



ESSD Middle School Invitational

April Topic

RESOLVED: The United States should remove nearly all of its military presence in the Arab states of Persian Gulf.

On behalf of the Early Scholars Speech & Debate Society, Welcome!

Online Venue Start time:

Registration and the online debate space will open at **8:00 AM Eastern Time** on Saturday April 18th. Tournament staff will be available to answer questions and help troubleshoot technology. Orientation for judges will begin at 8:30 AM. Please click the link to the Zoom web conference room hosted by Early Scholars: [ESSD Invitational](#)

Troubleshooting Zoom:

- All competitors and judges must have access to reliable Wi-Fi, a device with a microphone and webcam, and a quiet place to debate.
- Please Test your device before the tournament using <https://www.zoom.us/test>
- If you experience issues start with the [Zoom FAQ](#).

Registration

Check-in will open at 8:00 am on Saturday, April 18th.

Check-in will close at 8:50 am. **You must be checked in with the tournament on Zoom by 8:50 AM to be included in the Round 1 pairings.**

Divisions

We will offer two divisions in Public Forum: Novice (1st yr debater) and Open (2+ yrs).

Entry fees & Judge Obligations

\$50/team

Schedule

<u>PF Novice --First year debaters</u> 9:00 Round 1 11:00 Round 2 1:30 Round 3	<u>PF Open</u> 10:00 Round 1 12:00 Round 2 2:00 Round 3	<p>The NSDA PF rules include 3 minutes of prep time and speech times of 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2-2.</p> <p>For the online tournaments, we will increase prep time to <u>4 minutes</u>.</p>
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4:00pm: Award Ceremony Announcements: Live Broadcast via Youtube:

Awards will be emailed certificates

For questions and comments, contact Erin Jacques, PhD info@earllyscholarsny.com