATION:** This division is designed for the presentation of any published literature in the genre of poetry. This may be memorized but contestants must use a manuscript. Maximum time is ten (10) minutes, including the original introduction. Students may *splice* two or more poems by performing them in alternating order. They may NOT *blend* different poems from different authors and perform them as ONE poem.

**EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING:** Topics for Extemp shall be based on foreign and domestic affairs for three months prior to the tournament. Speakers will be given 30 minutes to prepare after drawing from three topics suitable to their area of emphasis. Speakers may use one index card. Maximum time is seven (7) minutes.

**IMPROMPTU SPEAKING:** Topics for Impromptu will be quotations. All speakers in a round will speak on one of two quotations, and thus it is necessary that competitors cannot view any contestant before them. Each speaker has a maximum of seven (7) minutes to prepare and deliver a speech. Note cards may be used when preparing and speaking.

**INFORMATIVE SPEAKING:** Students author and deliver a ten-minute (10) speech on a topic of their choosing. Competitors create the speech to educate the audience on a particular topic. All topics must be informative in nature; the goal is to educate, not to advocate. Visual aids are permitted, but not required. The speech is delivered from memory.

**PROGRAMMED ORAL INTERPRETATION:** Using selections from Prose, Poetry and Drama students create a ten minute performance around a central theme. Program Oral Interpretation is designed to test a student's ability to intersperse multiple types of literature into a single, cohesive performance. A manuscript is required and may be used as a prop within the performance if the performer maintains control of the manuscript at all times. Performances can also include an introduction written by the student to contextualize the performance and state the title and the author of each selection.

**There will be two patterns in individual events, and students can enter a MAXIMUM of 3 events in each pattern:**  
Pattern A: Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Humorous Interp, Programmed Oral Interp, Prose Interp  
Pattern B: Impromptu Speaking, Informative Speaking, Dramatic Interp, Duo Interp, Poetry Interp,

There will be four preliminary rounds in each event. Elimination rounds will start at **quarterfinals for events with more than 55 entries** and **semifinals for those events with more than 27 entries**. Coaches are urged to emphasize

the importance of conscientious attendance in scheduled rounds, since "no-shows" make it impossible for the tournament staff to assure participants an equal level of competition.

#### **JUDGES:**

Qualified judges are an essential component of any tournament. A qualified judge is an individual who has either graduated from high school with forensics competition experience or who has already had at least one year of forensics judging experience. **For Varsity LD and Varsity CX debate, our expectation is your judges have had at least 10 tournaments judging the event before.** High school students may not judge. Please list judges by full name when entering the tournament. Judge names should remain consistent throughout the tournament. It is each school's responsibility to furnish an adequate number of judges. **Judges are permitted to judge both speech and debate events, but no judges may be entered in both Congress and other events. Debate judges may not be entered to judge multiple events from Policy, LD, and PFD.**

If you have extra judges that can judge Policy or LD that you can bring, we want to hire them!

In Policy and LD debate, we encourage all judges to reveal their decisions to the students after the debate. We will be posting results after each round. ALL judges for these events must submit a philosophy to tabroom.com. Teams who bring judges without paradigms on tabroom.com **will not receive prefs.** Several days before the tournament, online judge preference sheets will be made available for all teams in the TOC divisions of PF, LD, and Policy debate on tabroom.com. These should be submitted no later than **5pm January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

In individual events, each participating institution is required to furnish one qualified judge for every seven (5) individual entry slots, or fraction thereof. This is not a per student requirement, but **per entry slot.** All individual events judges will be expected to be available through the finals of individual events.

For Policy, one judge is required for every two (2) debate teams entered, or fraction thereof. In Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum, one judge is required for every three (3) entries, or fraction thereof. For Congressional Debate, one judge is required for every five (5) congresspersons entered, or fraction thereof. **All debate judges will be expected to be available through the first elimination round. Judges affiliated with teams in elimination rounds must be available for the round beyond their teams' elimination. All judges should inform the tab staff before departing.**

Additionally, if you are traveling within the state of Arizona, we ask that you cover all of your slots. Because of the size of the tournament, we desperately need the help of the program directors to ensure that all judges affiliated with their school pick up their ballots each round. Judges for all events are asked to check-in at the ballot table before the first round.

