The 12th Annual California Middle School Speech and Debate State Championship
May 20-22nd, 2022
(Invitation Version 1.0)

Greetings to all middle school speech and debate clubs and schools!

You may access the invitation and entry system at https://forensicstournament.net/CaliforniaMiddleSchoolState/22

California Middle School Forensics is proud to announce the 12th annual California State Championship. This tournament is meant to encourage a healthy competition at the state level and provide an opportunity to sharpen competitive speeches before the national tournament.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic has affected our entire community, we have decided to continue with the tournament on the scheduled date/times. However, we have made a few changes.

1. The tournament will be held entirely online. Please see the Best Practices Guide for additional information regarding the preparation for Internet preparation. The Best Practices Guide is available on the tournament registration page. This guide will have suggestions and policies regarding specific events.

2. All fees should be paid through the registration website. Coaches can access this by clicking the "Tournament Fees" tab on the left side of the registration page..

3. Throughout the entire tournament, we will have a live help room for anyone having trouble. The URL will be https://8x8.vc/CMSFHelp

4. All competitors will be required to have a parental guardian onscreen for the duration of the round or provide a waiver. The waiver is available when registering students for the tournament. Just click the "Register" tab on the left side of the registration page to begin the process. Then look for the "Waiver" tab. From there, you can send the waiver to your students.

5. The schedule may need to be extended, depending on interest in events. For example, in previous years, additional elimination rounds for Impromptu and SPAR have been needed to accommodate the number of entries. We will try to notify teams of any schedule changes as soon as possible.

The tournament will be held on May 20-22nd, 2022! Please feel free to pass this invitation along to anyone who might be interested in attending.

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Rules/Event Descriptions:
All events will follow CMSF rules. For full list of event descriptions,
tournament procedures, and round design, please go to SCJFL.org and click
on the RULES & BY-LAWS. Please note: some tournament procedures in the
by-laws are unique to this state tournament only. Such rules and
procedures are marked as "CMSF," but in the absence of such indications,
all other SCJFL rules will apply. If you have any questions about rules
or procedures, please feel free to reach out through the e-mail below.

Please note that we have included a Best Practices Guide on the tournament
registration page. The tournament will use this guide for all online
tournaments and tab decisions.

Postings:
Postings will be sent to each student before the round begins. Coaches should
update their student rosters on **ForensicsTournament.net** to include the cell
numbers or the e-mail addresses for each student. Once the posting preference is
selected, coaches can test that the cell/e-mail is getting through to the
student(s).

Entries:
Entries are due on Friday, May 13th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Pacific.
We must have all judge names entered by the tournament deadline.

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Awards:
All competitors advancing to an elimination round shall be awarded for
doing so. The tournament shall award school sweepstakes awards for the
top three overall schools. Points shall be calculated in accordance to
the CMSF rules and by-laws.
After the tournament, we will ship the trophies to each school. Please be
patient with us as we get awards to students, but we will make sure that
each student who earns an awards receives it.
    The awards ceremony will be streamed onto YouTube for those who would
like to watch. We will send a link to all participants on Sunday, May
22nd, just before the awards ceremony begins.

Eligibility:
This event is run by the California Middle School Forensics(CMSF), which is a subsidiary of the Southern California Junior Forensics League (SCJFL). All schools, clubs, after-schools, and home schools are permitted entry, provided they are in good standing with both leagues. No league membership fee is required for this tournament.
Students from 5th grade - 8th grade are permitted to compete at this tournament.

Special Rules:
In keeping with the CMSF by-laws, we would like to call your attention to a few items that may be different from other tournaments.

- No publication requirements for interpretation events. While students may not write pieces themselves unless the event requires it, but are allowed students to use literature from any source, published or non-published.

- SPAR times are the following: (2 prep) Pro 2; Con 2; Cross 4; Pro 2; Con 2.

- Performative plagiarism, as outlined on in the CMSF Rules & By-laws, prevents the "copying the performance of other performers." Please review this section of the rules for all students entered in interpretation events.

