

Dear Coaches,

The Great Communicator Debates will be hosted this summer at the Reagan Library in California.

The Northeastern Regional Qualification Tournament will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2020 and will be hosted online by Chaminade High School.

Overview and Scholarships

Overview for the entire Great Communicator Debate Series can be found here: www.reaganfoundation.org/ReaganDebates

\$50,000 in scholarship money is awarded each year.

Registration policies

Debaters may participate in one regional tournament and the online tournament. Schools may register up to 8 debaters. After 8, debaters will be placed on a waiting list. We will clear the waiting list as quickly as possible.

Students who have competed in another regional qualifier may not participate in the Northeastern Regional Qualifier.

The registration fee is \$10 per student. Please pay online. There is a link on tabroom. Payment must be made by Wed, May 6 along with registration. Any debater who has not paid will be dropped.

Registration is due by 9 pm on May 6. Fees and judge obligations will be frozen at that time. After that time, you may not drop judges. Any student drops after that time must be paid for.

Competitor Rules and Eligibility

A complete set of Rules and Eligibility can be found here: <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/great-communicator-debate-series/debate-resources/>

Judging Requirements

Each school must provide 1 judge for every 2 debaters or fraction thereof. Therefore, if you have 1 or 2 debaters, you need 1 judge. If you have 3 or 4 debaters, you need 2 judges, etc. Judges must be at least 18 years old and have been out of high school for two years to be eligible to judge, meaning the person should have graduated in June 2017 or earlier. **NO HIRED JUDGING IS PROVIDED.** Judges are expected to remain until the semifinal round is

underway. No judge may leave earlier without the express permission of the tabroom. A judge's failure to remain could jeopardize a school's ability to compete in the future.

Sample ballot can be found here: <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/media/129899/great-communicator-debate-ballot-2017.pdf>

Judge Training Video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4nlGuYILQ4>

There will also be a training session on Thursday evening. It will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

Debate Format

Details for the Great Communicator Debate Series debate format can be found here: https://www.reaganfoundation.org/media/129897/gcds-information-guide_final.pdf

The debate will be similar to Public Forum Debate, but students will compete individually.

The topic for the tournament is: **RESOLVED: States are more effective at legislating to improve the environment than the Federal Government.**

We will be running on an online Zoom platform this year, the same technology that the Reagan Foundation has used for its annual online qualifier. Rounds will be run online and judged online. All judges MUST have a tabroom account. For information on how to set up a tabroom account, please go to: <http://www.lifa.org/lifadocs.org/registerjudge.pdf>

Because of the large numbers and the experience of other tournaments, we have had to revise the schedule. We need to allow a good deal of time in between rounds to set up the Zoom breakout rooms and to deal with any technical difficulties.

All times are Eastern Daylight time:

7:15 AM Login to Main Zoom link (Welcome, Judge Video, Q+A, Discuss Red/Blue Pools)

8:00 Break into Red & Blue Zooms (test tech and check-in)

9:00 Rd. 1 Random

10:15 Rd. 2 Random

11:30 Rd. 3 Delay Power (1) OR Direct if time allows (1 & 2)

12:45 Rd. 4 Delay Power (1 & 2) OR Direct if time allows (1-3)

2:00 Rd. 5 Direct power

4:00 Combined Double-Octos (Top 16 from both Red & Blue. Copied and sorted by W/L, Hi-Lo Speaks, Judge Variance, Total Speaks, Opp Record in Spreadsheet then paired manually into new Elims division)

5:15 Octos

6:15 Quarters

7:15 Sems

8:00 Finals

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Forensics Moderator