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Dear Speech and Debate Coaches and Moderators:

The NJSDL is pleased to invite you to the very first re-imagined Borelli Masterclass Festival, to be held on **October 29, 2022** in **Summit High School** (125 Kent PI Blvd, Summit NJ). We are very excited to be hosting this masterclass and festival-style event for our novice and newer students in the league! We will be offering competition in this format in many different events.

**Schedule**

We will attempt to follow the schedule below throughout the day. All sessions will be available for all students or adults, respectively. A more detailed schedule, with the names of the individual sessions running each time block will be communicated shortly.

8:00am – 9:00am	Registration
9:00am – 10:00am	Session 1
10:00am – 10:15am	Late Registration I
10:15am – 11:15am	Session 2
11:30am – 12:30pm	Session 3
12:30pm – 1:30pm	LUNCH/Late Registration II
1:45pm – 3:00pm	Round 1
3:15pm – 4:30pm	Round 2
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Closing Ceremony

**Masterclass Options**

We will be hosting three sessions of a masterclass style format. During these sessions (available for students, coaches, judges, and moderators), each attendee may select the topic they are interested in. Currently, topics that will be addressed and taught are listed below. Depending on interest, more sessions may be available closer to October 29<sup>th</sup> and information will be communicated to the league/attendees. At each session, raffle tickets will be available for prizes at the end of the day.

<b><u>Student Sessions</u></b>	<b><u>Adult Sessions</u></b>
Blocking & Physicality in Speeches	Tournaments 101
Cutting & Writing a POI	Teaching Speech
Improv & Impromptu	Teaching Debate
Congress: How to Write Bills & P.O.	Starting a Worlds Team / Parliamentary Debate
Parliamentary Debate & Worlds	Judge Training
Lincoln-Douglas Debate	Open Discussion
Public Forum Debate	
Student Forum / Discussion	

**Judge Training**

Our league and our season depend upon the wonderful judges and volunteers that we have in and around the New Jersey area. If you have judges that are interested in being trained (or re-trained), please bring them to session 3 (11:30am to 12:30pm) for an in-depth look at how to judge in our league.

## Eligible Students

All novices will be eligible automatically for this festival. If you have a student in their second (and in some cases, third) year of competition that has not been able to attend in-person events that would benefit from this Festival, they will also be eligible. We ask that coaches and moderators use their best judgement and discretion when selecting students in their second or third year of competition. The goal of this festival is to encourage our newer students to continue with Speech and Debate, and to allow for students who have not attending any (or many) in-person events to feel more comfortable with the format.

## Entry Fees

The Borelli Masterclass Festival will be free to all new teams and will not have entry caps. We suggest a small entry fee for all returning teams in order to better support the league and all league events.

## Food

Please have your students bring their own food for lunch. Bottled water and packaged snacks will be sold by the Summit High School Speech and Debate team. Food will be provided for coaches and judges.

## E-Ballots for All Events

We will continue our use of e-ballots this year. Once again, we need you, the coaches and moderators, to ensure clear communication to your judges and alumni about this. Please ask ALL judges, alumni, and adults, BOTH speech and debate, to ensure that they **have access to a device that they can complete their ballots on, as well as any necessary equipment (i.e., chargers)**. We recommend using a laptop or computer, rather than a phone or iPad. E-ballots are incredibly easy and intuitive – they have been used to great effect at many local and national tournaments. We will again train any new judges on the process. **All events will be using e-ballots this year, at all local and national tournaments.**

## EVENTS & COMPETITION

<b>SPEECH</b>	<b>DEBATE</b>
Public Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Declamation (DEC)</li><li>• Informative Speaking (INF)</li><li>• Original Oratory (OO)</li></ul>	Lincoln Douglas <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Novice (NLD)</li></ul>
Limited Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extemporaneous Speaking (EXT)</li><li>• Impromptu Speaking (IMP)</li><li>• Improvisational Acting (IMV)</li></ul>	Public Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Novice (NPF)</li></ul>
Interpretation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dramatic Interpretation (DI)</li><li>• Duo Interpretation (DUO)</li><li>• Humorous Interpretation (HI)</li><li>• Oral Interpretation (OI)</li><li>• Program Oral Interpretation (POI)</li></ul>	Parliamentary (PARLI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Novice</li></ul>
Congress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Novice (NCON)</li></ul>	

Our tab rooms will be staffed with NJSDL officers and board members and volunteers. All NSDA and NJSDL rules for registration, source integrity, ethics, and timing are in effect. If you have questions, please consult the official NSDA and/or NJSDL rules.

### Lincoln Douglas & Public Forum Debate

There will be two single-flighted preliminary rounds. We will be using the NSDA Sept/Oct topics.

