



NITOC NUGGET



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Teamwork makes the dream work!

May 2016, Week 1



Training and Running for Jesus Christ

Tournament Directors Message

April was a very busy month on the Stoa Tournament Calendar. We were blessed with five (5) full weekends filled with a total of twenty (20) tournaments being held across the country.

Were you one of the **families** who traveled to a tournament during the month of April?



Were you one of the **club leaders** who pushed your students to reach new milestones in their speech or debate skills?

Were you one of the **students** who listened to coaches, practiced hours on your speeches, researched tirelessly to find a piece of evidence, and gave your all at a tournament?

Were you one of the **parents** who made the behind-the-



Deadline to register for NITOC 2016: This Friday, May 6, 2016. Please go to

<https://nitoc2016.homeschooldebate.net> and register today!

****Note:** Please finalize your payment to ensure your registration is complete by Friday!!

CALLING ALL NITOC 2016 SPEECH STUDENTS!

SUBMIT YOUR SCRIPTS TODAY!

This is a reminder that there will be no script approval done on site at check in. In order for your NITOC 2016 registration to be complete, there is a mandatory electronic script submission requirement.

Were you one of the parents who made the behind the scene arrangements to keep the home intact while you traveled with your child to a tournament?

Were you one of the **tournament directors** who was ready for the season to be over, but instead, you picked up the mantle and provided one of the 20 opportunities for students to practice their skills and earn green check marks at your tournament?

Were you one of the **judges** who, even though you have judged countless students in multiple events at numerous tournaments throughout the year, judged as if each ballot was your first, and you gave your undivided attention to every speaker and debater, knowing that your ballot would make an impact on their tournament experience and life journey?

If you were any of the above-mentioned people, then, you were, and still are, training and running for Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 4:8 says: “Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.” (New Living Translation)

We are all on this speech and debate journey together. We are training and running, not only in our speech, debate, and communication skills, but to be godly and to pursue godliness. God has already given us everything we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). Everything else is icing on the cake!!

As we all prepare for NITOC 2016, let us challenge ourselves to continue training and running for godliness, and for uplifting one another in prayer and action, so that together, we are ready to speak boldly, changing the world for Christ.

The month of May and beyond on the Stoa Tournament calendar may look empty except for the week of NITOC 2016, but we all know that it's not really empty. The pursuit of godliness is filled to overflowing each day of each week of each month...as it should be!

In His Service,
Joanne Quan
NITOC 2016 Tournament Director



READ THE TABS

Do you know the NITOC 2016 Judging Philosophy?

Tournament Script Submission Requirements

For instructions, please go to the tournament site:
<https://nitoc2016.homeschooldebate.net/script-submission>

All scripts must be uploaded by close of tournament registration on May 6th.

Those of you that have already uploaded your scripts, thank you!

PLATFORM REQUIREMENTS

All platform speeches need to have references within the script to give credit to sources. To avoid any appearance of plagiarism, we need to both give credit to those sources. Please verify your platform speeches comply before uploading your files. If you have any questions contact sandraibsteman@outlook.com

COMMUNITY JUDGES NEEDED!!

Even though most of us don't live in Springfield, MO, we may know people who live in or around Springfield. Go through your address book or "contact list". Invite people you know who live in MO to NITOC to see you and judge some speech and/or debate rounds! They will be blessed as they bless our students. You will be blessed, too. Text them the information, then, guide them to our Judge Registration page at:

<https://nitoc2016.homeschooldebate.net/judges>

Or, if you prefer, email the contact information to Candy Buxton at: judgebuxton@gmail.com

PARKING AT DRURY UNIVERSITY

Please use parking lots 1, 4, 6, & 7 for Stoa family parking. You may also park along Summit Ave and Benton Ave.

Please do NOT park in lots 11 & 12 (these are reserved for judges), or along Drury Lane, Burnham Circle & FSC Circle (these are reserved for Drury Staff and guests.)

[Campus Map](#)



DRURY DINING ROOM FOR THOSE WITH ALLERGIES OR NEEDING GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS:

Drury Dining Services will be happy to work with you on any special food requirements you may have should you choose to dine in the Cafeteria. Please contact us at 417-873-7286 with at least one week notice in advance of NITOC to set up any special needs you may have. Gluten

Do you know the Parliamentary Debate Procedures and Protocols?



How will script submissions be handled?

What campus meal plans are available to purchase in advance?

What do the NITOC 2016 t-shirts look like?

A lot of work has gone into providing you helpful information, such as answers to the above questions, as you prepare for NITOC 2016. If you haven't already, please read over the information that's on the left side bar of the NITOC 2016 registration Homepage.

Parents and students will both benefit from reading the pages...every one!!

Start here: <https://nitoc2016.homeschooldebate.net>

NITOC 2016 SAFETY PLAN

Drury is an open campus with vehicle traffic moving on some of the roads that we will use during NITOC.



Please be watchful for traffic when you cross. For your safety, please do not jaywalk when crossing streets.

Parents, please request your children to use a buddy system when walking the campus, especially in the evenings.

***We also advise that families and students keep their personal items with them at all times.** Please do not leave laptops unattended on campus during competition. Be wise & keep your belongings safe so that we can all enjoy a wonderful time on this beautiful campus.

The Security and Lighting Team is looking forward to keeping everyone safe at NITOC 2016!

How NITOC 2016 Can Be the Best Ever -- Parent Judging

free options will be available upon request and all items containing peanuts will be identified in the cafeteria. Thank you and enjoy your time on campus.

