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The 2017 California Middle School  
Speech and Debate State Tournament  
May 6/7, 2017

Greetings to all middle school speech and debate clubs and schools!

California State University, Los Angeles and Wilshire Academy are proud to announce The 2017 California Middle School Speech and Debate State Tournament. This tournament is meant to encourage a healthy competition at the state level and provide an opportunity to sharpen competitive speeches before the national tournament.

The tournament will be held on Saturday, May 6th - Sunday, May 7th, 2017! Please feel free to pass this invitation along to anyone who might be interested in attending.

**Accommodations:**

Food options are available in the cafeteria area on campus.

**Entries:**

Entries are due on 5/1/17 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) P.S.T. You may access the invitation and entry system at  
<http://www.forensicstournament.net/CaliforniaStateMiddleSchool/17/>

All of the typical NSDA events will be offered and the tournament will run using NSDA rules.

**ADDRESS:**

5151 State University Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90032  
U.S.A.

Parking: Please park in Lot 8.  
Do not park in any faculty lots  
because campus police will ticket.

**CONTACT:**

Questions, comments, concerns, complaints? Feel free to send an e-mail:  
Robert Cannon: [Robert@Cannonballofdeath.com](mailto:Robert@Cannonballofdeath.com)

**Events:**

Pattern A **(students entered in pattern A may not enter pattern B):**

(may enter no more than two from the following):

Prose

Humorous Interpretation

Original Oratory

Duo Interpretation

Impromptu

Round 1 - Abstract nouns

Round 2 - Famous People

Round 3 - Proverbs

Final Round - Quotations

Pattern B **(students entered in pattern A may not enter pattern B):**

(may enter only one from the following):

Congressional Debate

(submit bills by 4/1/16 to Robert@Cannonballofdeath.com)

Lincoln-Douglas Debate (January/February - Resolved: Public colleges and universities in the United States ought not restrict any constitutionally protected speech.)

Policy Debate (Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People's Republic of China.)

Public Forum Debate (Resolved: The United States ought to replace the Electoral College with a direct national popular vote.)

Pattern C:

(may enter no more than two from the following):

Dramatic Interpretation

Declamation

Poetry

Storytelling (theme: none)

Informative

Program Oral Interp (Middle School TOC rules)

(may enter only one from the following):

Extemporaneous Speaking

Round 1 - Economy

Round 2 - Technology Breakthroughs

Round 3 - Foreign News

Final Round - Domestic News

## Schedule:

### Saturday: May 6th, 2017:

7:30 a.m. Late registration  
8:00 a.m. Round 1 Pattern B (Con, PF, LD, Pol)  
10:00 a.m. Round 2 B / Round 1 A (Con, PF, LD, Pol, Pro, HI, OO, Duo, Imp)  
12:00 p.m. Lunch break  
12:30 p.m. Round 3 B / Round 2 A (Con, PF, LD, Pol, Pro, HI, OO, Duo, Imp)  
2:30 p.m. Round 4 B / Round 3 A (Con, PF, LD, Pol, Pro, HI, OO, Duo, Imp)  
4:30 p.m. Round 5 Pattern B (Con, PF, LD, Pol)  
5:00 p.m. Finals Pattern A (Pro, HI, OO, Duo, Imp)  
6:30 p.m. Pattern B Quarter Finals (Con, PF, LD, Pol)

### Sunday: May 7th, 2017:

8:30 a.m. Round 1 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info)  
10:30 a.m. Round 2 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info)  
12:00 a.m. Lunch break  
12:30 p.m. Round 3 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info)  
2:00 p.m. Semi Finals Pattern B Debate (Con, PF, LD, Pol)  
3:30 p.m. Finals Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info)  
5:00 p.m. Finals Pattern B Debate (Con, PF, LD, Pol)  
6:30 p.m. Awards (Earlier if possible)

\*Schedule may be adjusted depending on number of entries and time accommodations. Please check the campus for updated schedule changes.

**Fees will be assessed on** Wednesday May 1st at 12:00 p.m. PST. Any changes after this date will be subject to the following penalties. Please enter all judges through the [forensicstournament.net](http://forensicstournament.net) registration website. Please make all checks out to: GCC Speech & Debate

\$50 school fee  
\$10 per IE/Congress slot (\$20 per Duo team)  
\$40 per Lincoln Douglas/Public Forum/Policy slot  
\$15 judging fee per uncovered IE slot (One judge covers 6 IE slots)  
\$100 per uncovered debate slot (One judge covers 2 LD/PD/PFD slots)  
\$20 per change after Wednesday April 8th at 12:00 p.m. PST.  
\$50 dropped judge fee after May 2nd at 12:00 p.m. PST.\*

**\*To ensure that the tournament starts on time and runs smoothly, we are instituting a \$25 nuisance fee for any/all judges who do not check in at the judge's table 15 minutes before the first round.** Please let your judges know the times for the first round for **both days**, as we will definitely be instituting this fine. Please note that many teams who switch judges at the last minute fail to notify the new judge of this fine.

We don't want your money... We want your judges. That's why.