

Welcome

Welcome to the 2019 Damus Hollywood Invitational and USC Round Robin!

The University of Southern California will host the USC Round Robin for competitive varsity policy debate teams from around the country on October 31 - November 1, 2019.

Notre Dame High School and Harvard-Westlake Upper School will host the Damus Hollywood Invitational on November 2-4, 2019. Novice and varsity policy as well as the World School Debate competition will be hosted at Notre Dame High School and novice and varsity Lincoln-Douglas will be hosted at Harvard-Westlake Upper School.

Invitations and registration for these events will all be posted on this website (see the tabs to the right).

We look forward to seeing you in Los Angeles!

Best wishes,

Mike Bietz, Director of Debate at Harvard-Westlake Upper School

Gordon Stables, Director of Debate at USC

Christina Phillips, Director of Debate at Notre Dame High School

USC Round Robin

We invite you to apply to the USC Round Robin. We are offering the opportunity for high-quality competition for up to 8 teams on October 31 - November 1, 2019. Teams are then encouraged to stay and compete at the Damus Hollywood Invitational at Notre Dame High School from November 2-4, 2019.

Format

Teams will compete in single pod with seven preliminary debates with the top 2 teams advancing to a final elimination round. There will be two judges per preliminary round and three to five judges for the final round.

Judges

We ask that each team bring one judge per team. We will do our best to keep judging commitments modest with substantial judging from the USC Debate squad, staff and LA debate community.

Location

All competitors are invited to stay at the USC Hotel (formerly the Radisson) next to USC's campus. All competition will take place on USC's campus or the hotel. Further hotel information can be found on the website under the "Hotels" tab.

Fees

\$200 per team

Basic Schedule

Thursday, October 31st

Round 1 9:00 am

Round 2 11:15 am

Lunch

Round 3 2:30 pm

Round 4 5:00 pm

Dinner

Friday, November 1st

Round 5 9:00 am

Round 6 11:15 am

Lunch

Round 7 2:30 pm

Final Round 5:30 pm

Shuttle to Marriott Courtyard Sherman Oaks Hotel (If Necessary)

David P. Damus Esquire Hollywood Invitational

Welcome to the Sixth Annual Damus Hollywood Invitational! We are excited to host the tournament on November 2-4, 2019. On Saturday and Sunday, novice and varsity policy debate and the WSDC format competition will be hosted at Notre Dame High School; novice and varsity Lincoln-Douglas will be hosted at Harvard-Westlake Upper School. All Monday rounds for policy and LD will be hosted at the tournament hotel, the Marriott Courtyard Sherman Oaks/Los Angeles. We strongly urge teams to stay at the tournament hotel to help make hosting the tournament more affordable.

We are a quarterfinals bid to the Tournament of Champions in varsity policy and a semifinals bid to the Tournament of Champions in varsity LD. We also hope to have a diverse national pool of competitors in both varsity policy and LD that will ensure a better points standing for the NDCA Championships.

Entry limits are as follows: five (5) varsity policy teams, three (3) novice policy teams, six (6) varsity LDers, four (4) novice LDers, and two (2) WSDC teams. **All competitors must represent the school for which they are currently enrolled, have principal approval to travel and compete as part of the school's official debate team and have an adult chaperone present at the tournament. No independent entries will be accepted.**

Registration will open on August 23rd (5pm PT) at <http://damushollywoodinvitational.tabroom.com>. Due to limited space, we urge teams to register ASAP. Once the tournament space fills, we will start a waitlist for each event.

Some tournament highlights/changes:

- (1) iPad's or iPad Mini's will be given to the top speakers in the policy and LD divisions.
- (2) Novice Policy will be limited to reading NDCA Novice Policy Packet evidence as well as "full source shared" UDL/MDL packets or state-sanctioned evidence packets. UDL/MDL and state-sanctioned packets must be balanced (meaning there are adequate answers to each position included) and must be emailed in full source by 10/1/19 to Phillips@ndhs.org to be allowed in the novice division. This evidence will be reviewed and then provided on the ND Tournament website for everyone by October 4th. If no alternate packets are submitted, then the field will be restricted to using the NDCA packet evidence. Please email questions if you are unclear on what this policy means.

