

# 2019 Middle School Speech and Debate Tournament

Cape Elizabeth High School, Cape Elizabeth, Maine

June 5, 2019 3:30 p.m. to approximately 7 p.m.

Join the Maine Forensic Association for the 2019 Middle School Debate and Speech Tournament on Wednesday, June 5 at Cape Elizabeth High School.

Contact and questions:

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[Register on Tabroom.com](http://Register on Tabroom.com)

## Eligibility and entry fees

Any student enrolled in grades 6, 7, or 8 for the 2018-2019 academic year may compete.

**Each student costs \$5.** All entries are due by 5 p.m. June 4. Fees are frozen (nonrefundable) at this time.

Teams or individuals can pay at the tournament (cash or check made out to Cape Elizabeth High School memo: Speech and Debate).

There are penalty fees for:

- **Hiring a judge: \$40.**
- **Missing a judge: \$50.** Avoid this fee by requesting a hire through Tabroom or by [emailing Lisa](mailto:lmelanson@capeelizabethschools.org).
- **Drops upon arrival at check-in: \$10.** Avoid this fee by dropping online until 3:30 p.m. or texting your drop to Lisa Melanson (207-899-8036) prior to arriving at Cape Elizabeth High School on tournament day.

## Events

### Speech

Double entry permitted. See the [MFA Speech Handbook](#) for event guidelines and rules.

- Poetry Reading
- Prose Reading
- Oratorical Declamation
- Duo Interpretation

## Debate

Single entry only.

- Lincoln-Douglas (see [resources](#))
- Public Forum (see [resources](#))

## Topics

### Lincoln-Douglas debate

**Resolved:** Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified.

### Public Forum debate

**Resolved:** Resolved: In a democracy, civil disobedience is an appropriate weapon in the fight for justice.

## Judge requirements

To help the tournament run smoothly and fairly, schools must provide judges based on the ratios below. Judges are expected to be available for all rounds of competition. Fractional entries round up (i.e., three LD entries = 2 judges).

- Lincoln-Douglas: One judge for every 2 entries
- Public Forum: One judge for every 2 teams
- Speech: One judge for every 5 entries

Finalize all judges in Tabroom.com by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 4. Describe judge conflicts (ex. parent, teacher, knows an individual, student in same district), restrictions, and experience in Tabroom. Email or text any complicated situations to the host.

Judges may be available for hire at \$40 each. Request through Tabroom.com or email Lisa.

### Judge eligibility

**High school speech and debate members** are encouraged to judge! Those who belong to an NSDA-member school should report their judging to their coach to earn service points.

**Coaches, parents, family, teachers, and community members.** This is a great opportunity for high school teams to train judges for the next season.

## **Judges should bring...**

- Timer/stopwatch. Apps on mobile devices are appropriate as long as the device remains in airplane mode during rounds.
- Pens
- ENCOURAGED BUT OPTIONAL laptop or mobile device for online ballot entry

## **Drops**

While we are not charging for drops prior to your arrival at Falmouth High School, note:

- Entry fees will be frozen (nonrefundable) 5 p.m. June 4.
- Drops communicated at check-in will be assessed an additional charge of \$10 per entry.

**Text** Lisa Melanson 207-899-8036 once you are en route to the tournament to confirm your team and judge attendance. Drops communicated prior to arrival will be waived the \$10 penalty.

## **Food**

A dinner party will follow rounds in the cafeteria. Students should not leave the school.

Those with dietary restrictions or preferences may not be accommodated and should bring their own food.

## **Awards**

Tabulation of awards follows standards adopted by MFA.

Individual awards for first through third place in each category.

## **Schedule**

3:30–4:00 Entrant and judge check-in  
4:05 Judges meeting in Judges' Lounge  
4:05 Student meeting in cafeteria  
4:15 p.m. Rounds begin  
6:30 p.m. Pizza party and awards

We look forward to seeing you on June 5.

Lisa Melanson, CEHS Speech and Debate