<https://nitoc2016.homeschooldebate.net/campus-food-offering>

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Are you arriving early to NITOC? Saturday Set-Up Team

Some of you are arriving a few days early to get situated, go sightseeing, or perhaps attend one of the debate or speech camps. If so, come join us Saturday, May 21st, on the Drury campus and help us set-up the different areas of the tournament. It will be a joyful time of serving together. Please email Kerry Beaman at kerbug@yahoo.com.

Hospitality Team

Our wonderful Hospitality team still needs help. We're looking for people who want to help us bless our community judges. No experience required. Sign-Up Genius has been set up so you can sign up for your desired time slots. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4da9a82aab1a7-hospitalityjudges> for help in the Dining Area.

Prayer Team

If God our Father desires to be intricately involved in the things we do to advance His kingdom, then it would be obvious to not only include Him but put Him FIRST, now and during NITOC, through the act of prayer. If you would like to be a part of our prayer team, devoting time to prayer between now and during NITOC, please email Suzanne Myhre at NITOC2016prayer@gmail.com.

Timer Table Team

If you can help in this area, please contact: Darla Magness magnessfamily@yahoo.com

Lighting Team/aka Team Awesome

The Security/Lighting Team needs 6-8 more volunteers, part-time or full time, during the entire week of NITOC. Shifts are either in the mornings (7-11 AM), afternoons (11-4 PM), or especially in the evenings (4-8 PM). Skills needed: Walk around, stand for period of time while keeping people going where they need to go and not jaywalking across traffic, and SMILE!!

Contact: Flint Callaway, phone or text 425-503-3155 or email_FVC1911@gmail.com

Check-In Staff

Would you like to greet our excited students when they

It's Simple! WE NEED YOU!

Simple Truth: WE NEED YOU

We have some amazing families in Stoa! Those with true servant hearts! The Stoa Board is grateful to God for all the wonderful families in Stoa. Many of you will be traveling to NITOC this year. The only way we can make an all-volunteer event like NITOC a success is if the family of every NITOC competitor commits to filling parent judge slots commensurate with their competitor's/competitors' speech and debate events.



In other words—WE NEED YOU! The team in Springfield has done their best to recruit as many judges as they possibly can, but we still need you parents to serve as judges! That's the only way we can get over 3,000 ballots taken care of! When you think about it – it is a good problem to have!

Just like at all the other Stoa speech and debate tournaments, and NITOC is no different, volunteering as a parent judge helps to provide the best possible competitive environment and experience for our speakers and debaters, while keeping costs down.

Simple Premise: WE NEED YOU

Parent judges will need to fill the majority of all judging slots. Judging needs are based upon the number of events entered by each competitor. Therefore, the more events each student enters, the more rounds you are needed to judge.

Simple Action: WE NEED YOU

Preliminary Speech and Debate Rounds:

1. Each family registering for NITOC must provide a judge for a **minimum** of 8 preliminary rounds of judging.

2. Families with multiple students, or students in multiple events, may have an increase in their judging responsibilities based on the following formula:

- Each Speech event (IE) = 2 rounds of judging
- Each LD debater = 4 rounds of judging
- Each TP debater = 2 rounds of judging
- Each Parli debater = 2 rounds of

For example:

arrive at NITOC and to help ensure they have a great and efficient experience at check in? If that's you, then we need you on our check-in staff! Check in is Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 PM and Tuesday, May 24 at 7:30 AM. Please email Lisa Farquhar at slisa29@verizon.net.

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- A family with three children in one speech event each will need to judge the minimum 8 preliminary rounds because the calculation only comes to a total of 6 preliminary rounds (2 for each student).
- A family with two students in two speech events each will need to judge 8 preliminary rounds because the calculation equals a total of 8 rounds (2 IE x 2 for student #1 + 2 IE x 2 for student #2).
- A family with three students in one speech event each, one in Lincoln Douglas, one in Team Policy, and one in Parliamentary debate will need to judge 14 preliminary rounds (6 for IE + 4 for LD + 2 for TP + 2 for Parli)

Speech and Debate Outrounds: WE NEED YOU

1. In addition to the preliminary round requirements, each family has the following out round requirements:

- Speech = 1 speech out round
- LD debate = 1 debate out round
- TP debate = 1 debate out round
- Parli debate = 2 debate out rounds

2. Each family registering for NITOC needs to also provide a judge for **one** round of Breakout Impromptu.

Parents: Every student must provide or enlist enough judges to meet the minimum preliminary round and out round judging needs they create. We know that for those of you with multiple children or with children competing in multiple events, this will mean you have a heavy judging load. Here are some ideas to help you meet your judging requirement:

- Bring additional family members to help meet your requirements.
- Coordinate with other parents in your club that are not required to judge as many rounds.
- Contact alumni and request help for meeting your judging needs.

If you are lucky enough to enlist the help of a friend to judge for you, be sure that they know that your requirements are in addition to their own judging responsibilities. (I would recommend either **a lot** of chocolate or a spa day when they get back OR BOTH!)

So, as you can see—WE NEED YOU! We are looking forward to working together with all of you to give our students a wonderful championship experience, with plenty of new and different judge feedback! Please keep in mind that this is an all volunteer event - only if all of us do our parts can we make NITOC 2016 the best NITOC EVER for our competitors!!

Can't wait to see y'all in Springfield!

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