



2019 ILLINOIS DEBATE COMMUNITY (IDC) NOVICE/JV STATE DEBATE FINALS March 8-9, 2019

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Dear Illinois Debate Community,

This is a formal invitation to participate in the Illinois Debate Community State Debate Tournament for Novice/JV Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum and Congressional Debate. **Please join us at Conant High School in Hoffman Estates, IL on Friday, March 8th to Saturday, March 9th!**

The IDC State Debate Tournament is for first and second year debaters. We will host Novice and Junior Varsity divisions for each of the following events: Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum, and Congressional Debate. Novice and JV divisions may be collapsed into one division if the numbers warrant it (in which case we will still separate awards).

Please read the following information regarding eligibility, entry limits and judges carefully. To maintain the integrity of this state championship tournament, these standards must be met.

ELIGIBILITY

Novices: to qualify for this category, debaters must be in their first year of competition in any type of debate. *In addition, high school seniors must be placed in the JV division even if they meet the criteria of a Novice.*

Junior Varsity: To qualify for this category, debaters must be in their first or second year of competition. Assuming they meet the criteria, all seniors must compete in this division.

ENTRY LIMITS

You are allowed up to **four** entries in each PF or LD and up to **six** entries in Congress.

There must be a minimum number of entries in each division in order to hold a State Championship in a particular division of a particular event. Entry minimums as follows:

LD and PF: 6 different schools - at least 16 students

Congress: 4 different schools - at least 16 teams

JUDGES

No judges will be hired by the tournament. To preserve the integrity of this tournament, please make sure that all of your judges are experienced in the type of debate that they will be judging. As a State Championship Tournament, this tournament should not have any judges who are not experienced. Schools that do not provide the required number of judges will have to drop teams at registration.

All judges are required to be available to judge the entire tournament. Please don't make us drop one of your teams because your judge leaves early!

We will be using TABROOM.COM for this tournament. Please make sure all of your judges have accounts that are linked to your school set up prior to March 8. Before adding judges, please specifically confirm the correct e-mail address is associated with the account and that no two accounts are associated with the same e-mail.

Novice Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas

In the **novice** division, each school shall provide **one (1) judge for each** Public Forum or Lincoln Douglas team. Juniors in their third year of debate or seniors in their third or fourth year of debate may judge in the Novice division. Please write STUDENT JUDGE in the Judge Notes on Tabroom.com.

JV Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas

In the JV division, each school shall provide one (1) judge for every two (2) Public Forum or LD teams. JV judges must be high school graduates who never competed during this school year. One (1) judge will be assigned to each preliminary debate round and three (3) judges will be assigned to each elimination round.

Novice Congress

In the **novice** division, each school shall provide **one (1) judge for every 3** Congress

debaters. Juniors in their third year of debate or seniors in their third or fourth year of debate may judge in the Novice division. Please write STUDENT JUDGE in the Judge Notes on Tabroom.com.

JV Congress:

Each school shall provide one Congressional judge per six entries. All Congressional judges must be high school graduates who never competed during this school year.

The tournament will use the same Congressional Debate Legislation that is used at IHSA.

STUDENT JUDGE AWARDS

The tournament will give prizes to the top 3 student judges as determined from a collection of their ballots throughout the tournament in Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum, and Congress Debate.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. There shall be no oral critiques after a round. Judges are expected to complete a full ballot for each round including specific comments for each debater and a comprehensive RFD.
2. Judges must keep time. Students are allowed to time; however, under no circumstances are debaters to be the only ones keeping time.
3. Judges shall submit a decision within five (5) minutes of the conclusion of the round. Judges can finish electronic comments on ballots after their decisions are submitted on Tabroom.com
4. Judges shall **NOT** reveal decisions until the results have been released by the tournament. **DO NOT DISCLOSE!**
5. Unless otherwise stipulated in this document, this tournament will adhere to IHSA State Debate Rules.
6. Students and judges who are not competing in any given round should remain in the designated areas in case we need to find them.

