2020 ChiTown Throwdown Debate TournamentInvitation

Saturday, May 23rd - Sunday, May 24th, 2020 (Central Time)

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 1st Annual ChiTown Throwdown Debate Tournament. Due to the unfortunate circumstances of the world, we are hosting this tournament in hopes of making Policy Debate more accessible online and providing students with a fun chance to experiment and end their season on their own terms. The tournament's rounds on Saturday and Sunday will be held online in Zoom rooms provided by the tournament.  The tournament will provide competition in the Open and Novice divisions, however, if there are less than 14 entries in the Novice division, the entire tournament will remain Open Policy.

Technology Checklist for Person In Charge/Debaters/Judges

1. Practiced a Zoom Call (practice rooms are in link above)

2. Determined best internet connection

* Hold a zoom call
* Ethernet is best
* Minimizing the distance and obstacles between you and your router is 2nd best.

3. Computer video works

* Verify you are visible and don’t have anything distracting or inappropriate in the background

4. Computer audio works

* Know where your microphone is on your computer if not using an external device.
* Know what behaviors during a round could obscure your microphone.

5. Bookmark website

<https://dailyndavisdebate.wixsite.com/chitowninvitational>

<https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn_id=16287>

HOW TO REGISTER

Teams must register by Monday, May 18th, space permitting. Tournament entry and judges are also due at this time. If, for any reason there is a conflict, please email lindblomdebate@gmail.com.

We will accept as many entries as we have available rooms. If we have filled up by the time you register, we will have a waiting list available. Please enter early to assure your teams a spot at the tournament. All registration and entries should be done at [www.tabroom.com.](http://www.tabroom.com/)  The exact URL for our tournament registration can be found at<https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn_id=16287>

PERSON IN CHARGE CHECKLIST

1. Contact form filled out [here](https://forms.gle/d1yo267n1N5pf5oi6)

2. Video release form (for all judges/coaches/students) filled out

2. You will be quick to respond to communications from tournament staff both days of the event

3. You have the contact information for all judges and students related to your entry.

4. You have established fast lines of communication with all judges and students to use during the tournament

5. You have registered all relevant observers using the contact form.

6. You only share your school’s personalized password with your students and judges

* (Sharing passwords with unauthorized users can result in fines and impact your school’s ability to remain in the tournament.)

7. Schedule a check in time online with your team and judges on Friday or Saturday morning so you

can verify everyone is up and ready.

Judging Requirements

Each team must provide one judge per entry in each division. We have a very, very, **very**, limited number of volunteer judges available. If, under any circumstances, you can’t find a judge for your team, we will do our best to try to get you situated.

**Novice Division:** Judges must have completed one full year of high school policy debate and three additional tournaments. All judges are responsible for submitting any standing conflicts. Judges must have a Tabroom account and an updated paradigm by May 13th.

**Open Division:** Judges must have three complete years of high school policy debate, all judges are responsible for submitting any standing conflicts. Judges must have a Tabroom account and an updated paradigm by May 13th.

All judges are required to submit online ballots.

Judge Checklist

1. Have a paradigm on Tabroom.

2. Review the schedule and report any time constraints in your judge notes.

3. Double-checked the judge conflict policy for your event and entered your constraints on Tabroom.

4. We are using standby judges during the tournament, so you could be assigned a round or standby! You are off of standby once a tab staff member clears you.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Both policy divisions will consist of 5 preliminary debates: three rounds on Saturday and two additional preliminary rounds on Sunday. Round 1-2 will be pre-set, Round 3 will be paired high-high and rounds 4-5 will be paired high-low. The top 8 teams will debate for their seed on Sunday morning, meaning the top two seeds will compete for first and second place, etc.