

# The 9th Annual California Middle School Forensics Speech and Debate State Championship May 17-19th, 2019

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

California Middle School Forensics is proud to announce the 9th 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.

The tournament will be held on Friday, May 17th - Sunday, May 19th, 2019! Please feel free to pass this invitation along to anyone who might be interested in attending.

## **Accommodations:**

Free food will be provided to all students and judges! Yes, free!

## **Tab Staff:**

Tournament Director - Robert Cannon

Individual Events Tabulation - Mike Kyle

Debate Events Tabulation - Victor Rivas Umana

## **Rules/Event Descriptions:**

All events will follow SCJFL rules. For full list of event descriptions, tournament procedures, and round design, please go to SCJFL.org and click on the ABOUT US tab 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.

## **ADDRESS:**

Segerstrom High School  
2301 W MacArthur Blvd.  
Santa Ana, CA 92704

**Parking:** We have 400 parking spots  
and bus loading and unloading areas.

## **CONTACT:**

Questions, comments, concerns, complaints? Feel free to send an e-mail:  
Robert Cannon: [Robert@Cannonballofdeath.com](mailto:Robert@Cannonballofdeath.com)

**Entries:**

Entries are due on 5/10/19 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) P.S.T.

Due to the large number of entries, we are not able to change entries after the deadline. We ask that coaches and students double-check all entries well in advance to ensure no errors are made.

We must have all judges entered by the tournament deadline.

You may access the invitation and entry system at <https://forensicstournament.net/CaliforniaMiddleSchoolState/19/>

**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 in both debate and IEs. Points shall be calculated in accordance to the SCJFL rules and by-laws.

**Eligibility:**

This event is run by the California Middle School Forensics (CMSF), which is a subsidiary of the Southern California Junior Forensics League (SCJFL). However, in keeping with the standards of the previous eight years, all schools, clubs, after-schools, and home schools are permitted entry, provided they are in good standing with the SCJFL. No league membership fee is required for this tournament, however, individual school fees may apply.

Students from 5th grade - 8th grade are permitted to compete at this tournament.

**Special Rules:**

In keeping with the SCJFL 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. Students may not write pieces themselves unless the event requires it, but we allow students to use literature from any source, published or non-published.
- Internet access for Extemp and all debate events. Students should not use this access to confer with coaches or other direct outside sources, but may use the Internet to access articles and case files.
- 5th graders are welcome! Middle school is 5th-8th grade.
- SPAR times are the following: (2 prep) Pro 2; Con 2; Cross; Pro 2; Con 2
- Performative plagiarism, as outlined on page 25 of the SCJFL 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.

**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. Such students may want to think of creative alternatives such as bringing a lunch to the tournament.

We are also concerned about the wellness of parents and coaches. We know that many teams are traveling long distances to attend this tournament, and thus we are concerned about those who might be driving late at night after such a long weekend. Please take time to consider your team's judging schedule and provide relief for those planning to drive home at the end of the tournament. We will provide a quiet space for any drivers who would like to get some rest. Please let tournament staff know.

**Judges:**

One of our biggest concerns is that we do not run late. We know that teams have scheduled travel plans, and as such, we are requiring that all judges be entered with the following information so that we can reach them in the event of a problem.

- Cell phone number
- Dates/times available for the tournament (please indicate if your judge(s) will not be available on one of the three days or what time this judge will need to leave the tournament early)
- Experience in judging debate

## Events:

### Pattern A

Lincoln-Douglas Debate (Resolved: Violent revolution is a just response to political oppression.)

Policy Debate (Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce its restrictions on legal immigration to the United States.)

Public Forum Debate (Resolved: The United States federal government should enforce antitrust regulations on technology giants.)

Big Questions (Resolved: Humans are primarily driven by self-interest.)

SPAR (Topics will be provided at the tournament)

Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, Big Questions, and Policy Debate will all be randomly assigned for the first two rounds and then power-matched (high-high) for the remaining preliminary rounds. All elimination rounds will be standard bracket rounds. Please see the SCJFL Rules & By-laws for more specific information.