- (3) **Coaches will be asked to acknowledge tournament policies and audio recording procedures. This acknowledgement will replace individual audio recording forms.**
- (4) We pride ourselves on our hospitality so several meals are included with your entry fees. On Saturday, we will have the In-N-Out truck at ND only (since there is no lunch at Harvard-Westlake due to late start) and on Sunday, we will have taco catering at both ND and H-W. We will also have “To go” breakfasts for students still competing on Monday morning.
- (5) We will be using paperless balloting on Tabroom and mutual preference judging in varsity policy and LD.
- (6) 3rd and 4th year varsity debaters can judge the novice divisions of policy and LD.
- (7) Any teams that are paid in full will be able to do online registration on Friday night; hopefully, making it as convenient as possible for coaches who have paid tournament fees on time.
- (8) No maverick, hybrid, or independent entries are permitted.

Please read the rest of the invitation for fee and tournament policies. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Phillips at Phillips@ndhs.org.

Best wishes,
Christina Phillips
Director of Debate, Notre Dame

Mike Bietz
Director of Debate, Harvard-Westlake

Policy Debate

Varsity and novice policy debate will be switch-side, cross-examination style, with an 8-3-5 format and 8 minutes of prep time. Varsity debaters should include your finest competitors.

In the novice division, only debaters in their first year of competition may enter, meaning students in the novice division should NOT have prior debate competition experience in any event. Please email Christina Phillips (Phillips@ndhs.org) if you need clarification when entering teams.

A school may enter a maximum of five (5) teams in the varsity division. A school may enter three (3) teams in the novice division. We have space for approximately 80 varsity and 30 novice teams.

The policy topic for the 2019 Damus Hollywood Invitational is as follows:
Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce Direct Commercial Sales and/or Foreign Military Sales of arms from the United States.

There will be six preliminary rounds in varsity policy and five preliminary rounds in novice policy. Varsity policy will break to double-octafinals and novice policy will break to quarterfinals (assuming entries warrant these elimination levels). All Saturday and Sunday competition in these events will occur at the Notre Dame High School campus. All Monday rounds will occur at the tournament hotel, the Marriott Courtyard Sherman Oaks/Los Angeles.

Varsity Judging Requirements for Policy Debate

There will be mutual preference judging in varsity policy. Only experienced policy judges may judge in the varsity division. "Experienced" is defined as at least a high school graduate who has competitive or coaching policy debate experience. Competitive college debate experience or a long history of coaching policy debate is most preferred. Inability to provide experienced judges may limit a team's entry and/or require a team to hire judges to fulfill their obligation. All varsity judges are required to post their judge philosophies on tabroom by October 21st at 5pm (PT). We would like every school that wants to participate to do so; however, we require the best possible judging to ensure students have a positive competitive experience. If a school does not have experienced judges to fulfill their commitments, please contact Christina Phillips at Phillips@ndhs.org.

Obligations:

- Each team = 3 rounds (e.g., 2 VCX teams = 6 rounds and requires at least 1 judge to cover; 3 VCX teams = 9 rounds and requires at least 2 judges to cover)

In regards to elimination rounds, all judges are obligated to judge the first full elimination round and/or one round beyond their school's best competitive finish. Whichever requirement is later will apply. For example, if your school has a competitor in the octafinals, then your school's judges are all obligated through the quarterfinals. This rule is necessary to ensure the best possible judging for the tournament. Please make appropriate travel arrangements that honor these requirements.

Novice Judging Requirements for Policy Debate

Adults as well as students who are 3rd or 4th year varsity debaters are eligible to judge in the novice divisions. Coaches/Directors are responsible for ensuring that any varsity debaters are knowledgeable and responsible enough to fairly assess a novice debate round.

Obligations:

- Each team = 3 rounds (e.g., 2 NCX teams = 6 rounds and requires at least 1 judge to cover; 3 NCX teams = 9 rounds and requires at least 2 judges to cover)

In regards to elimination rounds, all judges are obligated to judge the first full elimination round and/or one round beyond their school's best competitive finish. Whichever requirement is later will apply. For example, if your school has a competitor in the octafinals, then your school's judges are all obligated through the quarterfinals. This rule is necessary to ensure the best possible judging for the tournament. Please make appropriate travel arrangements that honor these requirements.

