

# Omaha Westside High School

## Warrior Invitational 2020

Omaha Westside High School will hold the **2020 Westside Warrior Invitational** debate tournament on **January 3-4, 2020**. Let this announcement serve as your invitation. We are excited to be your hosts and strongly encourage you to attend. We value our tradition of offering an excellent debate experience marked by competitive and constructive debates, as well as a diverse pool of talented debaters; all with commensurate hospitality. The 2020 Westside Warrior Invitational will be no different.

We offer competition in the following debate events: **Policy Debate** (Novice & Varsity), **Lincoln-Douglas Debate** (Novice & Varsity), **Congress**, and **Public Forum Debate**.

***\*\*\* Only Policy Debate will compete on Friday, January 3rd (BOTH DIVISIONS). All other events occur (and Policy debates resume) on Saturday, January 4th.***

The 2020 Westside Warrior Invitational continues as a **Tournament of Champions qualifying tournament for Varsity Policy at the Final Round**.

Registration for all divisions will be at Omaha Westside High School (Friday for Policy; Saturday for the rest).

In order to make this tournament more affordable and inviting for our guests, we will provide lunch for competitors, judges, coaches, and drivers on both days. We will not offer a concession "booth", but rather, we will provide snacks and refreshments throughout the day and, as always, a bountiful judges' and coaches' lounge. If any students have a specific dietary restriction, please let us know as soon as possible so we can accommodate.

Omaha Westside Debate is committed to a fully inclusive and accessible tournament. No individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from

participation in the 2020 Westside Warrior Invitational debate tournament. We want to ensure everyone who wants to participate has the chance to do so. If there is a need for accommodation or to address other issues/barriers, please do not hesitate to contact me or Laurie -- the earlier the better.

Sincerely,

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# General Information

## Entry Fees

Entries will only be accepted through Tabroom.com. Please check our tournament's page for deadlines and such: <http://westsidewarrior.tabroom.com>

Varsity Policy: \$20 per team

Novice Policy: \$15 per team

Varsity Lincoln-Douglas: \$20 per team

Novice Lincoln-Douglas: \$15 per team

Congress: \$10 per entry

Varsity Public Forum Debate: \$20 per team

Novice Public Forum Debate: \$15 per team

## Judges

Judges supplied by a school are obligated one round beyond their team's elimination in that event. Failure to meet this obligation will result in the school being charged for a hired judge to cover that round.

We require teams to provide:

- 1 judge per 2 Policy teams
- 1 judge per 2 Lincoln-Douglas entries
- 1 judge per 2 Public Forum teams
- 1 judge per 6 Congressional Debate entries

A limited number of judges will be available for hire through the tournament. If you wish to hire a judge through the tournament, it will be necessary to know this by December 27th. After that date, please contact us to see if we can make arrangements.

Fees associated with hiring tournament judges are:

- \$200.00 per Policy debate judge (to cover two entries or portion thereof)

- \$200.00 per LD debate judge (to cover three entries or portion thereof)
- \$150.00 per Public Forum judge (to cover two entries or portion thereof)
- \$15.00 per Congress judge per entry

Fees must be paid at or before registration. Checks should be made out to:

Westside Debate  
Westside High School  
8701 Pacific Street  
Omaha, NE 68114

### **Additional Issues and Information**

For events which are designed to be team events (Policy and Public Forum debate), registration must be done as a team. Registration for team events as a single participant will not be allowed. If unforeseen circumstances such as illness or injury creates a need for a partner to drop out, the other partner may compete solo; but we will not advance solo or “maverick” team(s) to elimination rounds.

Each Individual entered in a novice division event must be a competitor in their first year of debate competition. This means if the student has earned any NSDA points prior to August of this year, they are not a novice. If they had 1 competition last year, but was for a different event we will not accept their entry at the novice level. If you believe an exception should be made, contact me or Laurie to submit a request.

Issues may arise prior to or during the tournament that have not been addressed in this invitation. These issues need to be brought to the attention of the tournament director who will work to resolve the issue and/or make a final decision.

### **Schedules (Tentative)**

#### **Policy Debate Schedule (Both Divisions)**

Both divisions of Policy debate will use the 2019-2020 National Speech and Debate Coaches Association Policy Debate resolution: “Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce Direct Commercial Sales and/or Foreign Military Sales of arms from the United States.”

Only teams with a winning record will break. We will be offering strikes in the Varsity division. The strike list will be released the Tuesday before the start of the tournament.

### **Friday, January 3rd**

Registration – Main Entrance      8:00 AM

Round 1      9:00 AM

Round 2      11:00 AM

Lunch (provided)

Round 3      2:30 PM

Round 4      5:00 PM

### **Saturday, January 4th**

Round 5      8:00 AM

Round 6 Varsity Policy---Quarterfinals in Novice Policy      10:00 AM

Lunch (provided)

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Quarterfinals in Varsity Policy---Finals in Novice Policy      3:00 PM

Semifinals in Varsity Policy      5:00 PM

Awards      7:00 PM

Finals in Varsity Policy      7:30 PM

### **Lincoln-Douglas Debate Schedule (Both Divisions)**

Both divisions of Lincoln-Douglas Debate will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format with 4 minutes of preparation time. Only debaters with a winning record will break. The resolution will be the National Speech and Debate Coaches Association topic for January/February.

### **Saturday, January 4th**

Registration – Main Entrance      7:30 AM

Round 1      8:00 AM

Round 2      9:30 AM

Round 3      10:45 AM

Lunch 12:00 PM

Round 4      12:30 PM

Round 5      1:45 PM  
Quarterfinals 3:00 PM  
Semifinals    4:30 PM  
Finals 5:30 PM  
Awards        7:00 PM

### **Public Forum Debate Schedule (Both Divisions)**

Both Public Forum divisions will follow the standard 4-4-3-4-4-3-2-2-3-2-2 time format and 2 minutes of preparation time. Each round will begin with a coin flip. Both divisions will use the National Speech and Debate Coaches Association's January resolution.

#### **Saturday, January 4th**

Round 1      8:00 AM  
Round 2      9:30 AM  
Round 3      10:45 AM  
Lunch 12:00 PM  
Round 4      12:30 PM  
Round 5      1:45 PM  
Quarterfinals 3:00 PM  
Semifinals    4:30 PM  
Finals 5:30 PM  
Awards        7:00 PM

A NOTE FOR BOTH LD AND PF: If entries warrant, we will modify the schedule(s) to accommodate for a partial double-octofinal round.

### **Congressional Debate**

The docket will be posted on Tabroom.com.

#### **SCHEDULE FOR BOTH DIVISIONS OF CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE**

#### **Saturday, January 4th**

Committees 8:00 AM

Session 1 8:30 AM

Break 10:00 AM

Session 2 10:15 AM

Lunch 11:30 AM

Session 3 12:30 PM

Break 2:00 PM

Session 4 2:15 PM

Voting 3:30 PM

Awards at Westside High School ASAP