

THE GLENBROOKS

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS/DEBATE TOURNAMENT

NOVEMBER 21-23, 2009

Dear Colleague:

The debate communities of Glenbrook North and Glenbrook South cordially invite you to the 30th edition of The Glenbrooks. Three levels of policy debate, two levels of Lincoln-Douglas, six speech events, Student Congress, and Public Forum will be held at Glenbrook South, Glenbrook North, and the Northfield Campus of New Trier. We hope you can join us.

There are two changes to our event this year that are important to note:

The venues for the various events on Saturday and Sunday will be different from 2008. On Saturday and Sunday, Glenbrook North will host Varsity LD, JV LD, JV Policy, and Novice Policy. Glenbrook South will host Student Congress, Varsity Policy and Public Forum. All speech events will again be at the Northfield Campus of New Trier. All Monday elimination rounds in debate will be at the Hyatt-Deerfield. We encourage all competitors to stay at either the Hyatt-Deerfield or the Hilton Northbrook.

We are utilizing a Mutual Preference Judging system this year in our Varsity CX and Varsity LD divisions. We will be steadfast and diligent in making sure judging philosophies are posted and schools have their judge's names entered online by the deadline in order to make this MPJ system possible – November 11 by 5 pm (CST). Schools will be charged a \$100 penalty for not meeting this deadline. If you are interested in hiring out for rounds past your commitment in VCX or VLD at \$40 a round, please contact Tara at ttate@glenbrook.k12.il.us.

We cannot stress the importance of registering for The Glenbrooks as soon as possible. Once our rooms are full, we **cannot** accept any additional entries. **Please pay careful attention to all of the policies in the invitation before sending in your entry.**

Please especially note that no school should make **any** plane or hotel reservations until its coach receives confirmation from a Glenbrooks Director (see the “Completing the Initial Entry” portion of the invitation on page 9 for more details).

Also, if you are hiring judges from the tournament, note that **every school must have at least one representative in each of the judging pools of the events in which it is entered** (see the “Hired Judging Policy” on page 5-6 for further details). If you are unclear about the implications of this hired judging rule, please email Tara at ttate@glenbrook.k12.il.us **before** sending in your registration form(s) and fees. We **will not** confirm any school's entry if it incorrectly requests too many hired judges on the registration form(s).

DEBATE EVENTS

POLICY

Varsity, junior varsity, and novice policy debate will be switch-side, cross-examination style, with an **8-3-5** format. Varsity debaters should only include your finest competitors. Only debaters in their first or second year of competition may enter the JV division. Only debaters in their first year of competition may enter the novice division.

A school may enter a **maximum of two (2) teams in each of the varsity and JV divisions**. A school may enter only **one (1) team in the novice division**. We have space for approximately 320 teams. Policy debaters **may not** enter any other tournament event.

The policy topic for the 2009 Glenbrooks is as follows:

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase social services for persons living in poverty in the United States.

There will be seven preliminary rounds in varsity policy. Varsity policy will break to double-octafinals. All Saturday and Sunday competition in this event will occur at the Glenbrook South High School campus. Octafinals and subsequent elimination rounds will take place on Monday at the Hyatt-Deerfield.

There will be six preliminary rounds in the junior varsity and novice divisions of policy. JV and novice policy competition on Saturday and Sunday will be at the Glenbrook North High School campus. Semifinals and finals of these two divisions will take place on Monday at the Hyatt-Deerfield.

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS

Lincoln-Douglas will include varsity and junior varsity divisions, with NFL rules and time limits. Varsity LD debaters should include only your finest competitors. Only debaters in their first or second year of competition may enter the JV division.

A school may enter a **maximum of two (2) debaters in each of the varsity and junior varsity divisions**. Approximately 200 varsity and 100 JV debaters will be accepted for LD competition. LD debaters **may not** enter into any other tournament event.

The November/December NFL Lincoln-Douglas topic will be used; check the October *Rostrum*.

There will be seven preliminary rounds in Varsity Lincoln-Douglas. Varsity LD will break to double-octafinals. Varsity LD competition on Saturday and Sunday will take place at the Glenbrook North High School campus. Octafinals and subsequent elimination rounds will occur on Monday at the Hyatt Deerfield.

There will be six preliminary rounds in the JV division of LD. JV LD competition on Saturday and Sunday will take place at the Glenbrook North High School campus. Semifinals and finals of this division will take place on Monday at the Hyatt-Deerfield.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forum will be an open division, using NFL rules and time limits.