### **Debate only schedule:**

#### **Friday: May 17th, 2019**

3:30 p.m.	Team Registration
4:30 p.m.	Round 1 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q)
5:30 p.m.	Round 2 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q)
7:00 p.m.	Round 3 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q)
8:00 p.m.	Round 4 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q)

#### **Saturday: May 18th, 2019**

11:00 a.m.	Rd. 5 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q,) / Round 1 (SPAR)
11:00 a.m.	COACHES' MEETING
12:30 p.m.	Debate lunch
2:30 p.m.	Octafinals A (PF, LD)/Semi-finals (Big Q)/Rd. 2 (SPAR)
4:00 p.m.	Round 3 (SPAR)
6:00 p.m.	Quarterfinals A (PF, LD)/Finals (Big Q)/Semi-finals (SPAR)
7:30 p.m.	Finals (SPAR)

#### **Sunday: May 19th, 2019**

8:00 a.m.	Round 1 (Policy)
11:00 a.m.	Debate lunch break / Round 2 Policy
12:00 p.m.	Pattern A Semifinals (PF, LD, Big Q)
1:30 p.m.	Round 3 (Policy)
3:30 p.m.	Finals Pattern A Debate (PF, LD, Big Q) / Round 4 (Policy)
7:30 p.m.	Awards (earlier if possible)

Pattern A (continued)

Congress

Congressional Debate - (Students may not enter events in pattern B)

All rounds will be allowed 3 hours.

Please submit bills to Robert@CannonballofDeath.com by April 6, 2019 (4/6/19).

**Congress only Schedule:**

**Friday: May 17th, 2019**

3:30 a.m. Registration  
4:30 p.m. Round 1 Congress  
6:30 p.m. Round 2 Congress

**Saturday: May 18th, 2019**

11:00 a.m. Round 3 Congress  
11:00 a.m. COACHES' MEETING  
12:30 p.m. Congress Lunch  
6:00 p.m. Final Round Congress

**Sunday: May 19th, 2019**

7:30 p.m. Awards (earlier if possible)

## Pattern B

(may enter no more than two from the following):

Prose (use of binder/manuscript required, 7 min. maximum)

Humorous Interpretation (10 min. maximum)

Original Oratory (10 min. maximum)

Duo Interpretation (10 min. maximum)

Impromptu (7 min. bank)

Round 1 - Abstract nouns

Round 2 - Famous people

Round 3 - Proverbs

Quarter-final Round - Concrete nouns

Semi-final Round - Quotations

Final Round - Quotations

### **Pattern B Individual Events Only**

#### **Saturday: May 18th, 2019**

7:30 a.m.	Remaining team registration
8:00 a.m.	Round 1 B (Pro, HI, OO, Duo, Imp)
9:30 a.m.	Round 2 B (Pro, HI, OO, Duo, Imp)
11:00 a.m.	COACHES' MEETING
11:00 a.m.	IE Lunch break
1:00 p.m.	Round 3 B (Pro, HI, OO, Duo, Imp)
4:00 p.m.	Semi-Finals Pattern B (Pro, HI, OO, Imp) / Finals (Duo)
7:30 p.m.	Finals Pattern B (Pro, HI, OO, Duo, Imp)

#### **Sunday: May 19th, 2019**

7:30 p.m.	Awards (earlier if possible)
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Pattern C:

(may enter no more than two from the following):

Dramatic Interpretation (10 min. maximum)

Declamation (10 min. maximum)

Poetry (use of binder/manuscript required, 7 min. maximum)

Storytelling (5 min. maximum)

Informative (no visual aids allowed, 5 min. maximum)

Program Oral Interp (use of binder/manuscript required, 10 min. maximum)

(may enter only one from the following):

Extemporaneous Speaking (7 min. bank)

