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# Niles North Debate

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August 9, 2021

Dear debate coach:

You are cordially invited to attend the ninth annual Niles Township Invitational Debate Tournament. The competition will be held online through on Friday, September 10 through Sunday, September 12, 2021. The tournament has once again been designated as a semifinals Tournament of Champions bid in policy debate. We will host one division of Open policy debate in addition to our free Novice Workshop on Saturday only.

Schools may enter the tournament on a first come, first serve basis. The tournament will close registration when it reaches its capacity of ninety-six teams. Elimination rounds will begin on Saturday evening and we will clear to double-octafinals or octafinals depending on the size of the division - a decision will be made by the tab room after final registration.

Finally, please find information regarding registration, judging, schedule of events and tournament guidelines on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). This information should help to answer any questions you may have. Please remember to register early on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). If you have any additional concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email.

We look forward to seeing you in September and kicking off another great season of debate!

Sincerely,  
Lauren Velazquez, Niles North Head Coach  
Eric Oddo, Niles West Head Coach

## **Registration and Fee Information**

Registration – Entries will be accepted until **Friday, August 30, 2021** assuming the maximum entry limit of 110 teams has not been reached. There is no maximum amount of entries per school, but once the tournament entry limit is reached, registration will close, and teams will be placed on a wait list. Please drop your entries by Wednesday, September 2. Schools that drop teams after this deadline will be assessed a \$35.00 drop fee per team.

Preliminary registration will take place BY PHONE on Thursday evening, September 10, between 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Please call Lauren Velazquez to confirm entries and judges at 847-308-9792. In the event of ANY changes in entries or judges that occur after the Thursday evening deadline, email the changes to [mgreenstein@glenbrook225.org](mailto:mgreenstein@glenbrook225.org).

Final registration will take place from 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM online via classrooms.cloud in collaboration with Dr. Greenstein.

Fees – Checks for entry fees and hired judges need to be mailed to Lauren Velazquez at Niles West High School, 9800 Lawler Ave, Skokie, IL 60077. **Please make checks out to Niles North Debate**. Entry fees for each Policy Debate team are \$90.00. A limited number of hired judges will be available at the cost of \$55.00 per round.

Novice Workshop - There is no cost to participate in the Novice Workshop. To register your novices for the workshop, please email Lauren Velazquez at [LauVel@D219.org](mailto:LauVel@D219.org) with student names and your school. Additional permission waivers may be necessary due the new online nature of the workshop.

Policy Division – An 8-3-5 format with an 8-minute preparation rule will be used. We are debating the 2020-21 National Policy Debate Resolution. There will be six preliminary rounds of debate, clearing to double-octafinals.

Judging – Schools need to update their judge information on a consistent basis via [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). We will be using a Mutual Preferred Judging System for the Open Policy division. **Schools MUST supply one qualified judge per two teams in Policy Debate.** All judges fulfilling a preliminary round obligation are required to be available for one round beyond the elimination of their school. Schools will incur a \$25 fine for judges that do not fulfill this obligation.

**Please direct all correspondences to:**

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