



Lincoln High School
1600 Southwest Salmon Street
Portland, OR 97205

December 16, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Lincoln Speech & Debate, I invite you and your team to the third annual Rose City Round Robin at our downtown Portland campus on February 24-25, 2016. This tournament will take place after school on Friday and all day on Saturday.

Events offered are Lincoln-Douglas Debate, The Big Question Debate and Student Congressional Debate on Friday afternoon/evening and Policy Debate and Public Forum Debate on Saturday. Students are welcome to compete one or two days but may only compete in one debate form each day. Only open division is available. LD, PF, Policy and Big Question Debate will be hosted in the round robin style. The dress standard for this tournament for all debate forms is casual.

We hope that you and your team choose to attend, and we aim to provide an opportunity for debaters to hone their skills prior to National Qualifiers and districts/state with a minimum of five preliminary rounds in LD, PF, Policy and Big Question. Therefore, **Lincoln-Douglas will use the March-April topic and Public Forum will use the March topic. The Student Congress and Big Question Debate will follow the format set forth in the following pages.**

Please feel free to reach out with any additional questions not addressed in the following pages.

Sincerely,

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Tournament Registration

Entry and Drop Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2017. Fees will be set at that point.

If you must drop an entry after the deadline, please contact Jennifer Owen at jowen@pps.net directly.

Entry Caps/Limitations: Up to 24 teams total may enter in LD, PF, Policy and Big Question debate forms and 50 in Student Congress. Students may enter up to one debate form per day. Each school may enter no more than four entries per form of debate.

Judging Requirements: We require one judge for every two debate entries and one per four student congress entries. Teams that bring Policy entries need to supply qualified policy judges. **We require all judges to fill out a judge philosophy on Tabroom.com prior to the tournament.**

Pairing and Round Robin Format

The following applies to Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, Policy and Big Question debate forms:

In order to guarantee five preliminary rounds, we will assemble pods of six teams. There will be a maximum of four pods per form of debate. Within a given pod, each team will have the chance to debate every other team. We will attempt to assemble pods randomly. However, we will divide teams from the same school evenly amongst pods to minimize the number of same-school debates. All preliminary rounds will be randomly pre-matched and have one judge.

After preliminary rounds of LD, PF, Policy, and Big Question debate, the tournament will break directly to semifinals. Advancing teams will be identified as follows:

- If there is one pod, the four highest-seeded teams will advance.
- If there are two pods, the two highest-seeded teams from each pod will advance.
- If there are three pods, the highest-seeded teams from each pod will advance. From the remaining pool, the team of the highest seed overall will advance.
- If there are four pods, the highest-seeded team from each pod will advance.

Semifinal rounds will be paired as follows: Among the four teams that advance, the first-seeded team will debate the fourth-seeded and the second-seeded will debate the third-seeded. The winner of each semifinal round will advance to finals. Panels of three will judge all elimination rounds.

*** In order to follow this format, it is important the total number of entries in each debate form is a multiple of six. If this is not the case, we will need to turn down the most recent entries unless the school is able to bring enough additional entries to reach an adequate number (6, 12, 18, or 24). ***

Fees

\$25/School registration fee
\$15/Policy or Public Forum entry
\$10/Lincoln-Douglas entry
\$10/Big Question Debate entry
\$10/Student Congress Entry
\$50/Uncovered judging obligation

Postings

We will use TABROOM this year and will experiment with online postings. Physical postings also will be available at Lincoln High School during the tournament.

Awards

Here's who will earn awards at the 2017 RCRR:

- LD, PF, and Policy Debate
 - All semifinalists and finalists
 - First, second, and third place speakers
- Student Congress
 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd place speakers and outstanding chair
- Big Question
 - 1, 2nd & 3rd place speakers will receive an award from the National Speech & Debate Association

Debate Events

- **Lincoln-Douglas:** 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format (with 4 minutes of prep for each side) using the **2017 MARCH-APRIL** topic
- **Public Forum:** 4-4-3-4-4-3-2-2-3-2-2 format (with 2 minutes of prep for each side) using the **2017 MARCH** topic
- **Policy:** 8-3-5 format (with 5 minutes of prep for each side) using the 2016-17 topic
- **Big Question:** 5-5-3-4-4-2-2-2-2-2 (with 5 minutes of prep for each side) using the 2016-17 topic. There will be one speaker per side. Entries from participating schools and any judges they provide consent to the rules of the Big Questions event, including the format and topicality guidelines. Schools should provide their judges with access to the National Speech & Debate Association's judge training resources prior to the tournament. Event resources for students and coaches are provided by the NSDA. Judges and competitors will also be asked to complete a brief survey before leaving the tournament site.
- **Student Congress:** We will follow OSAA rules for Student Congress. We will have up to two houses, numbers permitting. One house will be designated as the Alt Qualifier dependent on adequate numbers. Students may submit one bill or resolution through their coach via email to jowen@pps.net by **February 10th**. The legislative packet will be posted on the tournament's TABROOM page no later than Feb. 13th □

Other Information

The dress standard for this tournament is casual (jeans and t-shirts are acceptable). Use of computers (with internet capacity disabled) is encouraged. We also encourage debaters to use their own timing devices rather than relying on judges for time signals.

There is limited parking available on campus after school hours. Street parking is available in the vicinity. Parking is \$2.00 per hour from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on both days. Lincoln is also easily accessible via Trimet, and the Kings Hill/SW Salmon St MAX Station is less than a block away.

There are many nearby options for food. If you are willing to make the small trek, we recommend the large pod of food carts on 10th and Alder. We will provide food & beverages for judges including an Indian buffet for supper on Friday night cooked by a team member's family as well as a delicious Saturday luncheon.

If your team requires housing, please contact Jennifer Owen at jowen@pps.net for recommendations.

Tentative Schedule

Friday, February 24th

Registration opens on Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the main entrance of the school

Lincoln-Douglas Debate & Big Questions Debate

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| 3:45 | Round 1 |
| 4:45 | Round 2 |
| 5:45 | Round 3 |
| 6:45 | Round 4 |
| 7:45 | Round 5 |
| 8:45 | Semifinals |
| 9:30 | Final |

Student Congress

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| 4-6 | Session 1 |
| 6-7 | Recess |
| 7-9 | Session 2 |

Saturday, February 25th

Registration opens on Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Policy & PF Debate

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| 8:00 | Round 1 |
| 9:45 | Round 2 |
| 11:30 | Round 3 |
| 1:15 | Round 4 |
| 3:00 | Round 5 |
| 4:45 | Semifinals |
| 6:30 | Finals |