



Welcome to the 5th Annual Harvard College World Schools Invitational

The dates for the invitational are: March 6-8th, 2020. We hope to see you there! Our registration process will open on November 1, 2019 and will close on Feb 15, 2020.

Our tournament offers:

- **High-Quality Judging:**
 - The majority of our judge pool is composed of former WSDC Champions, WSDC National team members, out-round WSDC judges, highly successful British Parliamentary collegiate debaters, and other members of the Harvard College Debating Union who come from highly successful domestic and international backgrounds.
- **High-Quality Competition:**
 - We frequently have multiple national teams attend our tournament as they prepare for the upcoming World Schools Debating Championship in the summer.
- **High-Quality Training:**
 - Every year we host multiple workshops on the WSDC format and other important issues that come up in debate; these formats will be led by members of our organizing and CA team, all of whom are immensely qualified WSDC debaters.

Competition Rules and Procedures

The Harvard College World Schools Invitational will be in the World Schools Debating Championships style. All rules and formats on tournament procedure will follow the WSDC handbook.

In following the spirit of WSDC, all teams will be of 3-5 students. All speakers in a team must be 19 years of age or younger in March 2020. Teams are not limited to being of a single school. Novice eligibility shall be defined as competing at three tournaments (including the HCWSI 2020) or less.

Registration

All registration will be done through Tabroom at (<http://hcwsitabroom.com>).

Once you submit registration, please confirm by sending us an email at amedina2@college.harvard.edu. We will use this to double-check that participants have submitted information correctly into tabroom. Feel free to ask for instructions on how to register over tabroom through this account.

Contact

Please feel free to email the tournament director at amedina2@college.harvard.edu for any questions.

The President of the Harvard College Debating Union, Tejal Patwardhan, may be reached at tejal_patwardhan@college.harvard.edu. For international attendees, we are happy to provide letters for visa purposes - please reach out to the aforementioned individuals for assistance.

Fees

Members of teams that register before December 31st shall be required to pay an entry fee of \$120 per student. For example, a team of three is required to pay a \$360 entry fee. After December 31st, the

registration fee will be increased to \$135 per member. In order for your spot to be confirmed at the tournament, we expect a **deposit to be paid in full by March 1st, 2020**. Each school's deposit will be 25% of the overall fees they are expected to pay.

Eligibility

- All speakers in a team are from the same institution.
- All speakers in a team must be 19 years of age or younger in March 2020
- All speakers must neither be enrolled in a university or equivalent post-secondary learning institution nor be attending university varsity debating training in March 2020
- An eligibility check will be done on each team interested in competing for a berth at HCWSI in the month prior to the event

Judging Requirement

One judge is required for every two teams per school (rounded down, so schools with 5 teams require 2 judges). A missing judge fee is applied at a rate of \$100 per day for teams that fail to meeting their judging obligation. For example, a judge missing for each day of the tournament will be expected to pay \$300.

Schedule

**Location will be finalized at the end of January, but it will likely be Emerson Hall (25 Quincy St, Cambridge, MA 02138)*

Friday, March 6, 2020

12:00 PM Registration Opens

2:30 PM Registration Closes

3:00 PM Round 1 (Prepared)

4:30 PM Round 2 (Prepared)

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Round 3 (Impromptu)

Saturday, March 7, 2020

9:00 AM Round 4 (Prepared)

10:30 AM Round 5 (Prepared)

12:00 PM Lunch

1:30 PM Round 6 (Impromptu)

4:00 PM Round 7 (Impromptu)

6:30 PM Dinner + Break

Sunday, March 8, 2020

8:00 AM Octos (Impromptu)

10:30 AM Quarters (Prepared)

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Semis (Impromptu)

3:30 PM Finals (Impromptu)

5:30 PM Awards

Food

Dinner will be provided on Saturday, March 7th to all attendees. Harvard square provides ready access to lots of options for food, and we have adjusted the schedule to allow participants a reasonable amount of time to get food.

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As a testament to our educational philosophy and teaching effectiveness, Capstone students find success in nearly every intellectual and academic pursuit. At the 2016 World Schools Debating Championship in Germany, two Capstone debaters placed in the Top 5 in the world individual rankings. This is on top of a full stable of debaters that have made the finals series and top speakers lists at World Individuals 2017, Cambridge Schools 2017, Oxford Schools 2017, HCWSI 2017, and more.

Every year, Capstone students are accepted into the Ivy League, Oxford and Cambridge, and other world leading universities at a rate that is typically 5 to 8 times higher than normal. Such has become the culture and norm because of Capstone's emphasis on the core thinking and communication skills of each student, enabling them to achieve more.