Novice Evidence Restrictions for Policy Debate

Novice Policy will be limited to reading NDCA Novice Policy Packet evidence as well as full source and shared UDL/MDL packets or state-sanctioned evidence packets. UDL/MDL and state-sanctioned packets must be balanced (meaning there are adequate answers to each position included) and emailed in full source by 10/1/19 at 5pm (PT) to Phillips@ndhs.org to be allowed in the novice division. This evidence will be reviewed and then provided on the tournament tabroom website for everyone by October 5th. If no alternate packets are submitted, then the field will be restricted to using the NDCA packet evidence. Please email questions if you are unclear on this policy.

Penalty for Missing Rounds

Please note there is a \$40 per round penalty for any judges that miss their rounds. Please advise your judging staff that the team will be charged if they do not attend their debate rounds. We prefer not to charge any teams for missing debate rounds and this nuisance fee is only assessed to discourage judges from missing debates to ensure a high quality experience for all competitors.

Hired Judging for Policy Debate

There will be a limited number of LD and policy judges available for hire. Note that once you hire a judge, you are liable to pay for that request EVEN IF you find you do not need it as the tournament approaches. This rule applies even in the event your school decides not to attend the tournament at all; your school will still be responsible for any judge hire and relevant drop fees. You must email Christina Phillips at Phillips@ndhs.org by October 1, 2019, at 5pm (PT) to hire judging.

Lincoln-Douglas

Lincoln-Douglas will include varsity and novice divisions, with NSDA rules and time limits. Varsity LD debaters should include only your finest competitors.

In the novice division, only debaters in their first year of competition may enter, meaning students in the novice division should NOT have prior debate competition experience in any event. Please email Christina Phillips (Phillips@ndhs.org) if you need clarification when entering teams.

A school may enter a maximum of six (6) debaters in the varsity divisions and four (4) debaters in the novice division. We have space for approximately 120 varsity and 40 novice debaters in LD.

The November/December NSDA Lincoln-Douglas topic will be used; check the October *Rostrum*.

There will be five preliminary rounds in varsity and novice Lincoln-Douglas. Varsity LD will break to octafinals; novice LD will break to quarterfinals (if numbers warrant). All Saturday and Sunday competition for these events will take place at the Harvard-Westlake Upper School campus. All Monday competition will occur at the tournament hotel, the Marriott Courtyard Sherman Oaks/Los Angeles.

Varsity Judging Requirements for Lincoln-Douglas Debate

There will be mutual preference judging in varsity Lincoln-Douglas. Only experienced LD judges may judge in the varsity division. "Experienced" is defined as at least a high school graduate who has competitive or coaching LD debate experience. Inability to provide experienced judges may limit a team's entry and/or require a team to hire judges to fulfill their obligation. All varsity judges are required to post their judge philosophies on tabroom by October 21st at 5pm (PT). We would like every school that wants to participate to do so; however, we require the best possible judging to ensure students have a positive competitive experience. If a school does not have experienced judges to fulfill their commitments, please contact Christina Phillips at Phillips@ndhs.org.

Obligations:

- Each LD Debater = 2 rounds commitment (e.g., 3 LDers = 6 rounds and requires at least 1 judge to cover; 4 LDers = 8 rounds and requires at least 2 judges to cover)

In regards to elimination rounds, all judges are obligated to judge the first full elimination round and/or one round beyond their school's best competitive finish. Whichever requirement is later will apply. For example, if your school has a competitor in the octafinals, then your school's judges are all obligated through the quarterfinals. This rule is necessary to ensure the best possible judging for the tournament. Please make appropriate travel arrangements that honor these requirements.

Novice Judging Requirements for Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Adults as well as students who are 3rd or 4th year varsity debaters are eligible to judge in the novice divisions. Coaches/Directors are responsible for ensuring that any varsity debaters are knowledgeable and responsible enough to fairly assess a novice debate round.

