

Lynbrook High School
Speech & Debate Team
Constitution

The Lynbrook Speech & Debate Team is governed and abides by this Constitution.

ARTICLE 1: Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name

The name of the organization is the Lynbrook Speech & Debate Team (the "Team").

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of the Team is to encourage interest in public speaking and debating as established by the National Speech and Debate Association (the "NSDA").

ARTICLE 2: Governance

Section 1: Levels of Governance

The Team is governed at four levels of increasing authority.

Section 1.1: The Event Team Members

At the first level, Event Team Members govern themselves.

Section 1.2: Event Captain(s)

At the second level, Event Captain(s) govern(s) the Event Team Members.

Section 1.3: Head Captain of Speech and Head Captain of Debate

At the third level, the Head Captain of Speech and the Head Captain of Debate govern their respective Event Teams.

Section 1.4: Executive Committee

At the fourth level, the Executive Committee is responsible for the overall governance of the entire Team.

Section 2: Appeal

Team Members can appeal through all four levels of governance.

Section 3: All Team Members should try to resolve or appeal any issue through the levels of Governance.

ARTICLE 3: Team Member

Section 1: Eligibility

Any Lynbrook High School student is eligible to join the Team.

Section 2: Accountability

Team Members are accountable to the Team, the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es), the Debate Coach(es), and the Lynbrook High School Administration.

Section 3: Active Team Member

An active Team Member is required to compete in at least one (1) speech or debate tournament on the Lynbrook-approved tournament calendar.

ARTICLE 4: Disciplinary Action of a Team Member

All Team Members should try to resolve or appeal any issue through the levels of Governance.

Any Team Member can be disciplined.

Section 1: Offenses

Offenses for which a Team Member is disciplined are:

Section 1.1: Using language that is demeaning, harassing, hostile, threatening, profane, etc. towards anyone.

Section 1.2: Making an action that is threatening, hostile, violent; or threatening to inflict or inflicting harm or injury on anyone.

Section 1.3: Personal deed that may result in disciplinary action from outside the Team.

Section 1.4: Receiving three reprimands.

Section 1.5: Raising three complaints against any other Team Member that ends in a dismissal of the complaints may be grounds of removal from the Team.

Section 2: Disciplinary Procedure

The procedure to discipline a Team Member is as follows:

Section 2.1: Complaint Raised Against a Team Member

A Team Member raises a complaint against another Team Member with the Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), or Debate Coach(es).

Section 2.2: Investigation

The Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) immediately investigate the merits of the complaint.

Section 3: Disciplinary Results

The findings of the investigation of the Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) result in:

Section 3.1: Dismissal

If the complaint is deemed unwarranted, it is dismissed.

Section 3.2: Reprimand

If the complaint is deemed warranted, the Team Member is reprimanded.

Section 3.2.1: Warning

The Team Member is reprimanded, receives a warning, but remains in the Team.

Section 3.2.2: Penalty

The Team Member is reprimanded and receives a penalty.

The penalty can include: being barred from competing in future tournament(s), temporary suspension from the Team, exclusion from being a Team Officer, or some penalty proportional to the offense.

Section 3.3: Removal

If the offense is sufficiently serious, the Team Member may be removed from the Team.

Section 4: Removal of a Team Member

The procedure to remove a Team Member is as follows:

Section 4.1: Past Reprimands Considered

All past reprimands are weighed when removal is being considered.

Section 4.2: Proceed to Remove a Team Member

If the Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) find a Team Member has committed an offense that merits removal, they will proceed to do so.

Section 4.3: Vote to Remove a Team Member

The Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) cast one (1) vote for or against removing the Team Member.

Section 4.4: Removal Vote Fails

If the removal vote receives less than a two-thirds (2/3) majority, the removal is dismissed.

Section 4.5: Removal Vote Passes

If the removal vote receives a two-thirds (2/3) majority or more, the Team Member is immediately removed from the Team.

Section 5: Prerogative to Immediately Remove a Team Member

The Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) have the prerogative to immediately remove a Team Member.

ARTICLE 5: Team Officers

Section 1: Accountability

Team Officers are accountable to the Team, the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es), the Debate Coach(es), and the Lynbrook High School Administration.

Section 2: The Team Officers

The Team Officers are:

- ~ Two (2), equal co-Presidents of Speech & Debate (the “co-Presidents”)
- ~ Vice President of Speech & Debate (the “Vice President”)
- ~ Head Captain of Speech (the “Head Captain of Speech”)
- ~ Head Captain of Debate (the “Head Captain of Debate”)
- ~ Secretary/Treasurer of Speech & Debate (the “Secretary/Treasurer”)
- ~ Event Captain(s) of Speech & Debate (the “Event Captain(s)”) for the events defined by the National Forensics League (the “Event Team”) and in which the Team competes.
- ~ Web Master

Section 3: Duties and Obligations of the Team Officers

The Team Officers will fulfill their assigned and delegated duties and obligations.

Section 3.1: Duties and Obligations of the Co-Presidents

The co-Presidents have the following duties and obligations:

- ~ Communicates with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es), Debate Coach(es), the Executive Committee, Team Officers, relevant Event Captain(s), and the Team on all Team business and administration matters.
- ~ Maintains regular communication with the Parent Booster Organization.
- ~ Works with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es) and Debate Coach(es).
- ~ Calls and presides over the Team, Team Officers, and Executive Committee meetings.
- ~ Discusses issues relevant to the Team.
- ~ Casts their vote on all matters brought to them.
- ~ Delegates appropriate functions to other Team Officers.
- ~ Fulfills all Associated Student Body (ASB) requirements for the Team.
- ~ Attends all inter-Team functions.
- ~ Attends practices and helps students participating in their event(s).
- ~ Completes delegated tasks.
- ~ Maintains a minimum, unweighted GPA of 2.0.
- ~ Represents the Team in a favorable manner.

Section 3.2: Duties and Obligations of the Vice President

The Vice President has the following duties and obligations:

- ~ Communicates with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es), Debate Coach(es), the Executive Committee, Team Officers, relevant Event Captain(s), and the Team on all Team business and administration matters.
- ~ Works with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es) and Debate Coach(es).
- ~ Serves as one of the Team co-Presidents if one or the other co-Presidents is unable to fulfill their duties, either temporarily or permanently.
- ~ Votes on all matters brought to them.
- ~ Works with the Head Captain of Speech and the Head Captain of Debate in planning and hosting special events and socials.
- ~ Attends practices and helps students participating in their event(s).
- ~ Completes delegated tasks.
- ~ Maintains a minimum, unweighted GPA of 2.0.
- ~ Represents the Team in a favorable manner.

Section 3.3: Duties and Obligations of the Head Captain of Speech

The Head Captain of Speech has the following duties and obligations:

- ~ Communicates with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es), Debate Coach(es), the Executive Committee, Team Officers, relevant Event Captain(s), and the Team on all Team business and administration matters.
- ~ Works with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es) and Debate Coach(es).
- ~ Discusses issues relevant to the Team.
- ~ Supervises and manages the Speech Event Teams.
- ~ Supervises all Event Captains of Speech.
- ~ Represents the interests of the Speech Event Teams in the Executive Committee.
- ~ Casts their vote on all matters brought to them.
- ~ Attends practices and helps students participating in their event(s).
- ~ Assists in preparation for and at tournaments.
- ~ Works with the Vice President and the Head Captain of Debate in planning and hosting special events and socials.
- ~ Completes delegated tasks.
- ~ Maintains a minimum, unweighted GPA of 2.0.
- ~ Represents the Team in a favorable manner.

Section 3.4: Duties and Obligations of the Head Captain of Debate

The Head Captain of Debate has the following duties and obligations:

- ~ Communicates with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es), Debate Coach(es), the Executive Committee, Team Officers, relevant Event Captain(s), and the Team on all Team business and administration matters.
- ~ Works with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es) and Debate Coach(es).
- ~ Discusses issues relevant to the Team.
- ~ Supervises and manages the Debate Event Teams.
- ~ Supervises all Event Captains of Debate.
- ~ Represents the interests of the Debate Event Teams in the Executive Committee.
- ~ Casts their vote on all matters brought to them.
- ~ Attends practices and helps students participating in their event(s).
- ~ Assists in preparation for and at tournaments.
- ~ Works with the Vice President and the Head Captain of Speech in planning and hosting special events and socials.
- ~ Completes delegated tasks.
- ~ Maintains a minimum, unweighted GPA of 2.0.
- ~ Represents the Team in a favorable manner.