TOPICS

Lincoln-Douglas debaters will debate the March-April topic. Public Forum debaters will

debate the March topic. IDC Legislation in Novice/JV Congressional Debate will duplicate the **IHSA State Debate Preliminary Bill Packet**. IDC will choose and announce in advance which three pieces of legislation will be debated in the Final Round of Congressional Debate.

FEES \$30 per PF team, \$30 per LD debater, \$20 per Congressional debater.

Coach of the Year

The IDC will present an award to the 2019 Coach of the Year and the 2019 Assistant Coach of the Year. Awards will be chosen by all head coaches in attendance. Each school will be allowed to nominate one coach and one assistant coach. Coaches and assistants must be attending the tournament in order to be eligible.

COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS

2018 Nicole Kroepel (Belvidere North HS)
2016 Assistant Ursula Gruber (New Trier HS)
2017 Martin Zacharia (William Fremd HS)
2017 Assistant Angelo Cavoto (Carl Sandburg HS)
2016 Carol Harms (Belleville East HS)
2016 Assistant Sonny Patel (William Fremd HS)
2015 Laine McGraw (Carl Sandburg HS)
2014 Scott McGraw (Carl Sandburg HS)
2013 Carl Schwartz (Schaumburg HS)

DEADLINES

2/15 (Friday, 4PM) - Intent to enter and preliminary registration numbers.
Please reserve spots on your TABROOM account. We will open TABROOM in January.

3/1 (Friday, 4PM_--Final names entered on TABROOM.com No refunds will be given for drops after 3/1. **Name changes** are acceptable after 3/1.

FOOD Dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday will be provided for all ADULT judges and coaches. **Pizza can be preordered for students on Friday night. The tournament will be hosting a taco bar for Saturday lunch. Coaches can preorder tickets for this event.** Limited concessions will be available during the tournament.

IMPORTANT STUFF

If you have any questions or concerns regarding tournament logistics or Debate, or if you have an emergency situation during the days of the tournament, call or text

Lainee McGraw at 708.828.6200. Email is emcgraw@d230.org.

We will be looking for schools to host future IDC tournaments on the weekend before IHSA for the next 3 years. Please check your school calendar to see if you can host this important tournament.

It is critical that the tournament start on time on Friday afternoon. Please allow plenty of drive time to the high school on Friday and Saturday. Please consult MapQuest or your GPS for detailed routes to Conant HS. If you are running late, text Lainee with changes/drops on the day of the tournament.

Tournament Site Host: Frank Kernats, Conant High School
fkernats@d211.org

Make checks payable to: Conant High School Debate Team
Attention: F. Kernats
700 E. Cougar Trail
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Tabroom Link: <http://idc.tabroom.com>

Sincerely,

Lainee McGraw (Carl Sandburg High School)

Martin Zacharia (William Fremd High School)

Angelo Cavoto (Back of the Yards High School)

Katie Cole (Homewood-Flossmoor High School)

Mike Colletti (A. A. Stagg High School)

Jeff Hannan (Evanston High School)

Brandon Hentze (Belleville West High School)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE 2019 IDC STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT

PF/LD SCHEDULE

Friday, March 8, 2018

3:45 Registration Opens

4:30 Mandatory Opening Meeting - Pairings and Ballots will be released

4:45 Round I (preset)

5:45 Round II (preset)

6:45 Dinner

7:35 Round III (powered from all previous rounds)

7:45 Coaches Meeting

Saturday, March 9, 2018

8:00 Round IV (powered from all previous rounds)

9:30 Round V (powered from all previous rounds)

11:00 Quarters

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Semis

2:00 Finals

3:45 Awards

CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE

Friday, March 8, 2018

5:00 Committee of the Whole by Chamber

5:30-8:30 Session I - Congress

Saturday, March 9, 2018

8:00-11:00 Session II - Congress

12:00-3:30 Session III / Final Congress and Elections

3:45 Awards