

The SCJFL 3rd Quarter Speech Tournament

It is my pleasure to invite you to Emerson Community Charter School for the **SCJFL 3rd Quarter Speech Tournament**. We are happy to be able to accommodate the league's request for one **Saturday** speech tournament on **February 22, 2020**.

Emerson is located at **1650 Selby Avenue, Los Angeles, California, 90024**.
Contact email and cell phones are at the bottom of this document.

Doors will close on the first round at 10:15 AM sharp!

You may register your team as early as 9:30. See full schedule below.

A brief judges' orientation will be held at 9:45 but remember: *it is your responsibility to train the judges for your school or academy - do not rely on the quick 15-minute orientation to do that for you!*

NEW: Any judge unfamiliar with an event's rules or refusing to somehow supply time signals for Dialectic or Impromptu events will be replaced and the school/academy will be assessed a \$50 *untrained judge* fee.

For your judges and competitors, please download/copy/distribute the following ...

- 1) The Campus Map
- 2) Judges' Quick-Guide to Events
- 3) Dialectic: Protocols and Structure

If you have **brand new judges**, they can view a short power point called "**Judges Training - the Basics.**" An easy [link](#) is provided in the **blog** section of the splash page.

FEES

The deadline for all entries is by Tuesday, February 17, at midnight.

- ◆ After that time, fees will assessed at **\$20 per drop/change**.
- ◆ **NEW: an individual school fee of \$25 has been added** to help offset Emerson's expense of having a Saturday tournament (the Emerson S&D department must pay janitorial overtime fees). We also intend to compensate the tab room director and ballot table director as a token of our appreciation.
- ◆ All entry fees must be paid during registration or by the end of the first round. Event entry fees are \$10 (A Duo entry would be \$20). Any late add/drop fees will be paid at that time, as well. Any "untrained judge" fees will be assessed and communicated by final round and no trophies will be awarded to schools with outstanding balances.
- ◆ Make CHECKS payable to **PACE**. Memo line: "Emerson Speech Tournament" (*PACE is Emerson's Parent Organization.*)

RESISTRATION <https://forensicstournament.net/Emerson/20>

NEW – PRIORITIZING ENTRIES and DOUBLE ENTRIES: registration will be done according to the SCJFL by-laws. Please keep in mind that the order by which you register your students is now prioritized in the program. That includes double entries. At the top of

your list are the student entries that you'd most like to have competing; lower down on your list are the student entries who might not compete if we run out of space.

Here's an example of *my* priority for *my* team: I want my entire team to compete so I will register each one of them once and select one event. I want 8th graders to get priority, so I list them first. When that's done, I will take care of my double entries. I list those students again and choose their second entry according to the order in which I want them to be selected.

The thing to remember is that it is up to the coach to prioritize in any way he/she sees fit! We will do everything we can to accommodate all students and all double entries. I do not anticipate having to use this new FT capability because Emerson has more space than prior years because the tournament is being held on a Saturday!

JUDGE Requirements

- 🌈 When you register your judges, **you agree to train them before the tournament**. For example, giving them the Judges' Quick-Guide to Events ahead of time, showing them the Emerson power point, "judge training – the Basics!" and answering their follow-up questions would qualify as training them.
- 🌈 Remember to note the experience level of your judges when you register them.
- 🌈 Again, an *untrained judge* fine of \$50 will be assessed if any judge shows up to a room without knowledge of the rules for that event.
- 🌈 Time signals must, in some way, be provided for Dialectic and Impromptu events.
- 🌈 All schools/academies are required to supply 1 judge per 5 entries.
- 🌈 Schools will be assessed a fee of \$20 per uncovered slot/entry. For example, if you are one judge short and have three extra uncovered entries, that's \$60.
- 🌈 High school student judges must be in 10th grade or higher - no exceptions.

EVENTS

1. Open **Declamation**-10 minutes maximum & no minimum.
2. Open **Humorous Interp** - 10 minutes maximum & no minimum.
3. **Open Dialectic** – since this is only the second year we are offering this event, please refresh your memory by checking the splash page document **"Dialectic – Protocols and Structure"**. Yes, the name was shortened - "Spar" was dropped.
4. Novice **Dialectic**
5. Open **Impromptu** Speaking: bank of 7 minutes
6. Novice **Impromptu** – same as above #4
7. Open **Duo Interp**– 10 minutes maximum & no minimum
8. Open **Informative** – 5 minutes max & no minimum
9. Open **Original Oratory** – 10 minutes maximum & no minimum
10. Open **Storytelling** – 5 minutes maximum & no minimum
11. Open **Prose** – 7 minutes maximum & no minimum
12. Open **Congress** – please submit Congress bills and resolutions in the appropriate format by Friday, January 24 at noon. Check back for the final docket to be posted by February 27. Remember, the first three bills/resolutions are designated for the preliminary rounds. The last two are designated for the final round. Preliminary rounds chambers may take up all three resolutions but don't have to. In other words, it is possible to adjourn (between rounds) and continue with the same bill/resolution in the next prelim round. Likewise, in the final round, students may decide to take up one or both of the resolutions. Students will stay in the same chamber/room for all prelim rounds. Only the break round will be condensed into one chamber.

SCHEDULE

9:15-9:30 AM registration in Emerson's Cafeteria, the students' *home base*.

9:45 Brief Judges' Orientation

10:00 Push Round 1 ballots

10:15 Round 1 doors close

11:45 Round 2

1:15 PM Lunch

2:00 Round 3

3:30 Final Round

5:00 PM or asap - Awards Ceremony in Auditorium

FOOD

Food trucks will be available in front of the school for lunch. Links to the menus will be posted on the splash page as soon as they are available. A complimentary lunch will be served to all judges and coaches in the Judges' Room. No students are allowed. Later in the afternoon, desserts, snacks, and hot beverages will be sold in the cafeteria.

RULES

Please go over these with your students.

- ◆ No food or drinks (except water) are allowed in classrooms or hallways. Food is confined to the cafeteria or outside.
- ◆ Throw all trash in the large campus trash bins.
- ◆ Do not enter a competition room before the judge arrives.
- ◆ Leave all classrooms the way they were found – tidy & no trash!
- ◆ Students may not leave the campus at any time.

AWARDS CEREMONY – BE A GOOD SPORT!

NEW: These are guidelines that coaches from Jefferson, Wilshire, and Emerson put together for our students for T-2 this year. If you like them, feel free to download the pdf for your students, too! The pdf is geared to the younger kids as a way to develop good habits as they start their middle school careers in speech and debate.

PARKING

Buses may drop students off in front of Emerson and park there. Private vehicles and vans may use Emerson's North Gate Driveway (next to St. Paul's Catholic School) to park behind the school in the staff parking lot.

Have questions, comments?

Email Emerson head coach/tournament host, Lily Parker

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Immediate cell communication during the tournament

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OR

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