- This tournament will not break brackets for debate outrounds.

Wellness:
We have designed the schedule for this tournament with great care. While we have tried to provide students with the opportunity to compete in as many events as possible, this comes at a potential risk. We ask that students carefully consider the schedule before deciding to enter multiple events. The tournament will not delay rounds for students who did not attend a round on time. Furthermore, students who insist on doing both speech and debate events may risk missing lunch breaks.

Judges:
One of our biggest concerns is that we do not run late. We require each judge to have a reliable Internet connection and use a laptop or desktop computer to evaluate the round. While tablets and mobile devices are possible, we do not encourage the usage for judges since they will be managing the eBallot and the video screen at the same time. We recommend that judges open the eBallot on one tab and the video on another. Judges should be able to toggle between the two easily. Alternatively, judges can open a new window for the video and position it to the side of the eBallot so that they can view both at the same time. Teams who register judges that are not well-equipped or properly trained may be fined delay of tournament fees.

Events:

Pattern A (Students may not enter events in pattern D)

    - Lincoln-Douglas Debate (Resolved: Nationals topic announced May 1st, 2022)

    - Public Forum Debate (Resolved: Nationals topic announced May 1st, 2022)

    - Big Questions (Resolved: On balance, societies benefit from religious belief and practice.)

Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, and Big Questions will all be randomly assigned for the first two rounds and then power-matched for the remaining preliminary rounds. All elimination rounds will be standard bracket rounds. SPAR rounds are paired and run similar to an IE event. Please see the CMSF Rules & By-laws for more specific information.

Debate only schedule:

Friday: May 20th, 2022
8:00 a.m.	Round 1 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q)
12:00 p.m.	Round 2 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q)
3:00 p.m.	Round 3 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q)
6:00 p.m.	Round 4 Pattern A (PF, LD) Finals (Big Q)

Saturday: May 21st, 2022
11:00 a.m.	Rd. 5 Pattern A (PF, LD~~, Big Q,~~)
12:30 p.m.	Debate lunch
2:30 p.m.	Double-octas Pattern A (PF, LD)
6:00 p.m.	Octafinals Pattern A (PF, LD) / ~~Semifinals (Big Q)~~

Sunday: May 22nd, 2022
11:00 a.m.	Debate lunch break
12:00 p.m.	Pattern A Quarterfinals (PF, LD)
3:30 p.m.	Semifinals Pattern A (PF, LD) / ~~Finals (Big Q)~~
5:00 p.m.	Finals Pattern A (PF, LD)
8:30 p.m.	Awards

Pattern B

      <u>(may enter no more than two from the following):</u>
      Prose (use of manuscript required, 7 min. maximum)
      Humorous Interpretation (10 min. maximum)
      Persuasive/Original Oratory (no visual aids, 10 min. maximum)
      Duo Interpretation (10 min. maximum)
      Speech to Entertain (no visual aids allowed, 5 min. maximum)
      Impromptu (7 min. bank)
            Round 1 - Concrete nouns
            Round 2 - Abstract nouns
            Round 3 - Proverbs
            Quarterfinal Round - Quotations
            Semifinal Round - Quotations
            Final Round - Quotations

Pattern B Individual Events Only

Saturday: May 21st, 2022
8:00 a.m.   Round 1 B (Pro, HI, Per, Duo, STE, Imp)
9:30 a.m.   Round 2 B (Pro, HI, Per, Duo, STE, Imp)
11:00 a.m.   IE Lunch break
1:00 p.m.   Round 3 B (Pro, HI, Per, Duo, STE, Imp)
4:00 p.m.   Elim 1 Pattern B (Pro, HI, Per, Duo, STE, IMP)
7:30 p.m.   Elim 2 Pattern B (Pro, HI, Per, Duo, STE, IMP)

