



The 4.2 Annual Palatine High School Walk the Plank Debate Tournament January 18th, 2020



Dear Coaches,

Palatine High School would like to invite you to our fifth annual Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum Debate Tournament on Saturday, January 18th, 2020! We are hosting **Novice, JV**, and **Varsity** divisions. However, we are limited on space, so early entries are encouraged.

Competitors will debate the NSDA **January/February** LD and PF topic. Please visit the following link for the specific topics: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/topics/>

A couple of specifics: We will use <http://walktheplank.tabroom.com> for registration and tabulation of the tournament. Using the website will require **all judges to bring a laptop or mobile device to type out and submit ballots**. If you have judges who cannot meet this expectation, please e-mail the tournament director with specific names. If you do not already have one, please set up a school account on www.tabroom.com ASAP and have your judges set up individual accounts as well. Further instructions will follow as we approach the tournament date.

Tournament Schedule: The tournament will have 5 rounds!

7:00-7:45 a.m.	Registration (Media Center/Library)
8:15	Tournament Announcements for All Debaters & Judges (Student Cafeteria)
8:30	Round One [preset]
9:45	Round Two [preset]
11:00	Round Three [power-matched based on 1 & 2]
11:45	Lunch (Student Concessions, Pizza Delivery & Complimentary Judges Lounge)
12:30pm	Round Four [power-matched based on 3]
1:30	Round Five [power-matched based on 4]
2:45	Awards Ceremony (Student Cafeteria)

**ALL JUDGES ARE REQUIRED TO BE
AVAILABLE TO JUDGE ALL FIVE ROUNDS!**

Fees & Judges

Each Public Forum entry is \$25. Each Lincoln-Douglas entry is \$20. One adult judge is required for every two Public Forum pairs/teams. One adult judge is required for every two Lincoln-Douglas entries. **Uncovered judges will incur a fee of \$200.** Please contact me (bmoreno@d211.org) if you are unable to meet this requirement (especially if you are a newer school). You are expected to hire trained and experienced judges.

To help remedy judge requirements, Varsity (with 3 years' experience who choose not to debate this tournament) can judge novice rounds. Please indicate this on Tabroom by writing **STUDENT JUDGE** under comments.

Awards

Based on entry numbers, team awards will be given to the top three teams (PF receives an award for each debater), and speaker awards will be given to the top five speakers in each division.

Lunch

Adult judges will be served complimentary food for lunch. Breakfast snacks will be served and plenty of coffee will be available all day.

For students, breakfast items, snacks, and drinks will be sold in the Student Cafeteria, but pizza lunch orders **must be made in advance by Tuesday, January 14th, at 9:00 AM.** This can be done during registration on <http://walktheplank.tabroom.com>.

New judges should be trained by their head coaches before the tournament. New judges should be identified in the Judge Notes section on the registration page of Tabroom. We will do our best to pair them with an experienced judge during Round 1, but it cannot be guaranteed. However, you can help by indicating "NEW JUDGE" under Judge's notes.

Entry Caps/Waitlist

We will cap entries in each division at 4. We are very likely able to accommodate more and all entries, but will not determine that until entries start coming in. Please register ASAP in order to get waitlist priority if your entries exceed 4 in each division.

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