

October 10, 2023

Dear Friends,

You are invited to the 31st annual Jack Lynch Debate and Speech Tournament!

We are delighted to host our tournament held in honor of Professor Lynch, who started the debate team at our college in 1948 and coached for 46 years.

We hope you will join us on Saturday, November 4, 2023, for a day of IPDA debate and 11 Individual Events.

The schedule is friendly. Check in starts at 8:30 am and rounds will begin at 9:00 am (EST). We plan for an hour break for lunch in the middle of the day. The awards are scheduled for 5 pm.

The tournament will be held virtually through the Speech Wire and Yaatly platforms.

Tournament highlights:

- **IPDA Debate** - 3 prelim rounds and semifinals. There will be Novice and Open Divisions in IPDA if entries permit.
- **IE** - 2 prelim rounds in all 11 IE events. Final rounds in events with 12 or more speakers. If there is no final round in an event, we will have two judges in one of the prelim rounds. We will follow NFA guidelines.

If finances preclude your team from attending, please let me know. We can arrange a fee waiver.

We look forward to seeing you online in November.

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## **Registration**

**Deadline.** The deadline to register is Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 pm.

**Online registration.** Please submit your registration at SpeechWire.com. Also, please register your school and your competitors at Yaatly.com.

**Judges.** Please provide enough judges to cover your entries.

**Saturday morning check in.** We ask everyone (coaches, judges, and competitors) to check-in on Yaatly at 8:30 am and do a connection check. This helps the tournament go smoothly. Thank you!

**Changes?** If you need to make changes to your entry or judges' availability, please let us know before Saturday if possible. If not, please let us know first thing on Saturday morning and we will work to resolve them as quickly as we can. This will help us get the tournament started on time.

## **Tab Room**

The tab room will be run by myself and Trent Webb, Director of Forensics at Hofstra University.

## **Awards**

**Debate:** Certificates will be awarded to all debaters that advance to the elimination rounds in all divisions. In addition, we will provide awards to the top five speakers in all debate divisions.

**IE:** Certificates will be awarded to the top three speakers in each Individual Event. Also, we will provide certificates to the top three students in Triathlon. To be eligible for Triathlon, a student must enter at least three IE events.

**Sweepstakes:** We will offer Team Sweepstakes Certificates to the top five schools in IE, the top five schools in IPDA debate, and the top three community colleges overall.

## **e-Ballots**

We will use the e-balloting system on Speech Wire.

## **Judges**

### **Debate.**

**IPDA.** One full-time judge who is available for the full day will cover two IPDA debaters. IDPA encourages a broad range of judges, including coaches, alumni, students, educators, and members of the community. Student judges are permitted in IPDA. We ask that student judges have debate experience.

**IE.** Each full-time IE judge covers 6 slots.

**Full-time and Part-Time Judges.** If you have judges who are available for part of the day, please let us know their exact schedule for the day.

### **Hired Judges.**

We are looking to hire judges. We would like to have several standby judges available each round, so we can substitute a judge as needed without any delay to the tournament. If you have alumni judges who would like to be hired judges, please let me know. We will pay \$125 for a full day, or \$25 for each round they are available to judge, whether they are assigned to judge or not.

## **Entry Notes**

- Debaters may not enter IE.
- IE competitors may enter up to 3 events in each category.
- Extemporaneous competitors may not enter any other events in Group A.

## **IE Events**

- Group A: ADS, Prose, CA, Duo, and Poetry
- Group B: POI, Impromptu, Informative, Persuasion, and DI

## **Fees**

You may pay your entry fees either electronically or by mailing us a check, whichever is more convenient for you. Speech Wire will generate a fees statement. I will confirm your fees statement by email. Please wait for that email before paying your fees. If there are any changes to your fees based on late entries, we will update your invoice at the tournament.

### **Electronic payment**

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/CW2Nje3X>

Payments can be made through this link using any major credit or debit card or by e-check from a checking or savings account. The following processing fees apply:

- Credit Card - up to 2.85%
- Debit Card - up to 2.85%
- Checking or Savings Account - no fee

Card transactions for Saint Anselm College are processed by Nelnet Campus Commerce, USA.

This portal is turned on and will be open for a few weeks after the tournament is finished.

### **Payment by check**

Checks are welcome. Please make your check payable to **St. Anselm College**. If you pay by check, would you please note **Jack Lynch Tournament** in the memo line of the check?

Please mail the check to:

St. Anselm College  
Office of the Controller  
Box 1733  
100 St. Anselm Drive  
Manchester NH 03102-1310

## **IPDA**

- Topic announcements and topic strikes will take place in the virtual room where the debate is taking place. If the judge is not present, the debaters may go ahead and strike without the judge. If the debaters do so before the judge appears, please post the topic and the starting time for the debate on the room chat.
- There will be five topics offered for each round. Topics may include policy topics, value topics, fact topics and metaphors.
- The Negative will strike one topic first. The debaters will take turns striking topics until one topic remains to be debated. The debate will start 30 minutes after the first strike by the Negative.
- Debaters are permitted to work with their coaches and fellow students during prep time in IPDA.
- Debaters may use their laptop/phone to flow and keep time during the round, but they must be set to airplane mode during the debate.
- Aff/Neg sides are set in prelims. For semifinals and finals, students will flip for sides in the prep room before striking resolutions.
- Judges, please submit your decision by e-ballot when you have made your decision. Written comments and suggestions for improvement are always appreciated by the debaters and their coaches. You can fill in the comments section and submit that part separately.
- Judges will not disclose decisions. Judges may offer brief oral comments after the round, but only after they have submitted their decision via e-ballot. If requested, judges may state their judging paradigm at the top of the round.

### **Time limits:**

Affirmative Constructive	5 minutes
Cross Examination	2 minutes
Negative Constructive	6 minutes
Cross Examination	2 minutes
First Affirmative Rebuttal	3 minutes
First Negative Rebuttal	5 minutes

Second Affirmative Rebuttal      3 minutes

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<b><i>Time (Eastern Standard Time)</i></b>	<b><i>IPDA</i></b>	<b><i>IE</i></b>	<b><i>Extemp</i></b>
8:30	Check-in	Check-in	Check-in
8:45	Opening Assembly	Opening Assembly	Opening Assembly
9:00	Rd. 1 - Topic	Rd. 1A	Draw begins for Round 1
9:30	Rd. 1		
10:30	Rd. 2 - Topic	Rd. 2A	Draw begins for Round 2
11:00	Rd. 2		
	Lunch		
12:30	Rd. 3 - Topic	Rd. 1B	
1:00	Rd. 3		
2:00	Semi Finals - Topic	Rd. 2B	
2:30	Semi Finals		
3:30	Finals - Topic	Finals A & B	
4:00	Finals		
5:00	Awards	Awards	Awards

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**Entry Fees**

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**School Fee** \$ 20

**Competitors:**

**IPDA Debaters**      # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 per debater      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Events**      # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8 per event      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Observers:**      # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$4 per person      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Drops at Check-in:**      # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay either electronically or by check within three weeks after the tournament.

Thank you!