

2021 11th Annual California Middle School State Championship Tournament

Thank you for your participation and involvement in the upcoming 2021 11th Annual California Middle School State Championship Tournament. The tournament has grown tremendously over the past 11 years, and with the move to an online tournament format last year, more schools have been able to participate and showcase their skills.

This tournament will involve more than **500 student entries!** That is one of the largest online speech tournaments in the United States, and each participant should be proud to be competing against the best in California.

As a real-time online tournament, there are additional considerations beyond an in-person tournament.

- Each participant must have a guardian on camera while they perform or have signed a waiver to remove this requirement.
- Review the [Best Practices Document](#) for how to achieve a good online tournament experience.
- Test your equipment *before the tournament* to ensure you can be seen and heard.
- Communicate with the tournament staff whenever an issue arises.
- Show patience if a delay occurs.

Below is a list of reference materials that will aid in creating a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone. Please review these documents and save this information to refer to throughout the tournament.

- [Best Practices Document](#)
- [Southern California Junior Forensics League Bylaws](#)
- [2021 11th Annual California Middle School State Championship Tournament Invitation](#)
- [Congress Docket](#)
- [2021 11th Annual California Middle School State Championship Tournament Website](#)
- [2021 11th Annual California Middle School State Championship Tournament Help Room](#)
- [Online Awards Ceremony, Scheduled for 8:30pm PT Sunday, May 23rd](#)

All information about the tournament will be posted at:

<https://forensictournament.net/CaliforniaMiddleSchoolState/21>. Any updates to the tournament, including postings, ballot updates, delays and any changes will be posted on the tournament homepage.

Tournament Schedule Updates/Changes

The tournament schedule has changed to accommodate the final number of competitors. An updated schedule will be posted by 5/20/2021.

Please note the following:

- Impromptu will add a quarter final round
- Impromptu Quarter finals will be Saturday 4pm
- Impromptu Semi-finals will be Saturday 7:30pm
- ***Impromptu Finals are Sunday 5pm***

Changes to elimination rounds

- Public forum will skip double-octas, their first elimination round will occur Saturday at 6pm

The following events do not have a semi-final round:

- Duo, HI, Prose, Speech to Entertain, DI, Extemp, Informative, Poetry, POI, Storytelling

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The following events do not have a final round:

- Big Questions
- Speech to Entertain
- POI

Thank you again for your participation in the upcoming tournament, with your efforts in adhering to the best practices, we can have a smooth tournament and an enjoyable experience for all participants.

Regards,

2021 11th Annual California Middle School State Championship Tournament Staff