Section 3.5: Duties and Obligations of the Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer has the following duties and obligations:

Section 3.5.1: Secretary

- ~ Communicates with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es), Debate Coach(es), the Executive Committee, Team Officers, relevant Event Captain(s), and the Team on all Team business and administration matters.
- ~ Works with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es) and Debate Coach(es).
- ~ Manages the registration paperwork at the beginning of the school year.
- ~ Maintains accurate minutes and attendance of each Team, Team Officers, and Executive Committee meetings.
- ~ When needed, serves as a tie-breaker vote on the Executive Committee.
- ~ Carries out all correspondence for the Team, Team Officers, and Executive Committee.
- ~ Updates the Team Members' points on the National Forensics League web site on a regular basis.
- ~ Completes delegated tasks.
- ~ Maintains a minimum, unweighted GPA of 2.0.
- ~ Represents the Team in a favorable manner.

Section 3.5.2: Treasurer

- ~ Communicates with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es), Debate Coach(es), the Executive Committee, Team Officers, relevant Event Captain(s), and the Team on all Team business and administration matters.
- ~ Maintains regular communication with the Parent Booster Organization.
- ~ Works with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es) and Debate Coach(es).
- ~ Works with the Faculty Advisor(s) for management of Lynbrook funds.
- ~ Works with the Parents' Booster Club Treasurer in order to disburse funds.
- ~ Maintains ASB, Team Members', and Parent Booster Club records.
- ~ Works with the Lynbrook ASB in order to manage accounts.
- ~ Maintains complete and accurate record of all Team receipts and disbursements.
- ~ Oversees the Team's fundraising efforts.
- ~ Supervises the preparation of the Team's budget.
- ~ Completes delegated tasks.
- ~ Maintains a minimum, unweighted GPA of 2.0.
- ~ Represents the Team in a favorable manner.

Section 3.6 Duties and Obligations of an Event Captain

An Event Captain has the following duties and obligations:

- ~ Communicates with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es), Debate Coach(es), the Executive Committee, Team Officers, relevant Event Captain(s), and the Team on all Team business and administration matters.
- ~ Works with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es) and Debate Coach(es).
- ~ Votes on all matters brought to them.
- ~ Holds regularly scheduled practices for their Event Team.
- ~ Attends practices and helps students participating in their event.
- ~ Determines which Event Members are actively involved in their event.
- ~ Assists in preparation for and at tournaments.
- ~ Completes delegated tasks.
- ~ Maintains a minimum, unweighted GPA of 2.0.
- ~ Represents the Team in a favorable manner.

Section 3.7: Duties and Obligations of the Web Master

The Web Master has the following duties and obligations:

- ~ Communicates with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es), Debate Coach(es), the Executive Committee, Team Officers, relevant Event Captain(s), and the Team on all Team business and administration matters.
- ~ Works with the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es) and Debate Coach(es).
- ~ Maintains and updates the Team's web site and any relevant on-line group(s).
- ~ Handles help requests from the Team Members with their online accounts.
- ~ Completes delegated tasks.
- ~ Maintains a minimum, unweighted GPA of 2.0.
- ~ Represents the Team in a favorable manner.

ARTICLE 6: Disciplinary Action of a Team Officer

All Team Members should try to resolve or appeal any issue through the levels of Governance.

Any Team Officer can be disciplined.

Section 1: Offenses

Offenses for which a Team Officer is disciplined are:

Section 1.1: Failure to fulfill their assigned and delegated duties and obligations.

Section 1.2: Personal deed contrary to their assigned and delegated duties and obligations.

Section 1.3: Personal deed that may result in disciplinary action from outside the Team.

Section 1.4: Receiving three reprimands.

Section 2: Disciplinary Procedure

The procedure to discipline a Team Officer is as follows:

Section 2.1: Complaint Raised Against a Team Officer

A Team Member raises a complaint against a Team Officer with the Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), or Debate Coach(es).

Section 2.2: Investigation

The Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) immediately investigates the merits of the complaint.

Section 3: Disciplinary Results

The findings of the investigation of the Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) result in:

Section 3.1: Dismissal

If the complaint is deemed unwarranted, it is dismissed.

Section 3.2: Reprimand

If the complaint is deemed warranted, the Team Officer is reprimanded.

Section 3.2.1: Warning

The Team Officer is reprimanded, receives a warning, but remains in the Team.