Obligations:

- Each LD Debater = 2 rounds commitment (e.g., 3 LDers = 6 rounds and requires at least 1 judge to cover; 4 LDers = 8 rounds and requires at least 2 judges to cover)

In regards to elimination rounds, all judges are obligated to judge the first full elimination round and/or one round beyond their school's best competitive finish. Whichever requirement is later will apply. For example, if your school has a competitor in the octafinals, then your school's judges are all obligated through the quarterfinals. This rule is necessary to ensure the best possible judging for the tournament. Please make appropriate travel arrangements that honor these requirements.

Penalty for Missing Rounds

Please note there is a \$40 per round penalty for any judges that miss their rounds. Please advise your judging staff that the team will be charged if they do not attend their debate rounds. We prefer not to charge any teams for missing debate rounds and this nuisance fee is only assessed to discourage judges from missing debates to ensure a high quality experience for all competitors.

Hired Judging for Lincoln-Douglas Debate

There will be a limited number of LD and policy judges available for hire. Note that once you hire a judge, you are liable to pay for that request EVEN IF you find you do not need it as the tournament approaches. You must email Christina Phillips at Phillips@ndhs.org by October 1, 2019, at 5pm (PT) to hire judging.

WSDC

The WSDC format is comprised of 3 to 5-person teams. During each round, each team will compete against another team from a different school. If the team is from the United States, they must represent the school for which they are currently enrolled, have principal approval to travel and compete as part of the school's official debate team and have an adult chaperone present at the tournament. If the team is international, then all competitors for a team must be enrolled in high school (or an equivalent institution in their country of origin) and must have an adult chaperone/coach (at least 18 years of age and graduated from high/secondary school). We anticipate the division will be small this year and may use a round robin format. Schools may enter 1-2 teams and must provide one judge for their team. There is room for approximately 12 teams.

There will be a diversity of prepared and impromptu motions. These motions will be released by October 1st so that participants have ample time to prepare for the competition.

Points and wins will be calculated using the WSDC Championship process. See Rules and guidelines for the WSDC format at www.schoolsdebate.com/guides.asp. Note that some details in this document are specific to the WSDC Championships and will not apply to the Damus Hollywood Invitational. If you have questions about a specific practice, please email Christina Phillips at Phillips@ndhs.org.

Also, instructional videos that you might find helpful in preparation can be found at <http://debate.uvm.edu/wsdcvideo.html>.

Awards

The following awards will be given in this year's competition: Top 3 Individual Speakers, Champion, and 2nd Place.

Judging Requirements for WSDC Debate

Each team should also enter a qualified judge (an experienced adult). We would like every school that wants to participate to do so; however, we require the best possible judging to ensure students have a positive competitive experience. If a school does not have experienced judges to fulfill their commitments, please contact Christina Phillips at Phillips@ndhs.org.

Obligations:

- 1 team = full commitment (at least 1 judge)
- 2 teams = 2 full commitments (at least 2 judges)

In regards to elimination rounds, all judges are obligated to judge the first elimination round and/or one round beyond their school's best competitive finish. Whichever requirement is later will apply. For example, if your school has a competitor in the semifinals, then your school's judges are all obligated through the finals. This rule is necessary to ensure the best possible judging for the tournament. Please make appropriate travel arrangements that honor these requirements.

Penalty for Missing Rounds

Please note there is a \$40 per round penalty for any judges that miss their rounds. Please advise your judging staff that the team will be charged if they do not attend their debate rounds. We prefer not to charge any teams for missing debate rounds and this nuisance fee is only assessed to discourage judges from missing debates to ensure a high quality experience for all competitors.

Hired Judging for WSDC Debate

There will be a limited number of WSDC judges available for hire. Note that once you hire a judge, you are liable to pay for the judge hire EVEN IF you find you do not need the hire as the tournament approaches. You must email Christina Phillips at Phillips@ndhs.org by October 1, 2019, at 5pm (PT) to hire judging.

Audio Recording and Card Clipping Policy

It is an expectation of the tournament that students will accurately represent material read during speeches. In order to ensure compliance students may record their opponents' speeches. It is the responsibility of coaches to ensure that their debaters and parents understand this tournament requirement and complete the paperwork necessary to ensure compliance with applicable state laws.