Round 1 - Pop culture

Round 2 - Technology Breakthroughs

Round 3 - Foreign News

Quarter-final Round - Sports news

Semi-final Round - Economy

Final Round - Domestic News

**Pattern C Individual Events Only**

**Saturday: May 18th, 2019**

11:00 a.m. COACHES' MEETING

**Sunday: May 19th, 2019**

7:30 a.m. Remaining team registration / Extemp Draw

8:00 a.m. Rd. 1 Pat. C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info)

9:30 a.m. Rd. 2 Pat. C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info)

11:00 a.m. Rd. 3 Pat. C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info)

12:00 p.m. IE Lunch break

1:30 p.m. Semi-Finals Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Info) /  
Finals (Ext, POI)

5:00 p.m. Finals A (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Info)

7:30 p.m. Awards (earlier if possible)

**Full Combined Schedule\*:**

**Friday: May 17th, 2019**

3:30 p.m. Team Registration  
4:30 p.m. Round 1 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q, Congress)  
5:30 p.m. Round 2 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q)  
6:30 p.m. Round 2 (Congress)  
7:00 p.m. Round 3 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q)  
8:00 p.m. Round 4 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q)

**Saturday: May 18th, 2019**

7:30 a.m. Remaining team registration  
8:00 a.m. Round 1 Pattern B (Pro, HI, OO, Duo, Imp)  
9:30 a.m. Round 2 Pattern B (Pro, HI, OO, Duo, Imp)  
11:00 a.m. Round 5 Pattern A (PF, LD, Big Q) / Round 1 (SPAR) /  
Round 3 Congress  
11:00 a.m. COACHES' MEETING  
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, OO, Duo, Imp)  
2:30 p.m. Octa-finals Pattern A (PF, LD) / Semi-finals (Big Q) /  
Round 2 (SPAR)  
4:00 p.m. Semi-Finals Pattern B (Pro, HI, OO, Imp) / Finals (Duo) /  
Round 3 (SPAR)  
6:00 p.m. Quarterfinals Pattern A (PF, LD) / Finals (BQ, Congress) /  
Semi-finals (SPAR)  
7:30 p.m. Finals Pattern B (Pro, HI, OO, Duo, Imp) / Finals (SPAR)

**Sunday: May 19th, 2019**

7:30 a.m. Remaining team registration / Extemp Draw  
8:00 a.m. Round 1 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info) /  
Round 1 (Policy)  
9:30 a.m. Round 2 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info)  
11:00 a.m. Round 3 Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Ext, POI, Info) /  
Round 2 (Policy)  
11:00 a.m. Debate lunch break  
12:00 p.m. Pattern A Semifinals (PF, LD)  
12:00 p.m. IE Lunch break  
1:30 p.m. Semi-Finals Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Info) /  
Finals (Ext, POI) / Round 3 (Policy)  
3:30 p.m. Finals Pattern A Debate (PF, LD) / Rd. 4 (Policy)  
5:00 p.m. Finals Pattern C (DI, Dec, Poe, Sty, Info)  
7:30 p.m. Awards (earlier if possible)

\*The Tournament schedule may be adjusted depending on number of entries and time accommodations. Please check the postings on the campus for updated schedule changes.



**Fees will be assessed on Friday May 10th at 12:00 p.m. PST.** Any changes after this date will be subject to the following penalties. Please enter all judges through the forensicstournament.net registration website mentioned previously. Please make all checks out to: SCJFL

\$25 school fee

\$10 per IE/Congress slot (\$20 per Duo team)

\$30 per Lincoln Douglas/Public Forum/Policy/BQ slot

\$15 judging fee per uncovered IE slot (One judge covers 5 IE slots)

\$100 per uncovered debate slot (One judge covers 2 LD/PD/PFD/BQ slots)

\$50 dropped judge fee after May 10th at 12:00 p.m. PST.\*

**\*To ensure that the tournament starts on time and runs smoothly, we are instituting a \$25 nuisance fee for any/all judges who do not check in at the judge's table 15 minutes before the first round.** Please let your judges know the times for the first round for **all days**, as we will definitely be instituting this fine. Please note that many teams who switch judges at the last minute fail to notify the new judge of this fine.

We don't want your money... We want your judges.