Sunday: May 22nd, 2022
8:30 p.m.   Awards

<u>Pattern C</u>

<u>(may enter no more than two from the following):</u>
Dramatic Interpretation (10 min. maximum)
Declamation (10 min. maximum)
Poetry (use of manuscript required, 7 min. maximum)
Storytelling (5 min. maximum)
Informative (visual aids are allowed, 10 min. maximum)
Program Oral Interp (use of manuscript required, 10 min. maximum)

<u>(may enter only one from the following):</u>
Extemporaneous Speaking (30 min. of prep / 7 min. maximum)
    ***Extemp draw will begin 30 minutes prior to the start of each
        round. Extemp Draw will be in room 8x8.vc/CMSFextemp ***
    Topic areas (in no particular order):
        The Americas
        US Economy
        Middle East
        Domestic News
        Science & Technology

Pattern C Individual Events Only

Sunday: May 23rd, 2022
7:30 a.m.   Extemp Draw
8:00 a.m.   Rd. 1 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info)
9:30 a.m.   Rd. 2 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info)
11:00 a.m.   Rd. 3 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info)
12:00 p.m.   IE Lunch break
1:30 p.m.   Elim 1 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info)
5:00 p.m.   Elim 2 C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info)
8:30 p.m.   Awards

<u>Pattern D (Students may not enter events in pattern A)</u>

     - Congress - Congress docket will be made available two weeks before the start of the tournament (Friday, May 6th, 2022).

     - Policy Debate (Resolved: Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States.)

Policy will be randomly assigned for the first two rounds and then power-matched for the remaining preliminary rounds. All elimination rounds will be standard bracket rounds. The schedule for outrounds may be adjusted depending on entry numbers. In the case that additional Policy outrounds are added, competitors may have to choose between competing in the additional outround or competing in pattern C events.

Pattern D only Schedule:

Friday: May 20th, 2022
8:00 a.m.   Round 1 Pattern D (Policy, Cong)
3:00 p.m.   Round 2 Pattern D (Policy, Cong)

Saturday: May 21st, 2022
11:00 a.m.   Round 3 Pattern D (Policy, Cong)
12:30 p.m.   Congress Lunch
2:30 p.m.   Round 4 Pattern D (Policy) Semifinals (Cong)
6:00 p.m.   Elim Round 1 (Cong) / Round 5 (Policy)

Sunday: May 22nd, 2022
12:00 p.m.   Elim 1 Pattern D (Policy)/Elim Round 2 (if needed) (Cong)
8:30 p.m.   Awards

<u>Pattern E</u>

- SPAR (Topics will be provided at the tournament)

Please note that the semifinals of SPAR will occur at the same time as finals of pattern B, and the finals of SPAR will happen at the same time as the finals of pattern C.

Pattern E only Schedule:

Friday: May 20th, 2022
10:00 a.m.   Round 1 Pattern E (SPAR)
11:30 p.m.   Lunch break
1:30 p.m.   Round 2 Pattern E (SPAR)
4:30 p.m.   Round 3 Pattern E (SPAR)
7:30 p.m.   Elim 1 Pattern E (SPAR)

Saturday: May 21st, 2022
7:30 p.m.   Elim 2 Pattern E (SPAR)

Sunday: May 22nd, 2022
5:00 p.m.   Elim 3 Pattern E (SPAR)
8:30 p.m.   Awards (earlier if possible)

<center>**Full Combined Schedule*:**</center>

Friday: May 20th, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Round 1 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q)/ Pattern D (Policy, Cong)
10:00 a.m.	Round 1 Pattern E (SPAR)
11:30 p.m.	Lunch break
12:00 p.m.	Round 2 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q)
1:30 p.m.	Round 2 Pattern E (SPAR)
3:00 p.m.	Round 3 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q) /
	Round 2 Pattern D (Policy, Cong)
4:30 p.m.	Round 3 Pattern E (SPAR)
6:00 p.m.	Round 4 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q)
7:30 p.m.	Elim 1 Pattern E (SPAR)