Section 3.2.2: Penalty

The Team Officer is reprimanded and receives a penalty.

The penalty can include: being barred from competing in future tournament(s), temporary suspension from their office or the Team, or some penalty proportional to the offense.

Section 3.3: Removal

If the offense is sufficiently serious, the Team Officer may be removed from their position.

Section 4: Removal of a Team Officer

The procedure to remove a Team Officer is as follows:

Section 4.1: Past Reprimands Considered

All past reprimands are weighed when removal is being considered.

Section 4.2: Proceed to Remove a Team Officer

If the Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) find a Team Officer has committed an offense that merits removal, they will proceed to do so.

Section 4.3: Vote to Remove a Team Officer

The Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) cast one (1) vote for or against removing the Team Officer.

Section 4.4: Removal Vote Fails

If the removal vote receives less than a two-thirds ($2/3$) majority, the removal is dismissed.

Section 4.5: Removal Vote Passes

If the removal vote receives a two-thirds ($2/3$) majority or more, the Team Officer is immediately removed from their position.

Section 5: Prerogative to Immediately Remove a Team Officer

The Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) have the prerogative to immediately remove a Team Officer.

ARTICLE 7: Executive Committee

Section 1: Executive Committee

Section 1.1: Accountability

The Executive Committee is accountable to the Team, the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es), the Debate Coach(es), and the Lynbrook High School Administration.

Section 1.2: Members of the Executive Committee

The Members of the Executive Committee are: the two co-Presidents, the Vice President, the Head Captain of Speech, and the Head Captain of Debate.

Section 2: Duties and Obligations of the Executive Committee

Section 2.1: Overall Governance

The Executive Committee is responsible for the overall governance of the entire Team.

Section 2.2: Elections

The Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es), the Debate Coach(es), and the Executive Committee organizes and conducts all elections.

Section 2.3: Appoint a Web Master

The Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es), the Debate Coach(es), and the incoming Executive Committee will appoint a Web Master, who will serve for the next school year.

Section 3: Recusal

In the event of a conflict of interest or a possible appearance of impropriety, an Executive Committee Member may ask to be recused or will be asked to recuse themselves.

Section 3.1: Exclusion

The Executive Committee Member in question is ineligible to vote on their recusal.

Section 3.2: Simple Majority

A simple majority vote among the Executive Committee is required to have an Executive Committee Member recused.

Section 4: Secretary

When needed, the Secretary may be asked to serve as a tie-breaker vote.

ARTICLE 8: Democratic Elections and Appointment

Section 1: Democratic Election of Team Officers

The Team Officers are elected in a democratic election.

Section 2: General Election Date

The General Election is held no later than six (6) weeks before the end of the school year.

Section 3: Team Members' Eligibility to Vote

Only eligible Team Members are allowed to vote in the elections. A Team Member is eligible to vote in the elections provided:

Section 3.1: Good Standing

They are in good-standing with the Team and their Event Team(s).

Section 3.2: Minimum Competitions

The Team Member must have competed in at least two (2) speech and/or debate tournaments on the Lynbrook-approved tournament calendar.

Section 3.2.1: Eligibility to Vote for Head Captain of Speech

To vote for the Head Captain of Speech, the Team Member must have competed in a speech event in at least two (2) tournaments on the Lynbrook-approved tournament calendar.

Section 3.2.2: Eligibility to Vote for Head Captain of Debate

To vote for the Head Captain of Debate, the Team Member must have competed in a debate event in at least two (2) tournaments on the Lynbrook-approved tournament calendar.

Section 4: Prospective Candidate Application

Section 4.1: Submission

Prospective candidates submit their application in advance of the General Election to the Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es).

Section 4.2: No extensions

No deadline extensions are granted.

Section 4.3: Minimum Requirements

Prospective candidates must meet minimum requirements.

Section 4.3.1: Single Office

Prospective candidates can run for one Team Officer position.

Section 4.3.2 Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA)

Prospective candidates must have a minimum, unweighted GPA of 2.0.

Section 4.3.3: Good Standing

Prospective candidates must be in good-standing with the Team and their Event Team(s).

Section 4.3.4: Co-Presidents Joint Ticket

Section 4.3.4.1: Cumulative Minimum Tournaments

Individually, prospective candidates for co-President must have, each, competed in a cumulative minimum of fifteen (15) Lynbrook-approved speech and/or debate tournaments.

