



CARL SANDBURG HIGH SCHOOL CONVOCAATION OF EAGLES DEBATE TOURNAMENT

17th Annual Tournament

Saturday, January 25th, 2020



Dear Fellow Debate Coach:

The Carl Sandburg High School Debate Team would like to invite you to our campus to participate in our annual Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum tournament on Saturday, January 25, 2020. As always, we promise great competition and warm hospitality in a 5-round tournament. The good news is that we should have enough classrooms to host all of your students!

PF Topic: RESOLVED: The United States should end its economic sanctions against Venezuela.

LD Topic: RESOLVED: States ought to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

Divisions: **Novice, Junior Varsity, and Varsity**

Novice: First year of debate (any type)

Junior Varsity: Second year of debate experience (coaches can move students up from novice to a higher level of competition at any time)

Varsity: Two or more years of debate experience (coaches can move students up from novice or JV to a higher level of competition at any time)

NOTE: NO MAVERICK teams in PF

Fees: \$25 per debater in LD; \$25 per team in PF

Judging: One full judge is required for every two debaters (or part of) in a division. For example, if you have 5 teams in PF and 4 teams in LD, you will need 5 Judges: 3 PF judges and 2 LD judges. Sandburg may have some judges available for hire for the cost of \$180.00. Call early to reserve your judges. You can also let me know if you have any judges available for hire. All judges are expected to be available for all five rounds. Your school will be charged \$180.00 for every qualified judge you are short, (including half-judges).

Remember that this is one of the last opportunities to get judges experience before IHSA! All IHSA judges MUST meet qualifications outlined in the Terms & Conditions on the IHSA website.

Trophies: Awards will be given to the top 5 teams in each division and speaker awards will be given to the top 10 speakers in each division.

Registration: Registration should be completed on Tabroom.com
Preliminary numbers would be appreciated by Friday, January 10
All TBA's will be dropped on Monday, January 13 at 3:00
We will notify Waitlisted teams on Tuesday, January 14
ALL Registration should be completed by Wednesday, January 22 at 5:00 PM

Location/ Carl Sandburg High School
Contact 13300 S. LaGrange Road
Info: Orland Park, IL 60462
(Parking is in the West lot—entrance is off of 131st Street;
Student entrance is door W8).

Address all emails to

Lainee McGraw: emcgraw@d230.org

Cell Phones: Scott 708.642.9000

Lainee 708.828.6200

New Judges: Please note any brand new judges when you register so that we can try to leave them off the first round (no promises, but we will try). We will also appreciate information about all judging experience for all judges on Tabroom.

Disclosing: Judges are expected to completely and thoroughly fill out each ballot, but SHOULD NOT disclose their decision. If judges want to provide a BRIEF critique at the end of the round, please understand that this DOES NOT replace a carefully written ballot that clearly articulates a reason for decision based on the arguments in the round. These ballots are invaluable to coaches and students.

Food: Our parents do a wonderful job of providing students with great food opportunities. Food will be sold for a small fee. Judges and Students: Please DO NOT leave the building for food. In the past, judges who left the building have delayed the tournament. Pizza orders will be taken on Tabroom.

**SEND A TEXT MESSAGE WITH INFORMATION
ABOUT CHANGES/DROPS ON SATURDAY MORNING
WHEN YOU'RE ON THE BUS TO: (708) 828.6200**



CARL SANDBURG HIGH SCHOOL CONVOCAION OF EAGLES TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Tentative Tournament Schedule:	7:15 -8:00 AM	Registration
	8:00	Tournament Announcements
	8:30	Round I
		*Students who receive a "BYE" should always remain in the cafeteria
	9:30	Round II
	11:00	Round III
	Noon	Lunch (Student concessions & Complimentary Judges Lounge)
	1:00	Round IV
		ALL JUDGES ARE REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE TO JUDGE ALL FIVE ROUNDS OF DEBATE. Judges not scheduled should be on stand-by if needed.
	2:15	Round V
	4:00	Awards Ceremony in PAC

*We will move up times where possible





CARL SANDBURG HIGH SCHOOL CONVOCAION OF EAGLES DEBATE TOURNAMENT JUDGING EXPECTATIONS

IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE PROGRAM'S HEAD COACH TO MAKE SURE EACH JUDGE HAS READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE FOLLOWING EXPECTATIONS.

THIS IS AN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY AND THE STUDENTS ARE OUR MAIN PRIORITY. PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION. JUDGES AT ALL TIMES ARE EXPECTED TO ACT IN A DIGNIFIED AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER.

All judges should bring a laptop or mobile device to submit online ballots. Smart phones that connect to WiFi/Internet also work, but are not ideal. All judges are expected to stay through Round 5.

New judges should be trained by their head coaches before the tournament. New judges should be identified in the Judge Notes section of Tabroom registration.

Pairings will be posted electronically on Tabroom. Judges who are not assigned to judge a debate are expected to be on "standby." Please say in the Cafeteria so that we can find you if necessary. If you get a bye, please check back to make sure your assignment hasn't been changed.

Judges should be the first ones to enter a room and the last ones to leave. Judges and students should not touch anything other than student desks. **DO NOT SIT AT THE TEACHER'S DESK OR UNPLUG ANYTHING.** Report unusual classroom conditions to the tournament director.

If a debater is not present within 10 minutes of the release of pairings, please send a student to tab to communicate with the tournament staff. **Make sure to hit start on your mobile device when you start your round.**

Observers are only allowed in round where members of their own school are competing or judging. Observers are allowed to flow for educational purposes. Schools without debaters are allowed to observe any debate.

Judges should verbally verify the debater information that is on the ballot. In PF especially, confirm school names, debater names, sides of the debate, and the speaking order. Debaters should legibly write their team information on the boards in the classrooms. Make sure the correct teams are competing in your room.

Be nice to the kids. While it is important to be honest, always be supportive and professional in your criticisms.

Be attentive during all parts of the debate. Judges are expected to flow during speeches and to listen attentively during CX and crossfire. Judges can use timers and laptops to

adjudicate the round, but texting during the debate conveys serious disregard to the debaters in the round and to the coaches/schools who hired you.

Judges should not conduct online research to fact-check debaters. It is the obligation of the competitors to challenge the veracity of arguments presented.

THERE IS NO DISCLOSURE ALLOWED. Judges are expected to completely and thoroughly fill out each ballot but cannot disclose decisions.

Please type constructive and specific feedback in the **REASON FOR DECISION** section of the ballot. This will provide great insight for coaches after each round. You must give a valid explanation for your decision. Specify the particular arguments that you found most convincing (or not) and how/why the arguments were weighed. RFD's such as "The Neg had better arguments" are too vague. If your RFD is not sufficient, you will be contacted by the tab staff and asked to add information.

Please be mindful of awarding of awarding fair speaker points. Scores range from 20-30. 30s are rare and denote exceptional debate skills. Scores of 20-24 should be given in cases of below-average debate for each division or offensive behavior during the round. Scores below 25 are very rare and must be specifically justified on the ballot. Half points are acceptable. Low point wins must be confirmed on the ballot.

Ballots must be submitted online no later than 10 minutes after the round ends. Let the tabroom know if you need additional time to complete your comments. The tournament cannot move forward until the last ballot is returned after each round.

Thank you for taking the time to support our students and for adhering to our rules. We realize how important our judges are to the success of this tournament, and we are here to support you and our students. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the tab staff immediately.