A school may enter a **maximum of three (3) public forum teams**. There is space for approximately 75 teams. Public Forum debaters **may not** enter any other tournament event.

The November NFL public forum topic will be used; check the October *Rostrum*.

There will be six preliminary rounds in Public Forum. The division will finish on Sunday. Assuming entry numbers warrant, this event will break to octafinals. All public forum competition will occur at the Glenbrook North High School campus.

STUDENT CONGRESS

There will be multiple chambers of approximately 22 students in each, with a semifinal round and a Super Congress. NFL rules and time limits will apply; see the NFL website www.nflonline.org for further details.

Each school may enter a **maximum of eighteen (18) Congressional debaters**. The Glenbrook staff will apportion the chambers and assign committees. Student Congress competitors may **not** enter any other event.

Each school may submit a **maximum of three (3) pieces of legislation, but no more than one (1) per committee (economics, public welfare, foreign policy)**. Legislation must be in the proper NFL format and emailed as an ATTACHED MICROSOFT WORD document to kprockovic@glenbrook.k12.il.us by **October 9th**. Please see the template for Congress legislation on the NFL website at <http://www.nflonline.org/CoachingResources>. Legislation is expected to be of sound quality and the **tournament personnel reserve the right to exclude legislation that does not meet that standard**. Legislative packets will be posted on the website for each participating school to download by **October 23rd**. Since the packets may be large, **they cannot be faxed**.

Student congress competition will conclude on Sunday and will be held at the Glenbrook South High School campus.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

We urge you to submit your IE entry as soon as possible since these are always the first to fill.

Six events are offered this year: Original Oratory, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Prose/Poetry Reading, Mixed Extemporaneous Speaking, and Duo Interpretation. NFL rules and time limits will apply to all events except prose/poetry; NCFL rules will apply in this event. For more information on NFL rules, please refer to your Chapter Manuals or the NFL website (www.nflonline.org). For more information on NCFL rules, please refer to the NCFL website (www.ncfl.org).

Each school may enter a **maximum of four (4) contestants in each category**. Students may single or double enter, but each one counts as a separate entry for the purpose of assessing fees.

There will be four preliminary rounds breaking to quarterfinals. The IE portion of the tournament will be held at the Northfield campus of New Trier High School and conclude on Sunday evening.

JUDGING REQUIREMENTS - ALL DIVISIONS

QUALIFICATIONS

Because the Glenbrooks prides itself on the quality of the competitors and adjudicators, judges provided by the individual schools must be qualified to judge a national circuit forensics competition. Only persons who have graduated high school may be judges in varsity and JV policy, varsity LD, IE, public forum, and student congress divisions. High school varsity debaters may be used in novice policy and JV LD. Judges must be designated for each division since the tournament will be held in multiple buildings.

All policy and LD debate judges are required to submit a philosophy to the judge philosophy wiki at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/> by 5pm Central Time November 11th. Schools that have judges who have not submitted their philosophies will not be allowed to submit a strike sheet. **This is a self-reporting system – it is your responsibility to make sure the philosophy is published.**

ALLOCATIONS

All schools **MUST** be represented in each and every judging pool for which they have contestants. For example, if a school only enters varsity policy debate, it must provide a judge to fill at least a half-time commitment in that division. If you enter varsity policy debate, JV LD, student congress, and IEs, you must have a representative in each of these pools.

Judging quotas are as follows:

Policy Debate – one (1) full-time judge for every two (2) teams

LD Debate – one (1) full-time judge for every three (3) debaters* ^

Student Congress – one (1) full-time judge for every seven (7) debaters or fraction thereof

Public Forum – one (1) full-time judge for every two (2) teams

Individual Events – one (1) judge for every five (5) entries or fraction thereof

* LD judges must check both the junior varsity and varsity LD pairings for each round.

A school is responsible for paying the hired judge fee or may not be asked to return if any of its judges miss a round for any reason, including failing to check both the varsity and the JV LD schematics.

^ In LD, having one LDer constitutes a half-time judging commitment of four (4)

rounds as well as an elimination round commitment as specified in the next paragraph.

Two or three LD debaters will constitute a full-time judge commitment.

A half-time commitment in varsity policy and LD is four preliminary rounds **and** elimination round commitments. All debate judges are required to judge the first elimination round OR judge one round past the last elimination round in which their school participated (whichever comes last).

There is no half-time judging commitment in IE's. For example, having six IE competitors requires two full-time committed judges.