Section 4.3.4.2: Minimum Current Tournaments

Prospective candidates for Co-President must have competed in at least three (3) tournaments on the current Lynbrook-approved tournament calendar.

Section 4.3.4.3: Joint Application

A joint ticket of two (2) prospective candidates for co-Presidents must submit their joint application.

Section 4.3.5: Vice President

Section 4.3.5.1: Cumulative Minimum Tournaments

Prospective candidates for Vice President must have competed in a cumulative minimum of twelve (12) Lynbrook-approved speech and/or debate tournaments.

Section 4.3.5.2: Minimum Current Tournaments

Prospective candidates for Vice President must have competed in at least three (3) tournaments on the current Lynbrook-approved tournament calendar.

Section 4.3.5.3: Individual Application

Prospective candidates for Vice President must submit their individual application.

Section 4.3.6: Head Captain of Speech

Section 4.3.6.1: Cumulative Minimum Tournaments

Prospective candidates for Head Captain of Speech must have competed in a cumulative minimum of twelve (12) Lynbrook-approved speech and/or debate tournaments.

Section 4.3.6.2: Minimum Speech Tournaments

Of the minimum number of their tournaments, the prospective candidates for Head Captain of Speech must have competed in a speech event in at least seven (7) Lynbrook-approved tournaments.

Section 4.3.6.3: Minimum Current Tournaments

Prospective candidates for Head Captain of Speech must have competed in at least three (3) tournaments on the current Lynbrook-approved tournament calendar.

Section 4.3.6.4: Individual Application

Prospective candidates for Head Captain of Speech must submit their individual application.

Section 4.3.7: Head Captain of Debate

Section 4.3.7.1: Cumulative Minimum Tournaments

Prospective candidates for Head Captain of Debate must have competed in a cumulative minimum of twelve (12) Lynbrook-approved speech and/or debate tournaments.

Section 4.3.7.2: Minimum Debate Tournaments

Of the minimum number of their tournaments, the prospective candidates for Head Captain of Debate must have competed in a debate event in at least seven (7) Lynbrook-approved tournaments.

Section 4.3.7.3: Minimum Current Tournaments

Prospective candidates for Head Captain of Debate must have competed in at least three (3) tournaments on the current Lynbrook-approved tournament calendar.

Section 4.3.7.4: Individual Application

Prospective candidates for Head Captain of Debate must submit their individual application.

Section 4.3.8: Secretary/Treasurer

Section 4.3.8.1: Cumulative Minimum Tournaments

Prospective candidates for Secretary/Treasurer must have competed in a cumulative minimum of seven (7) Lynbrook-approved speech and/or debate tournaments.

Section 4.3.8.2: Minimum Current Tournaments

Prospective candidates for Secretary/Treasurer must have competed in at least three (3) tournaments on the current Lynbrook-approved tournament calendar.

Section 4.3.8.3: Individual Application

Prospective candidates for Secretary/Treasurer must submit their individual application.

Section 4.3.9: Event Captain

Section 4.3.9.1: Minimum Current Tournaments

Prospective candidates for Event Captain must have competed in their respective event in at least five (5) tournaments on the current Lynbrook-approved tournament calendar.

Section 4.3.9.2: Individual Application

Prospective candidates for Event Captain must submit their individual application.

Section 5: Preliminary Evaluation

The Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) conduct a preliminary evaluation to ensure all prospective candidates meet the minimum requirements.

Section 5.1: Co-Presidents Joint Ticket

For co-Presidents, the joint ticket is evaluated on the merit of both prospective candidates.

Section 5.2: Vice President

For Vice President, the prospective candidates are evaluated on their individual merit.

Section 5.3: Head Captain of Speech

For Head Captain of Speech, the prospective candidates are evaluated on their individual merit.

Section 5.4: Head Captain of Debate

For Head Captain of Debate, the prospective candidates are evaluated on their individual merit.

Section 5.5: Secretary/Treasurer

For Secretary/Treasurer, the prospective candidates are evaluated on their individual merit.

Section 5.6: Event Captain

For Event Captain, the prospective candidates are evaluated on their individual merit.

Section 5.7: Web Master

For Web Master, the prospective candidates are evaluated on their individual merit.

