

Dear Moderator:

On behalf of the Half Hollow Hills East High School team, I am pleased to invite you to the LIFA State Elimination tournament in Debate to be held on Saturday, Feb. 11th, 2017 at Half Hollow Hills East High School. The categories for this competition will be Lincoln Douglas Debate and Public Forum.

You will need to provide judges for both categories.

LD: one judge for the first debater and one for every two thereafter

PF: one judge for the first team and one for every two teams thereafter.

**SENIORS MAY NOT JUDGE AT THIS TOURNAMENT.**

Please note that the same judge cannot cover both LD and Public Forum.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO STUDENT MAY ENTER THIS TOURNAMENT FOR AN EVENT FOR WHICH HE OR SHE IS ALREADY QUALIFIED. ANY STUDENT WHO ENTERS AN EVENT FOR WHICH HE OR SHE IS PREQUALIFIED WILL LOSE THAT PREQUALIFICATION.**

**STUDENTS WHO COMPETE AT THE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT ARE EXPECTED TO COMPETE AT STATES IN THE EVENT IN WHICH THEY QUALIFY AT STATE ELIMS.**

We will also be offering the Big Questions Debate at this tournament. The National Speech and Debate Association will give us a grant of up to \$1,700 for hosting a Big Questions Debate. It is a good chance to keep your qualified debaters in practice. We will have 3 double-flighted rounds of Big Questions, so you will only need 1 judge for every 4 teams. A team may consist of 1 or 2 debaters, so you could have up to 8 debaters covered by a single judge. We will take the money from the NSDA and use it to offset your registration costs to the State Tournament.

Registration will be held that Saturday between 8:15 and 8:30. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for the judges. Contestants will be able to purchase soda, snacks, and pizza.

Please register your competitors by 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com). Please note, however, that no judges can be dropped after Wednesday's registration regardless of any student drops you may have.

I look forward to seeing you on the 11th.

Sincerely,

Melinda McCormack

**Directions to HHHE:**

From the West:

- Long Island Expressway to exit 51 - Route 231: Deer Park Ave.
- At the traffic light turn left (north) onto Deer Park Ave.
- Travel on Deer Park Ave. to 2nd traffic light
- Turn left onto Vanderbilt Parkway
- Travel on Vanderbilt Parkway about 1 mile
- Building is on left side of road

From the East:

- Long Island Expressway to exit 51 - Route 231: Deer Park Ave.
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