Missed ballots: We will charge **\$20 per missed ballot.** **No students from a school with missed ballots will be allowed to compete in elimination rounds until their schools missed ballot fees are paid. Missed elim rounds that you are obligated for incur a \$60 fine upon your school.** Please impress upon your judges the significance of picking up their ballots on time.

Since the ASU judging pool is limited, we urge you to find your own judges. We may not be able to accept very large entries not covered by qualified judges. In order to count as one judge, each judge must be available for the entire tournament schedule. Judges who are only available for a smaller part of the time, although welcome, will be considered one-half of a judge for the purposes of fee tabulation. **Finally, please do not list Arizona State University Forensics members or coaches as your judges.** They are already committed to running the tournament!

#### **REGISTRATION:**

**EVEN IF YOU HAVE NO CHANGES/ DROPS, ALL TEAMS MUST REGISTER WITH THE TOURNAMENT PRIOR TO COMPETITION. IF, and only if, your school has paid in full before arriving in Tempe, you will be able to register**

ONLINE and by-pass the in-person registration. If you still need to pay any fees, you will need to appear at Registration. You will *only* report drops/changes at this time.

Registration: Thursday 5-7pm ASU campus (location TBA)

**FEE PAYMENT:**

Money and fees will be collected during registration. Outstanding fees will be collected. In the unfortunate event that a school fails to register before competition begins, we will be forced to drop their competitors from the tournament and bill the school directly.

**Please bring the following to the registration table:**

- 1) **An accurate final list of your students and their competition events.**
- 2) **If you have any outstanding fees, please bring a check, cash, money order, or PO receipt for the amount you owe. (Refunds of overages will take a while to reach you.) Please make every effort to have your check made out for the correct amount.**

**FEES:**

**\$30 SCHOOL FEE**

ALL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 7

**The following fees will be assessed:**

TOC Policy Debate: \$100.00 per team  
Novice Policy Debate: \$40.00 per team  
Varsity LD Debate: \$50.00 per debater  
Novice LD Debate: \$20.00 per debater  
Student Congress: \$20.00 per student  
Varsity Individual Events: \$10.00 per slot (not per student)  
Novice Individual Events: \$5.00 per slot  
Public Forum Debate: \$70.00 per team  
Novice Public Forum: \$30.00 per team

In addition to the fees listed above:

\$100.00 per Uncovered Policy debate team (No more than 6 uncovered policy teams allowed per school).  
\$50.00 per uncovered LD or PF team (No more than 12 uncovered LD entrants or PF teams allowed per school).  
\$10 per uncovered IE slot (No more than 30 uncovered slots per school).  
\$20 per uncovered Student Congress participant.

**CHECKS SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO:** "ASU Forensics" and should be sent to

Special note: any checks made payable to the ASU Foundation will have to be returned for a re-issue. Please make sure that you use ASU Forensics!

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**Arizona State's TIN is 86-0196696**

**ENTRY PROCEDURE:** All teams must pay in advance to have their teams entered in the tournament. All teams must enter at [asu.tabroom.com](http://asu.tabroom.com) on a wait list. **Once payment is received** for those entries, your school and entries will be removed from the waitlist. Receipt of a Purchase Order or PO number **will** constitute payment for this purpose. Payment by Credit Card is a possibility – see our websites for more details.

**The Final Entry Deadline is 8:00pm, Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.** There can be NO changes after that time as the registration website will be closed. **You will not be refunded for drops or added judges after this fee deadline.** **"No shows" during the tournament will be assessed a charge of \$10.00 per entry during competition.** Schools with "No show" fees will be unable to collect ballots at the end of the tournament. If judges are dropped the day of the tournament, it may be necessary to drop competitors commensurate with the drop in judging. Please notify us ([hdshcforensics@gmail.com](mailto:hdshcforensics@gmail.com)) of any changes as early as possible to prevent later complications.

