

State College Area High School Speech & Debate Earlybird Novice Tournament

September 23, 2019

Dear forensics coach,

As long as I've been working with our school's speech and debate team, it has been my pleasure to start our season off with the Shikellamy High School Earlybird Tournament for novice speakers and debaters. The Shikellamy coaching and support team have always done an outstanding job of setting a great tone and creating an educational environment for new students to the forensics world in the Earlybird and it is our intention to continue the tradition this year at State High. The goal for this tournament is fun, supportive, friendly competition and a chance to help our newcomers have a positive first experience in their speech and debate events.

Any first-year competitor, regardless of age, is eligible to compete in this three-round tournament. Although most competitors will be high school students, interested middle-school students are also welcome to compete. *Experienced* juniors and seniors may judge at this tournament. This will be a short tournament (3 rounds only) and lunch is available for purchase. We are additionally planning to run several workshops – both for students and for judges -- prior to the start of the tournament.

We look forward to seeing you in October,

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State College Area High School

650 Westerly Parkway

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When: Saturday, October 26 8:00 am

Where: State College Area High School (campus map attached)

Cost: \$5.00 per school fee, plus \$3.00 per individual competitor.

Lunch: 2 slices pizza, chips, water, and a cookie for \$6.00/meal

Lunch counts must be entered in Tabroom by Oct. 23

Judge requirements: 1 judge for every 5 speech entries; 1 judge for

every 2 debate entries. *Judges should bring a device (phones are not ideal)*

to judge their event. Please encourage judges to set up a Tabroom account, if they have not done so.

Deadlines:

- Registration must be complete by Oct. 22 at 6:00pm
- Drop deadline is Oct. 24 at 6:00pm. Drops after this time (excluding name changes, which are allowed) will be assessed a fee of \$3.00

All fees can be paid during the registration window on Oct. 26. Please make checks out to SCASD Activities.

Events

- Debate:** Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum (prepare November topics)
Speech: Informative, Persuasive, Extemp, Impromptu, Declamation
Oral Interpretation: Prose, Poetry, Dramatic, Humorous (register humorous performers as dramatic), and Duo

Depending upon the number of entries, it is likely that some speech and interpretation events will be combined.

Schedule

8:00 – 8:30	Registration ~ State College Area High School student hub
8:30 – 9:00	Opening meeting ~ auditorium
9:00	Workshops and Coaches Clinic
10:00	Round 1, all events
11:00	Round 2, all events
12:00	Round 3, all events
12:45-1:45	Lunch ~ cafeteria
2:00	Awards ~ cafeteria

Judges Lounge

Lunch will be available for all coaches and judges. There will also be coffee and doughnuts available in the morning.

Judges workshop(s)

We plan to cover the following topics for new judges, coaches, and future parent judges: speech events, speech ballots, speech and debate round procedures, debate ballots, and Tabroom.

Student workshops

There will be workshops for competitors and interested students in the following topics:

- ❖ Oral Interpretation
- ❖ All other speech events
- ❖ LD/Public Forum/Parli Debate
- ❖ Congress