

December 5, 2009

Dear Debate Coach,

You and your students are cordially invited to participate in a State Qualifying Debate Tournament hosted by `Iolani School.

**WHAT:** STATE QUALIFYING DEBATE TOURNAMENT

**WHERE:** `Iolani School (563 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826)

**WHEN:** Friday & Saturday, February 12-13, 2010

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Friday, January 29, 2010

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

**EVENTS AND DEBATE:**

1. PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE: Topic—NFL 2010 February Public Forum Debate Topic (Topic will be released on December 15<sup>th</sup> at [www.nflonline.org](http://www.nflonline.org)).
2. LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE (NOVICE and CHAMPIONSHIP): (NFL 2010 January-February) Topic – “Resolved: Economic sanctions ought not be used to achieve foreign policy objectives.”
3. POLICY DEBATE (JUNIOR VARSITY and VARSITY): Topic—“Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase social services for persons living in poverty in the United States.”

**REGISTRATION:**

All registration must be processed using our official league website ([www.hawaiispeechleague.org](http://www.hawaiispeechleague.org)).

**LIMITS:** Each school may register a maximum of sixteen (16) entries (with each Policy Debate and Public Forum team counting as one entry) in any combination of events listed above. NO DOUBLE ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED.

**FEES:** \$7.00 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: Mike Tanoue  
Pacific Law Group  
Fort Street Tower, Suite 1415  
745 Fort Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**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 Schools not providing the required number of judges may have entries proportionally withdrawn.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 inform your judges to be at `Iolani for the orientation by 3:30 p.m. on Friday and 7:30 a.m. on Saturday.

**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:** The following schedule is tentative and subject to change

**Friday, February 12, 2010**

3:30-4:00 ..... REGISTRATION  
4:00 ..... JUDGES' CHECK-IN AND INSTRUCTIONS, 'Iolani School  
..... ALL REGISTRATION FORMS DUE  
4:30-6:15 ..... Round 1  
6:30-8:00 ..... Round 2  
8:15-9:45 ..... Round 3

**Saturday, February 13, 2010**

7:30 ..... JUDGES' ORIENTATION, 'Iolani School  
8:00-9:30 ..... Round 4  
9:45-11:15 ..... Round 5  
11:30-1:00 ..... Round 6  
1:15-2:45 ..... Round 7  
4:00-5:30 ..... FINAL ROUND  
6:45 ..... AWARDS CEREMONY

**AWARDS:** Certificates will be presented to all participants in the Final round. Trophies will be presented to all competitors who qualify for the State Championships. A Sweepstakes trophy will be presented to the school with the best results in the "out" rounds.

**DROPS/NO-SHOWS:**

Please contact me immediately if there are changes to your entries by emailing me at [john\\_newkirk@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:john_newkirk@notes.k12.hi.us) or calling me at 277-6271. As a reminder, all means will be used to reschedule the drops/no-shows prior to the start of the tournament. However, if rescheduling means extensive delay of the tournament, the first round will commence with the no-shows included.

Sincerely,  
John Newkirk  
HSL Tournament Director