The tournament recognizes the NDCA definition of card clipping and will follow the NDCA's suggested guidelines for processing card clipping accusations. The NDCA definition and procedures can be found here:

<https://www.debatecoaches.org/s/clipping.pdf>

Please email Christina Phillips (Phillips@ndhs.org) if you have any questions.

Fees/Entry Process

First, complete online registration at <http://damushollywoodinvitational.tabroom.com>.

Second, send in necessary entry fees to confirm your entries. Teams will be accepted on a “first come, first served” basis. Send checks to:

Notre Dame High School
Attn: Christina Phillips/Debate
13645 Riverside Drive
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Please make all checks or money orders payable to “Notre Dame High School.” We will **not** accept purchase orders in lieu of a check or a money order for fees.

If you wish to enter more competitors above the school limit, please enter them on the website and email Christina Phillips at Phillips@ndhs.org.

Entries will not be confirmed without payment in advance. Except for the penalties or the fees for extra entries, we will not collect fees at registration on Friday night. If you have illness or change in entries for any reason, fees can be refunded until **October 15th at 5pm (PT)**; **no refunds are available after this date/time.**

Refundable Fees (Until October 15th at 5pm PT):

WSDC - \$75/Each Team
Novice LD - \$75/Each Competitor
Varsity LD - \$85/Each Competitor
Novice CX - \$100/Each Team
Varsity CX - \$125/Each Team

Non-refundable Fees:

Hired Judge Fee - \$200/Per uncovered policy team
\$150/Per uncovered LD debater
\$100/Per uncovered WSDC team
Missing Judge Penalty - \$40/per judge per missed round
Nuisance Penalty - \$50 (any changes to entry after 10/29/19 at 12noon PT)

Deadlines

While there is not an official deadline to enter the tournament, we operate on a “first come, first serve” basis and we will probably fill all space at the tournament. As a result, each school should send in its entries as soon as possible.

Please pay careful attention to the below deadlines to avoid paying any penalties and/or to avoid losing preference privileges in varsity LD and policy.

AUGUST 23rd (5pm PT) - Registration opens at
<http://damushollywoodinvitational.tabroom.com>

OCTOBER 1st (5pm PT) – Release prepared motions for WSDC division.

Submit any state-sanctioned or UDL/MDL novice policy evidence packets for approval in the novice policy division. Email Christina Phillips at Phillips@ndhs.org to submit full source evidence packet.

Hired Judging Deadline. Email Christina Phillips at Phillips@ndhs.org if you need hired judging. Hired judging will NOT guaranteed after this deadline. Note hired judging fees are non-refundable.

OCTOBER 5TH (5pm PT) - List of approved novice policy packets updated on tabroom.com for students and coaches to prepare.

OCTOBER 10th (11:59pm PT) - Full prepayment due for rooms booked in hotel block. Drop unneeded rooms by this date to avoid unnecessary penalties.

OCTOBER 15th (5pm PT) - Drop Deadline. Any entries dropped at this point must pay any of the relevant drop fees per team (see list of fees above).

Hotel Block Deadline. Must book before this deadline to receive tournament hotel rate.

OCTOBER 21st (5pm PT) - Judge Online Entry Deadline. Schools must enter names of all their judges.

Judge Philosophy Deadline. All varsity LD and policy judges must have a judge philosophy posted on Tabroom at this point for a school to have the privilege of judge preferences for ALL of their varsity competitors.

OCTOBER 29th (12noon PT) – Competitor Online Entry Deadline. All correct competitor names and drops must be entered online to avoid a \$50 nuisance fee.

OCTOBER 29th (5pm PT) -Mutual preferences available for varsity LD and policy on tabroom. Preferences will close on Friday before registration.

NOVEMBER 1st (6-9pm PT) – Online registration and registration at the Marriott Courtyard Sherman Oaks/Los Angeles.