Section 6: Preliminary Evaluation Results

Section 6.1: Meets Minimum Requirements

If a prospective candidate meets the minimum requirements, they qualify to run for the Team Officer position.

Section 6.2: Does Not Meet Minimum Requirements

If a prospective candidate does not meet the minimum requirements, they are disqualified to run for the Team Officer position.

Section 7: General Election

During the General Election, the two co-Presidents, the Vice President, the Head Captain of Speech and the Head Captain of Debate, and the Secretary/Treasurer are elected.

Section 7.1: General Election of the two co-Presidents, the Vice President, and the Secretary/Treasurer

The entire Team elects the two co-Presidents, the Vice President, and the Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 7.1.1: Vote for Co-Presidents' Joint Ticket

Each eligible Team Member can cast one vote for one of the co-Presidents' tickets.

Section 7.1.2: Vote for Vice President

Each eligible Team Member can cast one vote for one of the Vice President candidates.

Section 7.1.3: Vote for Secretary/Treasurer

Each eligible Team Member can cast one vote for one of the Secretary/Treasurer candidates.

Section 7.2: Election of the Head Captain of Speech and the Head Captain of Debate

The Head Captain of Speech and the Head Captain of Debate are elected by the eligible Team Members of their respective Speech or Debate events.

Section 7.2.1: Vote for Head Captain of Speech

Each eligible Team Member, who competes primarily in a Speech event, can cast one vote for one of the Head Captain of Speech candidates.

Section 7.2.2: Vote for Head Captain of Debate

Each eligible Team Member, who competes primarily in a Debate event, can cast one vote for one of the Head Captain of Debate candidates.

Section 8: Vote Count and Audit

The Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) are responsible for the vote count and audit.

Section 9: Elected Candidates

The candidates, who receive the most number of votes cast, are elected.

Section 9.1: Elected Co-Presidents

The joint ticket of two (2) candidates that receives the most number of votes cast is elected.

Section 9.2: Elected Vice President

The candidate, who receives the most number of votes cast, is elected.

Section 9.3: Elected Head Captain of Speech

The candidate, who receives the most number of votes cast, is elected.

Section 9.4: Elected Head Captain of Debate

The candidate, who receives the most number of votes cast, is elected.

Section 9.5: Elected Secretary/Treasurer

The candidate, who receives the most number of votes cast, is elected.

Section 10: Run-off election

In the case of an absolute tie, there will be a run-off election within seven (7) days of the General Election.

Section 11: Eligibility as an Event Captain

Following the General Election, any candidate, who is not elected as a Team Officer, can declare themselves as a candidate for an Event Captain in their primary event.

Section 12: Election of Event Captains

Section 12.1: Election for Event Captains

The Election for all Event Captains will be held one week after the General Election.

Section 12.2: Event Captain(s) for Each Event

The election of Event Captain(s) is conducted within each respective Event Team.

Section 12.3: Number of Event Captain(s)

Each Event Team may elect a maximum of three (3) Event Captains.

Section 12.4: Vote for Event Captain(s)

In their respective Event Team(s), each eligible Event Team Member can cast one vote for each of up to three (3) separate candidates.

Section 13: Vote Count and Audit

The Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) are responsible for the vote count and audit.

Section 14: Elected Candidate(s)

The Event Captain candidate(s), who receive(s) the most number of votes cast, are elected to office.

Section 15: Run-off election

In the case of an absolute tie, there will be a run-off election within seven (7) days of the Election.

Section 16: Web Master

Section 16.1: Officer Appointment

The Web Master is appointed by the Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), Debate Coach(es), and the incoming Executive Committee.

Section 16.2: Prospective Candidate Interview

After the General Election, the Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), Debate Coach(es), and the incoming Executive Committee will interview all prospective candidates for Web Master.

Section 16.3: Appointment of the Web Master

The Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), Debate Coach(es), and the incoming Executive Committee will appoint the Web Master from the prospective candidates.

Section 17: Term Limits

Section 17.1: Co-Presidents and Vice President

The co-Presidents and the Vice President are limited to serving only one (1) school year in their position.

Section 17.2: Head Captain of Speech

The Head Captain of Speech can serve multiple school years.

Section 17.3: Head Captain of Debate

The Head Captain of Debate can serve multiple school years.

Section 17.4: Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer can serve multiple school years.

