

Dear Debate Coach:

You and your students are cordially invited to participate in a State Debate Qualifying Tournament.

**WHAT:** STATE QUALIFYING DEBATE TOURNAMENT

**WHERE:** **No Host (Tournament will be cancelled if we are unable to find a host)**

**WHEN:** Friday & Saturday, February 15-16, 2013

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Wednesday, January 30, 2013

**PARTICIPATION:** Open to all HSL member schools that have paid their HSL membership dues and submitted their signed membership form.

#### **EVENTS AND DEBATE**

1. PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE (BEGINNING and ADVANCED): **NFL 2013 February PFD Topic (Topic will be released on January 1 at <http://www.nationalforensicleague.org>).**
2. LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE (NOVICE and CHAMPIONSHIP): **NFL 2013 January/February LD Topic (Topic will be released on December 1 at <http://www.nationalforensicleague.org>).**
3. POLICY DEBATE (JUNIOR VARSITY and VARSITY): Topic—"Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its transportation infrastructure investment in the United States."

#### **REGISTRATION**

Registration must be processed using our League website <<http://www.hawaiispeechleague.org>>. If you do not have a school username or password, please immediately contact Bobby Tokunaga, HSL Tournament Director, for the information.

#### **LIMITS**

Each school may register a maximum of eighteen (18) entries (with each Policy Debate and Public Forum team counting as one entry) in any combination of events listed above. **NO DOUBLE ENTRIES ARE ALLOWED.**

#### **FEES**

\$10.00 per participant. **As a reminder, Public Forum Debate and Policy Debate entries must be paid according to number of participants, not number of entries.**

#### **PAYMENT**

Payment is due before participation in the tournament.

Make check payable to: **HAWAI'I SPEECH LEAGUE**

Checks may be mailed to the Treasurer: Karen Miyakado  
1051 Mokuhano Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825

Or hand delivered on the day of the tournament. **CASH PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

#### **JUDGES**

Each school must provide one (1) judge for every Policy team, one (1) judge for every two (2) LD entries and every two (2) Public Forum teams. (For example, a school entering 1 LD debater and 1 PFD team must provide 2 judges). Schools not providing the required number of judges may have entries proportionally withdrawn. We would sincerely appreciate any additional qualified judges you can provide.

Please direct all changes and questions regarding judges to Carol Halbur, HSL Judges' Chairperson. You can e-mail Carol at [chalbur@punahou.edu](mailto:chalbur@punahou.edu) or call her at 728-3672 (cell) or 943-3651 (school).

**TIMERS**

The league requires that all participating schools provide at least one (1) timekeeper for every tournament. We are grateful for any additional timekeepers that you can provide. Orientation for timekeepers will start at 4:15 on Friday and 7:45 a.m. on Saturday.

**SCHEDULE Friday, February 15, 2013**

3:30-4:00 .....REGISTRATION  
4:00 .....JUDGES' CHECK-IN AND INSTRUCTIONS  
.....ALL REGISTRATION FORMS DUE  
4:30-6:15 .....Round 1  
6:30-8:15 .....Round 2  
8:30-10:00.....Round 3

**Saturday, February 16, 2013**

7:30 .....JUDGES' ORIENTATION  
8:00-9:30 .....Round 4  
10:00-11:30 .....Round 5  
12:00-1:30.....Round 6  
1:45-3:15 .....Round 7  
4:30-6:00 .....FINAL ROUND  
7:00 .....AWARD CEREMONY

\* This schedule is tentative and may change based on number of entries.

**AWARDS**

Certificates will be presented to all participants in the final round. Trophies or medals will be presented to all competitors who qualify for the State Championships. An overall trophy will be presented to the school with the largest number of sweepstakes points.

**DROPS**

Please contact me immediately if there are changes to your entries. You can e-mail me at robert.tokunaga@hawaii.edu or call me at 956-3323 (office) or 224-3886 (cell). All means will be used to reschedule drops prior to the start of the tournament.

Sincerely,  
Bobby Tokunaga  
Tournament Director  
Hawai'i Speech League