



*Monticello Debate
Invitational*

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August 1 - August 3, 2020**

Introduction

Welcome to the Monticello Invitational! This tournament was designed to help competitors get practice in an online national-style chamber before competing at real tournaments this year. Any high school student is welcome to attend regardless of skill level. We hope that this tournament will be a fun experience to kickstart your debate skills and experience before the University of Kentucky Season Opener and Yale Invitational.

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Judge Signups:

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Non-Tabroom Registration:

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PF and Extemp will all be following NSDA Rules and Procedures. Any changes, as well as how breaks shall

work, shall be announced by the Tournament Directors

PF Topic: “Resolved: The United States federal government should enact the Medicare-For-All Act of 2019”

Congress Procedures

Sign-Ups

Tournament sign-ups will be open until Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 11:59 PM. Anyone who wishes to drop the tournament should contact the organizing staff (see the “Contacts” section below).

Note: If you sign up using the google forms you will be registered under “Monticello Independent”

Schedule (all times EST)

Saturday:

11:45 PM	Call Begins
12:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Session 1
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Session 2

Sunday:

6:20 PM	Awards
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Tournament Rules

1. In addition to rules provided herein, we default to National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) rules, which cannot be altered or suspended. Where these rules are silent, Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th edition shall prevail.

2. Technology: NSDA 2019-2020 [pilot rules](#) allow for internet access. Judges will monitor students and may elect to penalize students using laptops for non-Congress related business in chambers by deducting points. