

**Cleveland District**  
Ohio Speech and Debate Association

## 2025 Cleveland District Tournament Invitation

The OSDA Cleveland District Speech and Debate State Qualifying Tournament will be held at Vermilion H.S. on February 1, 2025

Please plan on attending the virtual coaches' meeting this year to discuss and prepare for this tournament on January 27, 2025 at 6:00pm

Please read all of the enclosed information carefully and follow directions.

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this letter or the forms that need to be filled out, please contact Carrie immediately

### 1. Registration

Your registration must be completed on Speechwire by 9:00 am on Saturday, January 25, 2024. All district fees (registration and dues) must be paid to compete at either State Qualifying Tournament.

Congress Intent Forms and POI, OO and INF Cover sheets and Bibliography must be submitted through the OSDA website. <https://sites.google.com/view/theosda/hs/hs-district-finals?authuser=0>

Each school may have no more than **4** entries in each event.

Students with 4 Bids must be entered in the Bid Division

Double Entry is allowed in memorized speech events (NO EXTEMP and NO DEBATE)

### 2. Entry fees

**\$9.00** per student (**\$18.00** for each Duo, Policy, or Public Forum team)

In order to compete at the District Tournament, state and district dues as well as district registration fees must be paid by *Saturday, January 25, 2025*. Invoices for registrations are on the documents page in Speechwire.

### 3. Judging Obligations

IE	<b>1 judge for every 4 entries</b> or any fraction thereof ( <b>5 entries means 2 judges!</b> )
LD	<b>1 judge for 1 or 2 competitors; 2 judges for 3; 2 judges for 4 competitors</b>
Policy	<b>1 judge for 1 or 2 teams; 2 judges for 3 or 4 teams</b>
PFD	<b>1 judge for 1 or 2 teams; 2 judges for 3 or 4 teams</b>
CONGRESS	<b>Judges by request</b>

**ALL Committee Members: Please cover yourself with a qualified judge.**

Please determine your judge needs ASAP and fill out the judges' information on the Speechwire carefully. Please make sure to include if they need to be off other schools or events. (SEE BELOW)

- In registering judges, please remember the following restrictions and enter them on the registration form:

- Close relatives may not judge in their child's IE category. Please make a note in the judge's entry.
- Please *do not* change IE judges after Thursday, January 30th. If for some reason you **MUST** make a change of any kind, please contact Carrie via email.
- For any debate judge changes, contact Devon Snook via email.
- *Let your judges know that competition may last a very long time on Saturday!*
- Failure to provide the required qualified judges at this tournament will result in the elimination of your uncovered students.
- 2024 HS graduates *are not* eligible to judge their last IE competition category; they may, however, judge the debates.
- Neutral judges are needed for this tournament. We will pay neutrals \$50. If you plan to bring a neutral judge, please tell us at the coaches' meeting.
- Judges *are not* excused until the appropriate judging committee has released them from the tournament. Remind them that they may not leave the building during the tournament.
- All judges must have a working stopwatch (and know how to use it!).

#### 4. Tournament Format

<b>IE</b>	3 preliminary rounds (2 judge panels); run-offs as needed
<b>L/D &amp; PFD</b>	6 rounds
<b>Policy</b>	4 rounds

#### 5. Tournament Schedule

**Time slots on Speechwire will be updated when tournament registration is complete.**

#### 6. Awards

No awards or results will be released until the last qualifier of the day is determined.

#### 7. Specific Category Information

<b>Lincoln/Douglas</b>	Resolved: The United States ought to become party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and/or the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
<b>Policy Debate</b>	Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks.
<b>Public Forum</b>	Resolved: The United States should accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
<b>OO</b>	All scripts with appropriate cover sheet and bibliography should be submitted on the OSDA website.
<b>POI</b>	All scripts with appropriate cover sheet and bibliography should be submitted on the OSDA website.
<b>INF</b>	All scripts with appropriate cover sheet and bibliography should be submitted on the OSDA website.
<b>Interp Scripts</b>	Original sources must be available for inspection in case of a protest. Please be ready to send scans of the original source to the District Committee upon request.

## **9. In Conclusion....**

I know that this is a lot of information to digest, but please read it carefully. Call, if you have ANY questions. Please don't wait until the last minute; read it now!