Placing judges in elimination rounds becomes more difficult each year because judges leave once their school's competitors are eliminated from the tournament without fulfilling their commitment to adjudicate one round beyond their school's last outround. **Directors are responsible to make sure that their school's judges are available to fulfill their ENTIRE judging commitment, including making appropriately timed airplane reservations.** We always try to release individuals as quickly as possible, but the tournament requires the highest quality judging pool possible even after any particular school is finished competing. **Schools who have judges that do not meet their elimination round obligation may not be invited to return.**

HIRED JUDGING POLICY

A limited number of judges are available for hire through the tournament at **\$200** per half-time committed judge needed.

Please note the restrictions on hiring judges **before** completing the registration forms:

- (1) A school can only hire judging after it has fulfilled its initial obligation in each judging pool (see ALLOCATIONS above). **A school cannot hire its entire commitment in any pool - no exceptions! Here is a list of the separate pools as defined by the Glenbrooks tournament directors for the purposes of assessing judging commitment:**
 - a) Varsity Policy
 - b) JV and Novice Policy combined
 - c) Varsity and JV LD combined
 - d) Student Congress
 - e) All IE categories combined

This breakdown means that you must have at least one half-time committed judge in each of the debate pools in which you have entered and at least one full-time IE judge for any IE entries. After providing these initial judges, you can opt to hire any further judging commitments from the tournament in each of these pools. For example, if you have 2 varsity policy teams you must provide at least one judge to fill a half-time commitment in varsity policy. After providing this one half-time judge, you can opt to hire another half-time judge for \$200 in the varsity policy pool. In the LD pool, a school must first provide at least one half-time committed judge for either the varsity or JV division; then it can hire the rest of its commitment in varsity and JV LD. For further clarification in LD, each uncovered LD debater will require a \$200 judge fee; meaning if a school has three LD debaters entered and provides one halftime judge, a school will owe \$400 for cover the rest of the LDers.

- (2) No school within 250 miles may hire any judges from the tournament.
- (3) No judges may be hired for Public Forum debate.

No hired judges will be available after October 23rd at 5pm CT. If you intend to hire judges, please send your registration forms with the appropriate fees **postmarked by October 21st** to ensure that we receive it by this date.

There are **no refunds** for hired judges - even if a school drops its entries before the drop deadline at 5 pm CT on November 4th.

HOUSING

The tournament directors request that all participants competing in The Glenbrooks stay at the tournament host hotels. Hotel blocks have been made at the six sites listed below. Please make your reservations early. Identify yourself as a participant at **The Glenbrooks**.

Registration, social functions, and Monday elimination rounds will take place at the Hyatt-Deerfield.

Hyatt-Deerfield 1-847-945-3400 – This is our primary host hotel and we encourage our guests to book here- tournament registration, receptions, and debate elimination rounds will take place here. \$91.00 per night per room. Rate includes high speed wireless internet access in rooms. Please contact Kate Morton to make reservations by phone at 847-597-4523 or by email at kate.morton@hyatt.com.

Hilton Northbrook 1-847-509-7020 OR 1-800-HILTONS – This is hotel is 1 mile from Glenbrook North HS and 2 miles from Glenbrook South HS at 2855 Milwaukee Avenue, Northbrook, IL. \$98 per night per room. To make reservations call the phone number and mention the block name: The Glenbrook Speech and Debate Tournament or use the reservation link at <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/CHINBHF-GKS-20091119/index.jhtml>.

Embassy Suites 1-847-945-4500 – All reservations should be made via email. Please email rooming list (see home page for link) to valerie.fiore@hilton.com. Across the street from the primary tournament hotel. \$110 per night per room. Rate includes a buffet breakfast starting at 6:00 am and high speed internet access. Gino's Pizza is now open in the hotel. Conference suites are available for \$185 per room per night.

Marriott Courtyard – Glenview 1-800-321-2211 OR 1-847-803-2500 – Recently Completed Renovations! Room rates are \$79.00 a night (a decrease from 2008!). To reserve king rooms, go to

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/CHIGV?groupCode=GSHGSHA&app=resvlink&fromDate=11/19/09&toDate=11/24/09>

To reserve double-double rooms, go to

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/CHIGV?groupCode=GSHGSHB&app=resvlink&fromDate=11/19/09&toDate=11/24/09>

You may also call 800-321-2211 and reference the block “Glenbrook South High School”. Rate includes high-speed internet access. This site is one mile from GBS.