Hotel

Marriott Courtyard Sherman Oaks/Los Angeles (15433 Ventura Blvd. Sherman Oaks, CA 91403) will serve as the only tournament hotel for the Hollywood Invitational. Monday elimination rounds will be held at this hotel. All schools are strongly encouraged to stay at the tournament hotel. While there may be a few cheaper options, they are often farther away from the tournament, which means battling significant L.A. traffic, or they are not quality properties.

Rates are \$149 per night for a king or double queen room with 1-4 occupancy. Deadline to book this rate is *October 10, 2019*. **NOTE: Full prepayment of rooms will be charged on October 15, 2019, so please make any reservation adjustments BEFORE that date.**

Please reserve your hotel rooms through this link (you have to cut and paste the link into your browser): <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1557353270155&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Parking: The Marriott Courtyard has significant space for buses. Bus parking at \$65 per bus per night plus tax; 72-hour advance reservation required. Bus parking based on availability. Please call the Marriott Courtyard to reserve your bus parking. Car parking is self-park in a structure behind the hotel. Car parking in the structure is \$21/per car/per night plus taxes. There is limited street parking near the hotel, but please read the street signs carefully to avoid being ticketed or towed.

For USC Round Robin Competitors: Set-up shuttle services to make your transition smoother from the Round Robin Hotel to the Marriott Courtyard Sherman Oaks on Friday, 11/1/19. We will help you with luggage transfer and transportation from the USC RR to the tournament hotel on Friday evening. Please email Christina Phillips, Director of Debate at Notre Dame High School, at Phillips@ndhs.org for further details.

Transportation

We strongly recommend flights into LAX or Burbank airports, not Orange County, Long Beach or Ontario. Burbank Airport is the closest; however, it is smaller and fares are sometimes significantly more than LAX. Burbank is approximately 11 miles from the tournament hotel; LAX is approximately 18 miles from the tournament hotel. Please note that the freeways you will be travelling are very congested so leave ample travel time (Love LA!).

It is easiest to rent a vehicle or bring a bus. The tournament has not negotiated any special rates with rental car companies.

Directions for Harvard-Westlake Upper School

Address: Harvard-Westlake Upper School, 3700 Coldwater Canyon Studio City, CA 91604

Parking Instructions:

TBD – See tournament announcements as tournament approaches.

Directions from Tournament Hotel:

Via freeway - Turn left onto Ventura Blvd, Turn left onto Sepulveda Blvd, Turn right onto on-ramp to 101 Freeway South, Exit Coldwater Canyon, Turn right onto Coldwater Canyon, Turn left onto Harvard-Westlake Upper School campus.

Via side streets - Turn left onto Ventura Blvd, Turn right onto Coldwater Canyon, Turn left onto Harvard-Westlake Upper School campus.

Directions from Notre Dame High School:

Turn left out onto Woodman from parking lot, Turn left onto Riverside Drive, Turn right onto Coldwater Canyon, After passing Ventura Blvd, Harvard-Westlake will be on your left hand side.

Directions for Notre Dame High School

Address: Notre Dame High School, 13645 Riverside Drive, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Parking Instructions:

Park in the school lot off of Woodman Avenue. *If the school lot is full or you have a bus*, there is additional parking BEHIND the shops (Bank of America, Ross, etc.) diagonally across the street from the school. Bus parking can be found in this lot. If you park in front of the shops, your car is subject to be towed so please make sure to park behind the shops to avoid this costly nuisance.

Directions from Tournament Hotel:

Via freeway - Turn left onto Ventura Blvd, Turn left onto Sepulveda Blvd, Turn right onto the on-ramp to the 101 South Freeway, Exit at Woodman Avenue, Turn left onto Woodman Avenue. The school is on the corner of Woodman Avenue and Riverside Drive. Turn right into the parking lot on Woodman Avenue. if driving a bus, please unload passengers in the small turnout off of Woodman Avenue just before the parking lot.

Via side streets - Turn left on Ventura Blvd., Turn left onto Hazeltine, Turn right onto Riverside Drive, Turn left onto Woodman Avenue, Turn right into the Notre Dame parking lot on Woodman.

Directions from Harvard-Westlake:

Turn right onto Coldwater Canyon, Turn left on Riverside Drive, Turn right onto Woodman Avenue, Turn right into Notre Dame parking lot.