### Parliamentary Debate

This two-person event will run as closely as possible to the LD & PF schedules. Impromptu topics will be given 15 minutes before each round begins. **Public Forum judges should be prepared to judge this event.**

### Speech

There will be two preliminary rounds in all individual event (IE) categories.

### Congressional Debate

There will be one session of Congressional debate. **Speech judges should be prepared to judge this event.**

## **REGISTRATION**

All registration must be completed via [speechwire.com](http://speechwire.com). If you have never used this site before or would like assistance, please let us know and we can assist. While we want to accept all entries, this does depend upon judging availability. We reserve the right to place entries on a waitlist, subject to room and judge availability. Coaches will receive notifications if and when we are able to clear the waitlist.

Only students who are sponsored by a degree-granting institution are permitted to compete. No individual or "lone wolf" entries are permitted. Mavericks in Public Forum are not permitted. There are no double-entries permitted in any debate event, or across speech and debate events.

On-site school registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the first session will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. We will have late registration times, but coaches should attempt to stay close to the schedule listed above when registering after 9:00am. A complete tournament schedule will be available on [speechwire.com](http://speechwire.com) and printed on the day of.

## **DEADLINES**

We need somewhat stable students counts so that we can best prepare our venues for your arrival. To that end, we will begin assessing **nuisance fees** for any registration changes other than name changes after **9:00pm on Friday, October 21. We will lock registration at 4pm on the day before the tournament.** Any changes after that point must be communicated directly to the tournament staff via email or at on-site registration the next day.

All Congress bills must be emailed to Katie Burke ([kburke@rtnj.org](mailto:kburke@rtnj.org)) by **10:00am on Monday, October 24.** Please make certain that you are following the NJSDL guidelines for legislation, including proofreading, educational value, and suitability for the event. **All legislation must be sent by coaches; direct submissions from students will be returned.**

## **JUDGES**

Judging quotas are based on the following:

- Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum, and Parliamentary Debate
  - Teams must provide one (1) judge for every three (3) entries or fraction thereof.
- IE categories and Congress
  - Teams must provide one (1) judge for every five (5) entries or fraction thereof.

We may be forced to assign judges based on need, regardless of category. This is something we will try never to do, but if circumstances demand it, it would be helpful for coaches to let us know of any judges who would feel more comfortable doing this. That said, **speech judges can and will be used to judge Congress rounds. Please prepare your judges for this possibility.**

We will, as usual, conduct a brief overview session for judges during the scheduled lunch. While we strive to alleviate confusion and answer all questions, we cannot spend the time to fully train judges. If you have untrained judges, please consider attending one of the free NJSDL judge training sessions ([njsdl.org](http://njsdl.org)), or the NSDA online course.

## **E-BALLOTS**

All coaches must have a team roster with accurate email addresses uploaded onto Speechwire. Likewise, coaches must ensure that judges are trained to complete electronic ballots and have a linked Speechwire account. Coaches should also ensure that their judges bring the appropriate chargers for their devices. Extra chargers or devices will **not** be available at Summit High School.

## **FEES**

Our fee structure is below. All payments should be made out to the New Jersey Speech and Debate League. We accept payments before, at, or immediately after registration; or, in case of a purchase order, after the tournament. Please send payments to:

New Jersey Speech and Debate League  
attn. Adam Leonard  
P.O. Box #337  
203 Main Street  
Flemington NJ  
08822

### ▪ **Registration Fees**

- School registration fee
  - \$25 per school

### ▪ **Administrative Fees.** These fees are designed to discourage schools and teams from doing things that make our job of running the tournament extremely difficult. We would prefer not to charge these fees – we would much rather have a smooth-running tournament!

- Late entry fee
  - \$10 per entry after 9:00pm on 10/21
- Drop fee
  - \$10 per dropped entry after 9:00pm on 10/21
- Entire school late withdrawal fee (*please don't do this!*)
  - 50% of full invoice if within 24 hours of tournament; 100% for no-show
- Judge fees
  - \$90 per missing judge, per requirements below
  - \$90 per dropped & non-replaced judge beginning 24 hours before registration
  - \$20 per missed judge call at the discretion of tournament staff.

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*We look forward to seeing you in October! Please contact Katie Burke ([kburke@rtnj.org](mailto:kburke@rtnj.org)) with any questions. Until then, we wish you the very best start to the 2022 – 2023 season.*

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*Note: There may be some changes between this document and the final invitation that will be emailed out to all NJSDL coaches and moderators. Please refer to the most recent invitation for the final information, and we look forward to seeing you (and your novices) soon!*

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