Section 17.5: Event Captain

An Event Captain can serve multiple school years.

Section 17.6: Web Master

The Web Master can serve multiple school years.

Section 18: Succession

If a Team Officer is unable to fulfill their assigned and delegated duties and obligations or is removed from office, succession is as follows:

Section 18.1: Co-Presidents

The Vice President replaces a co-President.

Section 18.2: Vice President

A mid-term General Election, which will be conducted according to this Article, will be held to elect a Vice President.

Section 18.3: Head Captain of Speech

A mid-term Election, which will be conducted according to this Article, will be held to elect a Head Captain of Speech.

Section 18.4: Head Captain of Debate

A mid-term Election, which will be conducted according to this Article, will be held to elect a Head Captain of Debate.

Section 18.5: Secretary/Treasurer

A mid-term General Election, which will be conducted according to this Article, will be held to elect a Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 18.6: Event Captain

A mid-term Election, which will be conducted according to this Article, will be held to elect an Event Captain.

Section 18.7: Web Master

The Executive Committee, the Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) will select a Web Master, who will be appointed according to this Article.

Section 19: Additional Event Captains

If the Head Captain of Speech and/or the Head Captain of Debate deem it necessary, additional Event Captains can be added at any time.

Section 19.1: Approval

The Head Captain of Speech and/or the Head Captain of Debate will confer with and receive agreement from the Faculty Advisor(s), the Speech Coach(es), and the Debate Coach(es).

Section 19.2: Special Election for Additional Event Captains

A Special Election, which will be conducted according to this Article, will be held to elect any additional Event Captains.

Section 20: Service Agreement

Section 20.1: The Team Officers and Event Captains sign a Service Agreement in which they acknowledge and agree to fulfill the duties and obligations of their position.

Section 20.2: The Service Agreement is for the duration of the school year.

ARTICLE 9: Constitutional Amendment

Section 1: Constitutional Amendment

The procedure for all Constitutional amendment proposals is as follows:

Section 2: Constitutional Amendment Proposal (the "proposal")

Section 2.1: A Constitutional amendment proposal must:

- Cite which Article and Section is being addressed.
- State the change being proposed.
- Explain why the change is being proposed.
- Outline the intended benefit for the Team.

Section 2.2: Submission

Any Team Member can submit a proposal to the Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), Debate Coach(es), and the Executive Committee.

Section 3: The Executive Committee

Section 3.1: The Executive Committee reviews and considers the merits of the proposal.

Section 3.2: Vote

Each member of the Executive Committee casts one vote: for, against, or abstain from the proposal.

Section 3.3: Vote Count and Audit

The Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) are responsible for the vote count and audit.

Section 3.4: Proposal Fails

If the proposal receives less than an absolute two-thirds (2/3) majority, the proposal is dismissed.

Section 3.5: Proposal Passes

If the proposal receives an absolute two-thirds (2/3) majority or more, the proposal is presented to the Event Captains for their consideration.

Section 4: The Event Captains

Section 4.1: The Event Captains have two (2) weeks to review and consider the merits of the proposal.

Section 4.2: Vote

Each of the Event Officers casts one vote: for, against, or abstain from the proposal.

Section 4.3: Vote Count and Audit

The Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) are responsible for the vote count and audit.

Section 4.4: Proposal Fails

If the proposal receives less than an absolute two-thirds (2/3) majority, the proposal is dismissed.

Section 4.5: Proposal Passes

If the proposal receives an absolute two-thirds (2/3) majority or more, the proposal is accepted and ratified.

Section 5: Constitution Amended

In the following school year, the proposal amends the Constitution and goes into effect.

ARTICLE 10: Prerogatives

Section 1: Prerogative of the Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es)

It is acknowledged by the Lynbrook Speech & Debate Team that the Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) are responsible to the Principal of Lynbrook High School. It is understood that all powers herein set forth in this Constitution are delegated by the Faculty Advisor(s), Speech Coach(es), and Debate Coach(es) and may be revoked at any given time.

Section 2: Prerogative of the Principal of Lynbrook High School

It is acknowledged by the Lynbrook Speech & Debate Team that the Principal of Lynbrook High School is responsible to the Board of Trustees; and, in turn, are responsible to the code provisions of the State of California. It is understood that all powers herein set forth in this Constitution are delegated by the Principal of Lynbrook High School and may be revoked at any given time.