Saturday: May 21st, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Round 1 Pattern B (Pro, HI, Per, Duo, STE, Imp)
9:30 a.m.	Round 2 Pattern B (Pro, HI, Per, Duo, STE, Imp)
11:00 a.m.	Round 5 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q) /
	Round 3 Pattern D (Policy, Cong)
11:00 a.m.	IE Lunch break
12:30 p.m.	Debate/Congress lunch break
1:00 p.m.	Round 3 Pattern B (Pro, HI, Per, Duo, STE, Imp)
2:30 p.m.	Double-Octafinals Pattern A (PF, LD) /
	Semifinal Pattern D (Cong) / Round 4 Pattern D(Policy)
4:00 p.m.	Elim 1 Pattern B (Pro, HI, Per, Duo, STE, Imp)
6:00 p.m.	Octafinals Pattern A (PF, LD)/Semifinals Pattern A (Big Q)/
	Round 5 Pattern D (Policy) / Elim (Congress)
7:30 p.m.	Elim 2 Pattern B (Pro, HI, Per, Duo, STE, Imp) /
	Elim 2 Pattern E (SPAR)

Sunday: May 22nd, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Round 1 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Info, POI, Ext)
9:30 a.m.	Round 2 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Info, POI, Ext)
11:00 a.m.	Round 3 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Info, POI, Ext)
11:00 a.m.	Debate lunch break
12:00 p.m.	Quarterfinals Pattern A (PF, LD) / Elim (if needed) Pattern
	D (Policy, Cong)
12:00 p.m.	IE Lunch break
1:30 p.m.	Elim 1 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Info, POI, Ext)
3:30 p.m.	Semifinals Pattern A (PF, LD) Finals Pattern A (Big Q)
5:00 p.m.	Elim 2 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Info, POI, Ext) /
	Elim 3 Pattern E (SPAR) / Finals Pattern A (PF, LD)
8:30 p.m.	Awards

Fees will be assessed on Friday May 13th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. PST. Any changes after this date will be subject to the following penalties. (Judges will no longer be permitted after this date; all judges must have names and contact information in the school's roster. Please enter all judges through the forensicstournament.net registration website mentioned previously.)

Please pay all fees to an account below by Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 at noon Pacific. Fees must be paid through the registration page by clicking on the 'Tournament Fees' tab on the left side of the page

$50 school fee
$15 per IE/Congress/Spar slot ($30 per Duo team)
$40 per Lincoln Douglas/Public Forum/ slot
$40 judging fee per uncovered IE slot (One judge covers 5 IE slots)
$150 per uncovered debate slot (One judge covers 2 LD/PD/PFD slots)
$20 per change after Friday, May 13th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Pacific.
$50 No-show fee per competitor (event fees will not be refunded after deadline).
$200 dropped judge fee (per day) after May 17th, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. Pacific.
$20 No-show judge fee (first offense); $40 No-show judge fee (second offense);
$50 No-show judge fee (each subsequent offense).*

> ***Ballots will be sent to judges approximately 10 minutes before the beginning of each round. Those who do not receive a ballot but are scheduled to judge that round will be sent a standby notice. Standby judges should go to 8x8.vc/CMSFstandby and wait for their name to be called. If a judge is put on standby but does not accept a ballot when their name is called in the judge standby room, that judge will be deemed as a no-show, and penalty fees will apply.**

Coaches' Meeting:
We will host a coaches' meeting for all schools on Saturday, May 28th (virtual room to be announced). This meeting will not occur during the tournament due to time constraints. The purpose of the meeting is to ask for community guidance and direction. We will also hold elections during this meeting. In accordance with our by-laws, the meeting will be audio recorded and then distributed to members after the competition. We encourage each school to send a representative to the meeting to give voice to your school's concerns and thoughts.

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    Throughout the entire tournament, we will have a live help room for anyone having trouble. The URL will be https://8x8.vc/CMSFHelp