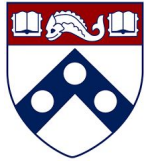




Online University of Pennsylvania World Schools Tournament



Introduction

The Penn Debate Society is delighted to welcome you to our inaugural **online** World Schools Tournament, to be hosted from **Friday, April 17 to Sunday, April 19, 2020**. The tournament will feature three prepared and three impromptu rounds of world schools-style debate, followed by a break to quarterfinals.

Our tournament will feature high-quality judging from independent adjudicators and the members of the Penn Debate Society, which include alumni of World Schools Team USA, India, Canada, South Africa, Pakistan, Philippines, Korea, Thailand, Hungary, Botswana, and Lithuania. This diverse range of backgrounds will ensure that participants receive feedback from a range of debate philosophies and styles and are well prepared for the competition on the international circuit.

All members of the winning team will receive a course certificate for Kaplan SAT Prep.

Online Format

Various platforms for hosting our tournament are still being tested, but we tentatively plan to use Zoom for GA announcements and Hangouts calls for individual debate rounds. More details will be posted as they become finalized.

Registration and Fees

Registration will open on **April 1st** and will close on **April 13th**.

Registration fees will be \$30.00 per team member. Teams will be able to make payment via check or credit card payment through Eventbrite (linked [here](#)). **Fee waivers are available for teams in need**, so please contact Tvisha Malik (tvisha@wharton.upenn.edu) if you would like to request one.

Drop fees will go into effect beginning **Wednesday, April 15th, 2020**. Drops on or after this date that reduce the team's size below the minimum of 3 will simply forfeit the initial entry fee per person. For example, if a team of 3 has 1 competitor who drops on March 16th, they would pay \$30 in drop fees. However, if a team of 4 or 5 students had 1 competitor drop, they would not pay any drop fees.

Please make all checks payable to the University of Pennsylvania. Payment can be mailed to us in advance or paid on the first day of the tournament in person.

If mailing checks, please send checks to the following address with **Attn. Heather Durham**:

3417 Spruce Street, 200 Houston Hall
Philadelphia, PA 19104
TIN: 23-1352685 | W9 available upon request.

Please direct any questions to the Penn Debate Society's VP of Finance: Tvisha Malik, tvisha@wharton.upenn.edu.

Schedule

Please note that this schedule is tentative and subject to change depending on time zones of teams registered. All times are in Eastern Time (GMT-4).

Friday, April 17, 2020	Saturday, April 18, 2020	Sunday, April 19, 2020
2:15 PM Tournament Briefing	9:00 AM Round 4 (Impromptu)	9:00 AM Quarters (Prepared)
3:00 PM Round 1 (Prepared)	11:30 AM Round 5 (Prepared)	10:30 AM Semis (Impromptu)
4:30 PM Round 2 (Impromptu)	1:00 PM Lunch	1:00 PM Lunch Break
7:00 PM Round 3 (Prepared)	2:00 PM Round 6 (Impromptu)	2:30 PM Finals (Prepared)
	4:30 PM Break + Speaker Awards	3:30 PM Awards

Rules and Regulations

The Penn World Schools Tournament will be conducted in the World Schools Debating Championships Style. The latest version of the WSDC rules can be found [here](#).

As per the WSDC guidelines, all teams must consist of at least 3 debaters and no more than 5 competitors. Teams are not limited to being of a single school or nationality.

Judging Requirement

We ask that schools bring at least one judge if possible if they are bringing 2 teams or more so that we can run our tournament as smoothly as possible.

Contact

For more information, please contact penndebatesociety@gmail.com and we will be happy to answer your query. You can also contact our President (Shreyoshi Das) directly at dasshrey@wharton.upenn.edu, or our Tournament Director (Kasra Khadem) at khadem@wharton.upenn.edu.