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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Illinois State Forensics Union, I cordially invite you to participate in the 5th Annual Lincoln-Douglas Redbird Debate Swing, to be held on the Illinois State University Campus November 17-18, 2018. The weekend will be comprised of two debate tournaments with 4 preliminary rounds each in both a Novice and Open division. For the purpose of this tournament, novice will be designated as a student that does not have 2 semesters of debate experience in college or high school.

Each program must cover at least 50% of their debate entry to ensure that the judging pool is diverse and qualified. Additionally, in an effort to increase the quality of the LD judging pool we are offering 1 free slot per judge above a team's commitment (maximum of 2 free entries). We recognize that there is a lot of talent in the Midwest who we do not have contact information for and would love to employ those individuals for the weekend. ISU will pay that judge if you assist in getting them hired, in addition to offering your team a free entry slot.

The top 5 speakers will be awarded speaker awards each half of the swing in open and depending on entries in Novice. Furthermore, the top 3 speakers of the swing will be awarded. The overall speaker awards are named after Howard C. Nelson, a member of the Illinois State University debate team in the 1920s. Mr. Nelson was a committed member of the team, and the speaker awards are awarded in his honor and to continue the legacy of competitive debate at Illinois State University. We will also offer awards to all advancing debaters at each half of the swing. The novice division will be collapsed into open division if there are fewer than 7 entries. However, the top novice speaker and top novice debater will be recognized at awards for each half of the tournament.

FEES

Fees for teams who attend 1 debate tournament

\$35 per covered LD entry (1 judge covers 2 debaters)

\$110 per uncovered LD entry (This is the \$35 entry fee + \$75 uncovered fee)

Fees for teams who attend both debate tournaments

\$55 per covered LD entry (1 judge covers 2 debaters)

\$205 per uncovered LD entry (This is the \$55 entry fee + \$150 uncovered fee) for the entire swing

ENTRIES DUE:

5:00 pm (CST) Monday, November 12, 2018. Mark your calendars!

Any adds or drops after Wednesday, November 15, 2018, will be assessed a fee. The drop fee for LD is \$30. A judge drop fee is \$50. Judges dropped at registration will incur a \$75 + the uncovered fee for the event.

The tournament will be utilizing **Tabroom.com** again this year!!! All registration will occur through the website. I will send out invoices so ignore any invoices created by the website. Registration will open October 17, 2018 at 8am.

Meals: There is plenty of food available on and around campus. There will be a listing of restaurants available at the tournament.

Sweepstakes: Debate sweeps will be awarded to the top three schools based on prelim and elimination wins. Debate overall sweeps will be awarded to the top 3 debate teams that participate in both halves of the swing.

Rules for Events: The tournament will be using NFA Rules. NFA speaker points and tie breaks will also be utilized.

Judges: All judges will be committed for the first outround each day and then 1 round after their last debater's loss. We would appreciate it if you could stay for all the outrounds to allow for diverse panels, but it's not required.

Accessing Campus Wifi: Guest internet access is available through the network ISU-Guest. Please select the network "ISU-Guest", open a browser, click "request an account" and enter the required information. For a PDF handout, please visit: <https://business.illinoisstate.edu/downloads/tech/manuals/isu-guest-login-infosheet.pdf>

All-Gender Restrooms: Illinois State has designated All-Gender Restrooms in most of the buildings we will use for the tournament. We will include an [updated map](#) of all designated restrooms with other tournament information when you arrive.

ICE Information (will be updated as information changes) – Illinois State University is committed to inclusiveness and welcomes students and coaches from all identities and social roles. In light of ongoing harassment and discrimination, and the current administration's most recent actions regarding immigration, our program stands in solidarity with, and will continue to offer a safe, educational space for, students who need it. [Illinois State](#) has joined with 698 other Universities to show official support for DACA and to call for its continuation and expansion. The State of Illinois signed the [TRUST Act](#) into law, which enacted the nation's strongest state-level due process protections for immigrants who fear any interaction with local police could result in deportation. As of May 2018, The Town of Normal is now classified as a [Welcoming City](#) – in addition to following the Trust Act, town employees and police officers will not ask about citizenship or immigration status unless it's part of a criminal investigation or by court order. Bloomington, on the other hand, has not yet approved their Welcoming City ordinance, and the proposed language does not have the support of local advocates. We recommend that guests stay in Normal for lodging and dining until a meaningful ordinance passes in Bloomington. These protections are not perfect or complete, but the [Migra Map](#) does not show any ICE activity in Central Illinois. We have also found <http://www.icirr.org/> to be a useful resource.

Title IX and Clery Act Information – Members of the Illinois State coaching staff will complete mandatory Title IX training and our team members will complete mandatory Bystander Training prior to the start of the tournament. In addition, we are working to have a training program for our guest alumni and judges prior to the start of the tournament. For information on ISU's policies and a link to our online reporting system, please visit: <https://titleix.illinoisstate.edu/> To report an incident to campus police please call 309-438-8631 or visit police.illinoisstate.edu

Please direct any questions to sjcarl3@ilstu.edu

Looking forward to seeing you in November,

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Director of Debate

Megan Koch
Director of Forensics

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Assistant Director of IE

Schedule

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Registration	8:30
Round 1	9-10:15a
Round 2	10:30-11:45a
Round 3	12:00 – 1:00p
Lunch	1:00-1:45p
Round 4	2:00-3:15p
Outround 1	3:45-5:00p
Outround 2	5:15p-6:30p
Further necessary outrounds	ASAP
Awards	ASAP

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Registration	8:30
(Sunday Schools ONLY)	
Round 1	9-10:15a
Round 2	10:30-11:45a
Round 3	12:00-1:00p
Lunch	1:00-1:45p
Round 4	2:00-3:15p
Outround 1	3:45-5:00p
Outround 2	5:515-6:30p
Awards	ASAP
Further necessary outrounds	ASAP