Sheraton Chicago Northbrook – 800-325-3535- New hotel located one mile from Glenbrook North and situated between the LD and IE venues on Willow Road. Convenient to a lot of restaurants. \$69.00 plus tax for kings and \$89.00 plus tax for double-doubles. Please reference “The 2009 Glenbrooks” when making your reservations.

Marriott Renaissance North Shore – this hotel is close to our Individual Events at New Trier-Northfield on Skokie Boulevard. Rate is \$79.00 a night, which includes wireless. Ruth Chris' Steakhouse on property. You may call 800-468-3571 or the hotel directly at 847-498-6500 x1355 for reservations. Please reference “The Glenbrooks Speech and Debate Tournament” when making your reservations.

TRANSPORTATION

FLIGHTS

We strongly recommend flights into O'Hare airport, not Midway. O'Hare is approximately eight miles from the tournament; Midway is 45 miles in Chicago traffic.

RENTAL CARS

Transportation will not be provided by The Glenbrooks. However, special tournament rental vehicle rates have been established with Ace Rental Cars – one of the only vehicle rental companies in the Chicagoland area with fifteen passenger vans. They also have a large fleet and can provide any size vehicle needed.

Examples of Ace's special tournament rates are:

Full-size - \$34.95 per day

Minivan (7 passenger) - \$49.95

Full-sized SUV (8 passenger) - \$109.95 per day

12 Passenger Van - \$126.95 per day

15 Passenger Van - \$115.95 per day

All vehicles are 2008/2009 model year vehicles (or newer) with automatic transmission, power windows, AM/FM stereo and CD players. Rates include Unlimited Mileage and vehicles are provided with a full tank of gasoline. 24/7 access to ACE in the event of emergencies or assistance.

ACE Rent A Car is located just adjacent to O'Hare Airport and is located the same distance from the terminal area as the major, on-airport car rental companies. Due to their off-airport status, ACE's tax rates are almost 25% less than the taxes and fees assessed by the on-airport car rental companies. ACE offers a complimentary shuttle to transport you and your group from the terminal area to their rental location.

**** Should your team be flying into Midway, Ace will deliver and pick-up your vehicles at Midway Airport. Please contact Jim Sheridan (847-417-3287) should you wish to take advantage of this special arrangement.

To make reservations with Ace, call 1-800-323-3221 or go to www.acerentacar.com. Please be sure to reference **Promo Code GNB** for the Glenbrooks special rates.

PRE-TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Before completing the registration forms, please review the specific entry limits in each division as well as the judging requirements and the hired judge policy to ensure that the forms are accurately filled in. Your entries will not be officially confirmed if there are any discrepancies with the rules and guidelines established in this invitation.

Do not mail any registration forms without the appropriate fees. A school will not be registered without payment in advance. Except for the penalties below, we will not collect fees at registration on Friday night. If you have illness or change in entries for any reason, fees can be refunded until 5 pm Central Time on November 4th; no refunds are available after this date.

Please make all checks or money orders payable to “The Glenbrooks.” We will **not** accept purchase orders in lieu of a check or a money order for fees.

FEES & PENALTIES

The 2009 Glenbrooks fees are as follows:

Varsity Policy Debate -	\$100 per two-person team
Varsity LD Debate -	\$50 per debater
JV Policy Debate -	\$90 per two-person team
Novice Policy Debate -	\$80 per two-person team
Public Forum Debate -	\$50 per two-person team
JV LD Debate -	\$45 per debater
Student Congress -	\$35 per entry
Individual Events -	\$25 per entry
Duo Interpretation -	\$50 per entry
Hired Judge Fee -	\$200 per half-time committed policy or student congress judge OR per each uncovered Lincoln-Douglas debater

Drop Penalty (after 5 pm CT on Nov 4th) - Loss of original entry fee plus \$10 per single event entry, i.e., LD, congress, or any IE except for Duo, or \$20 for a double event entry, i.e., policy debate, public forum, and duo.

Late Name Penalty (after 5pm CT on Nov. 11th) - \$100 per school

COMPLETING THE ENTRY FORMS

Follow the below registration process. No telephone or email registration will be accepted. Please do **not** call or write asking us to hold space for you. Make your entry decisions, complete the forms, secure a check, and mail everything at once. Once we reach room capacity in each building, registration will be closed.

Official registration process:

(1) Download the registration forms. Do **not** handwrite the entry; a coach should type her/his entry directly on the form by clicking in the appropriate fields. The 5 character code found on the label of your postcard must be entered in the designated area of the registration forms.

