



Winter 2019 San Diego Middle School and Novice Invitational

Dear Colleague,

The San Diego Middle School Debate League takes pride in extending this invitation to your team for the [Winter 2019 San Diego Middle School and Novice Invitational](#), which will take place on **Saturday, November 30** at Westview High School, San Diego, CA.

Important Reminders/Announcements:

- This will be our first tournament at Westview HS!
- Both Impromptu and Policy will still be offered. We hope this will introduce another aspect of speech to high school novices and middle schoolers.
- Required permission forms are paperless! See Tabroom for e-signature forms.

The details and tournament rules follow. If there are any questions for us, please feel free to email us at sdmsleague@gmail.com. We hope to see all of you next month!

Sincerely,

San Diego Middle School Debate League
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THE WINTER 2019 SAN DIEGO MIDDLE SCHOOL & NOVICE INVITATIONAL

THE EVENT

The Winter 2019 San Diego Middle School and Novice Invitational will take place on
November 30, 2019 at Westview High School.

The address is: **13500 Camino Del Sur, San Diego, CA.**

This event is organized by the [San Diego Middle School Debate League](#), an initiative for middle school debate access that is organized by high school students. There will be a coach on campus to supervise all students and ensure that the tournament runs smoothly.

EVENTS

Public Forum

Public Forum will use the official NSDA PF topic for November/December 2019.

Resolved: The benefits of the United States federal government's use of offensive cyber operations outweigh the harms.

All NSDA Public Forum rules outlined in the Unified Manual will be enforced
(including the newly amended 3 minute summaries and prep).

Lincoln-Douglas

Lincoln-Douglas will use the official NSDA LD topic for November/December
2019.

Resolved: The United States ought to eliminate subsidies for fossil fuels.

All NSDA Lincoln-Douglas rules outlined in the Unified Manual will be enforced,
including the updated internet rules.

CHSSA rules will not be enforced, meaning that plans and counterplans are legal.

Parliamentary

Parliamentary topics will be submitted by coaches of participating schools and
reviewed by tournament directors for approval.

20 minutes of prep before each round will be provided.



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Students may use computers during prep, but not in round.
WiFi will not be allowed during prep. Students may **not** bring their own paper;
the tournament will provide such materials.

Policy

Policy will use the official NSDA Policy topic for 2019-2020.

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce Direct Commercial Sales and/or Foreign Military Sales of arms from the United States.

Time limits will be 8-3-5 with 8 minutes of prep. Each team will be guaranteed three affirmative and three negative rounds. Teams are not guaranteed that they will alternate between affirmative and negative.

Speech

Original Oratory, Expository, Impromptu, and Duo Interpretation will be offered.

IMPORTANT: Middle school speech can range from 6 (six) to 10 (ten) minutes.
This differs from Novice Speech, which require 10 minute speeches.

The first three rounds will be open to all participants. Only the top seven teams will advance to the fourth round.

AWARDS

There will be **four rounds** for every event.
Students who win three of the four rounds will receive a medal.
Those who win all four rounds will receive a trophy.

Awards will be given in the evening at the awards ceremony.
Full records will not be disclosed until after the tournament.

INTERNET/TECHNOLOGY RULES

WiFi information will be provided to students on tournament day.

Please refer to [Tabroom](#) for event-specific rules on internet usage. Judges and competitors are expected to report internet rule violations.



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ENTRIES

Please submit all of your entries through Tabroom. We will try to accommodate as many teams as possible and double-flight rounds if necessary. There are no per team caps - we are operating on a first come, first serve basis.

IMPORTANT: To be eligible as a Novice debater, one must be in their first year of high school Speech and Debate. Those who have competed on the National Circuit before are **not** eligible. In addition, partners that are "mixed" (one Novice, one Varsity) will not be allowed to compete.

ADULT SUPERVISION

Each school must be accompanied by a chaperone (usually a coach). **Students should not leave campus at any time during the tournament.** If emergencies occur, please have the student talk to his/her supervisor, who will then contact the tournament directors.

JUDGING

Schools must send 1 judge (for 4 rounds) per four entries (or any fraction thereof).

High school students may judge if they have circuit tournament experience.

If a school fails to provide judges for the required amount of rounds, they must hire a judge from the tournament to reach the required amount of rounds (\$10 per round).

It is the responsibility of the coach or the judge himself/herself to let the tournament directors know if they will NOT be judging for the entire day. Judges who will only be at the tournament at certain times of the day must contact the League in advance (sdmsleague@gmail.com). Otherwise, we will assume that you'll be available for judging for the entire day.

For additional information, please refer to [Tabroom](#).



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REGISTRATION

Mavericks will not be allowed at this tournament. Individual exceptions may be made by SDMS Debate League and the tournament directors.

Every participant must sign **both** signature forms found in this invitation.

Every adult present must sign the Judge/Chaperone agreement.

These permission forms can be found on Tabroom.

Please have students, chaperones, and judges fill out the form by November 29th, 2019 11:59 PM.

Each school's supervisor must submit registration fees and all permission forms by the time they check in on the day of the tournament.

Check in is from 7:00 AM to 7:45 AM in the tabulation room.

Registration will be completed on Tabroom through coaches' portals, but fees must be paid by check. See *Payment Process* for details regarding payment.

FEES

Public Forum, Parliamentary, Policy, Duo Interpretation	\$20 per entry
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Lincoln-Douglas, Individual Speech Events	\$10 per entry
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Hired or missing judge	\$10 per round
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No school fee. Invoices will be emailed to coaches after registration has ended.

If you are financially unable to pay the full amount listed above, please talk to the San Diego Middle School Debate League (see *Contact*).

See *Payment Process* for details regarding the payment process.



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PAYMENT PROCESS

Fees should be paid before 7:45 AM on November 30, 2019.

Unpaid entries will be dropped.

Please write **one check** for both entry fees and judging fees (if applicable).

All checks should be written to “**Westview Foundation**”, with “**Middle School Debate Tournament**” and your school’s name in the memo. They must be given in person on tournament day.

If your school or district requires a W-9 form from us, please don’t hesitate to contact us at sdmsleague@gmail.com.

LODGING

The tournament will not provide accommodations for hotels and transportation.

The school’s team supervisor is responsible for both.

CONTACT

All questions should be directed to the San Diego Middle School Debate League.

Our tournament directors are Syon Mansur, Isabella Yang, and Julie Zhu.

Our email is sdmsleague@gmail.com.

Our Tabroom site is: www.sdmsl.tabroom.com

Our website is: www.sdmsleague.weebly.com

A campus map can be found on Tabroom.



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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

Saturday, November 30, 2019

Rounds may be double-flighted.

IMPORTANT: All students must arrive by 8:00AM at latest.

All Events

On-Site Registration	6:30 AM - 7:45 AM
Judges and Coaches Meeting	7:30 AM - 8:00 AM
Awards Ceremony	5:45 PM - 6:30 PM

Public Forum, Lincoln-Douglas, Parliamentary*, and Speech

Round 1	8:30 AM - 10:15 AM
Round 2	10:45 AM - 12:30 PM
Round 3	1:00 PM - 2:45 PM
Round 4	3:15 PM - 5:15 PM

*Parliamentary prep period begins 20 minutes before listed times and lasts 20 minutes

Concessions will be provided during the tournament for students (see map). No specific time will be set aside for lunch, as we are running on a tight schedule. Students usually buy food between rounds. **Please remember that students cannot leave campus to purchase food.**

Judges and coaches will be provided with complimentary food in the tabulation/judges room.