#### **HOSPITALITY:**

**FOOD:** Coaches and judges will be treated to complimentary coffee, water, and snacks throughout the tournament. In addition, the online tournament packet will suggest a wide variety of restaurants throughout Tempe and the Valley. We are blessed with a broad range of restaurants that will make dining in and around the University quite convenient.

**PARKING:** Parking spaces at ASU are a fiercely guarded resource. Therefore, it is necessary to be careful in their selection of parking spaces. You may park in visitor lots located around campus for a weekend fee. **We will be in contact with ASU parking to streamline available locations for buses and visitors to park, more info closer to the tournament.** ASU Forensics will not be able to "take care" of any parking tickets acquired by tournament participants. For visitor parking information, please visit: <http://cfo.asu.edu/pts-visitor-tempe>.

**COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES:** The ASU Forensics staff is eager to discuss collegiate opportunities at ASU with any interested high school students. Information about the forensics program, the University, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities will be available throughout the tournament.

**HOUSING:** We will be reserving blocks at several properties around Tempe for the tournament. You should reserve your hotel rooms as early as possible. January is a busy time of year in Phoenix. To assist you, we are reserving blocks at various hotels near campus. Check <http://asu.tabroom.com> and find the HOTEL INFO tab in the right-hand column for more information.

There are a number of hotels near the campus, we suggest that you look into those options for reservations as well.

#### **BLOCKS**

**The Graduate Tempe Hotel**—(formerly the Twin Palms). Immediately across Apache BLVD from the campus. Events held in the SW portion of campus are immediately across the street. Tournament HQ is .8mi. TWO restaurants on site. Plenty of other food options less than a mile east on Apache or North on Mill. <https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=77204&Chain=21643&arrive=1/4/2018&depart=1/7/2018&adult=1&child=0&promo=DEBATE>

225 E Apache Boulevard

Tempe, AZ 85281

Rate of \$139

Group name: ASU Forensics

No expiration date

**Courtyard Tempe Downtown**— .5mi from campus buildings, North of University Ave, West of Mill Ave. Tons of food on Mill Ave. .8mi from Tournament HQ.

[http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=ASU%20Forensics%20Room%20Block%5Ephxte%60csicsia%7Ccsicsib%60124.00%60USD%60false%602%601/4/18%601/8/18%6012/14/17&app=resvlink&stop\\_mobi=yes](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=ASU%20Forensics%20Room%20Block%5Ephxte%60csicsia%7Ccsicsib%60124.00%60USD%60false%602%601/4/18%601/8/18%6012/14/17&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)

601 S. Ash Ave

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Rate of \$124  
Group name: ASU Debate  
Block expires 12/14/17



## 2018 HDSHC INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE

**Pattern A: EXT, OO, HI, POI, PRO**

**Pattern B: IMP, INFO, DI, DUO, POE**

### All events

Thursday, January 4th

5-7pm Registration on campus (location TBA)

### Congress

Friday, January 5

8am opening meeting

9am Session I

2pm Session II

Saturday, January 6

9am Session III

2pm Session IV

Sunday, January 7

9am Semifinals

2pm Finals

6:30pm – Awards

### Speech

Friday, January 5

12:30-2pm Round IA

2-3:30pm Round IB

5:30-7pm Round IIA

Saturday, January 6

8-9:30am Round IIB

11:30am-1pm Round IIIA

1-2:30pm Round IIIB

4:30-6pm Round IVA

6-7:30pm Round IVB

Sunday, January 7

8-10am Quarterfinals (all events 55 or more entries)

11:30am-1:30pm Semifinals (all events)

3-5pm Finals (all events)

6:30pm – Awards

### Debate

Friday, January 5

8-10am Round I

10-12:30pm Round II

3:30-5:30pm Round III

7-9pm Round IV

Saturday, January 6

9:30-11:30am Round V

2:30-4:30pm Round VI

6-8:30pm Elim I

Sunday, January 7

8am-10:30am Elim II

11:15am-1:45pm Elim III

2:15pm-4:45pm Elim IV

5:15pm-7:45pm Elim V

6:30pm – Awards