(2) Print 2 copies of the COMPLETED registration forms and return one with a check for the exact amount due to the following address:

Glenbrook North HS
Attn: Michael Greenstein – Director of Debate
2300 Shermer Road
Northbrook, IL 60062

Do not fax the forms and/or check (since a faxed check cannot be cashed!). Assuming availability, entries are confirmed when we receive a school's correctly completed registration form(s) AND appropriate entry fees.

(3) Written confirmation will be emailed within three working days of receipt of the entry. If you do not receive a confirmation from us within ten days of the original postmark date, please email Michael Greenstein at mgreenstein@glenbrook.k12.il.us to confirm receipt of your entry. **NOTE: No school should make any plane or hotel reservations until its coach receives confirmation from a Glenbrooks Director.**

(4) Once your entry has been confirmed by The Glenbrooks, all name entries should be completed online. You can enter names by:

(a) Going to www.glenbrookdebate.com

(b) Logging in using the school's 5 character-code that is found on the front label of the postcard.

(c) Once at the proper area, please follow the step-by-step instructions on the name entry screen.

This online process should be available on our website by September 14th, but a coach can not enter names unless she/he has received a confirmation letter from the tournament directors. **Schools that do not have their names entered by 5 pm CT on November 11th will be charged a \$100 late name penalty.**

DEADLINES

While there is not an official deadline to enter the tournament, we operate on a “first come, first serve” basis and we always fill all space at the tournament. As a result, each school should send in its entries as soon as possible.

Please pay careful attention to the below deadlines to avoid paying any penalties and/or to avoid losing strike sheet privileges in LD and policy.

SEPTEMBER 14 - Name entry open on website for confirmed entries ONLY. See “Completing the Entry Forms” on page 9 for more details.

OCTOBER 9 (5pm CT) - Congress Legislation Submission Deadline. See “Student Congress” on page 4 for more details.

OCTOBER 23 (5pm CT) - Hired Judging Deadline. See “Hired Judge Policy” on page 5-6 for more details.

OCTOBER 23 - Student Congress Legislation Packets Posted to Website. See “Student Congress” on page 4 for more details.

NOVEMBER 4 (5pm CT) - Dropped Entries Deadline. See “Pre-Tournament Registration” on page 8 for more details.

NOVEMBER 11 (5pm CT) - Judge Philosophy Deadline for all LD and Policy Judges. See “Judging Qualifications” on page 4 for more details.

Name Entry Deadline. See “Completing the Entry Forms” on page 9 for more details.

NOVEMBER 18 (8am CT) - Strike sheets available in varsity Lincoln-Douglas and Policy. Supplemental strike sheets will be provided during Round 1 if necessary. Strike sheet availability will close at 9pm on Friday, November 20, 2009.

TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, November 20 Hyatt-Deerfield

6:30 – 9:30 pm Registration for all schools – Room will be posted on Friday night
The Ted W. Belch Registration Reception

NOTE: Schools with no changes will not have to wait in registration lines at all. Their registration packets will be available for pick up in the designated room of the Hyatt-Deerfield. If you have late fees to pay or changes to make, you must see registration personnel on Friday night.

Please plan your flight arrivals so that you can make the 9:30 p.m. registration deadline. West Coast schools should be especially mindful of this time deadline. The tab room staff cannot begin their work without the registration of all 210+ schools.

Saturday, November 21 GBS, GBN, New Trier (Northfield)

8 am – 7:30 p.m. Preliminary rounds in all events
7:30 pm – DodgeBall Tournament at Glenbrook South (more information coming)

Sunday, November 22 GBS, GBN, New Trier (Northfield)

7:30 am – 9:30 pm Preliminary rounds in all events
Quarters-Finals in individual events
Blue/Green/Gold Awards Assembly - IE
Semi-finals & Super Congress
Sextodecimos – Varsity Policy and LD
Quarters – Finals in Public Forum
Octas and Quarters – JV Policy
Quarters and Semis -- Novice Policy
Octas and Quarters – JV LD

Sunday, November 22 (Evening Only) Hyatt Deerfield

Debate and Student Congress Speaker Awards Assembly – Hyatt-Deerfield Ballroom

Monday, November 23 Hyatt-Deerfield Hotel

8 am – 8 p.m. Light breakfast for competitors and their coaches in
Policy and LD Debate
Octas – Finals in Varsity Policy
Octas – Finals in Varsity LD
Semifinals and Finals in JV Policy
Semifinals and Finals in JV LD
Semifinals and Finals in Novice Policy