

## 2020 WSDT Invitation

**Date and Location:** January 18-19, 2020 (Saturday and Sunday) at West Bend East/West High Schools, 1305 E Decorah Rd. West Bend.

**Tournament Website:** [wsdt.tabroom.com](http://wsdt.tabroom.com) The most accurate and up to date info can be found here. There is also additional information there that is not included in this invite. Please check it often.

**Divisions:** Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, Novice Policy, and Varsity Policy.

Each division will have 6 preliminary rounds. Only teams with winning records will advance to the elimination rounds. An incomplete elim bracket will not be filled by 3-3 teams. This may mean that the first elim is a partial elim, with some seeds advancing without debating into the next elimination round, which will have a full bracket.

**Qualification:** Individual debaters must have earned a winning record during at least 2 tournaments, one of which may be a non-WDCA sanctioned tournament. A verified list of qualified students can be found at [wdcastate.appspot.com](http://wdcastate.appspot.com). For complete qualification procedures, check the standing rules. A single substitute is allowed in team divisions.

**Fees and Obligations:** \$60 per entry. If your district pays via EFT, please know we have new routing and account numbers you can obtain from the Treasurer, Dan Hansen ([hansend@fortschools.org](mailto:hansend@fortschools.org)). In order to compete, teams must have paid WDCA membership dues and registration fees must be paid or a PO/Check request signed by an administrator must be submitted before 8:00 AM on Saturday, January 18th. Teams not fulfilling both of these parts will not be allowed to compete. The membership form is online at [wdca.org](http://wdca.org)

**Judge Requirements:** In all divisions 1 judge for 1 team, 2 for 2 or 3 teams, 3 for 4 or 5 teams, etc. Tabroom might not reflect these requirements accurately, but they should be really close. All pools, including PF and LD are separate. Obligations must be met in each division a school has entries. Schools must fulfill their entire obligation. Hired judges are not available. Judges are obligated 2 full elimination (not partial) rounds beyond their schools elimination. For example, if the school's last team is eliminated in the quarterfinals, judges are obligated to the Semi AND Final rounds. If a partial elimination round is necessary, it will not count toward the 2 round obligation. If you are hiring a judge you believe to be unaffiliated to your school, please contact John Knetzger who will determine their status.

**Paradigms:** Judges are required to have a paradigm specific to the division they are judging in order to be considered registered. Additionally, paradigms should reflect the professional role of the judge. For example, offering speaker point bonuses for non-debate references is unacceptable and will need to be removed before the paradigm is considered complete and the judge registered. Sample templates can be found on the tournament website and [wdca.org](http://wdca.org)

**Judge Certification:** Any judge with less than 2 years of combined experience judging, coaching, and/or debating must be certified in the division they are judging. Training and certification materials are available at [wdca.org](http://wdca.org).

**Online Balloting/Live updates:** Judges are strongly encouraged to bring a device to ballot online. Students are strongly encouraged to have a linked account in order to get schematics sent right to their device. Schedules will be posted on paper in addition to being online and blasted via email/text.

**Preferencing** Preferencing will open on Wednesday, January 15th at 9 AM. It will close at 3 PM on Friday, January 17th. Teams in all divisions will rate their judges 1 through the number of available judges in the division. After preferencing closes, coaches will not be able to enter preferences for their teams. Specific instructions will be emailed to coaches before preferences open.

**Food:** Food options and lunch ticket orders will be the tournament website. Leaving campus for lunch isn't advised and won't be an acceptable reason for being late to a round. Lunch for judges, coaches, transportation specialists, and other adults is NOT included in registration fees. The deadline for lunch tickets is January 7th and all lunch tickets (for students, judges, and coaches) must be preordered.

**Deadlines** Entries are due by 6 PM on Monday January 13th. After that deadline, schools may substitute 1 debater in PF, NCX, and/or VCX. Judges must be entered by 6 PM on Tuesday, January 14th. All judges must have a linked tabroom account and a paradigm posted by the judge registration deadline. Again, the tournament does not offer hired judging. Teams not fulfilling their obligation will be required to reduce their entries to meet their obligation.

**Mandatory Check In** On Friday January 18th, between 5 and 8 PM, teams must confirm their entries and judges online or by text. Directions will be emailed to coaches closer to the tournament. Failure to register during this window will incur a \$35 fine.

**Registration** Coaches need to register in the tabroom (East Library) on Saturday between 7:15 and 7:45 AM. Important info will be given to coaches at that time.

**Schedule:** Please see the tournament website for the schedule. Mandatory meetings for students and judges will begin at 8 AM Saturday. All divisions will have Rounds 1-5 on Saturday. Sunday begins with round 6 and concludes with all elimination rounds. Sunday's awards ceremony is scheduled for approximately 3 PM.

**Additional Questions:** Please contact John Knetzger at [john.knetzger@gmail.com](mailto:john.knetzger@gmail.com) or 414.378.2839 with questions.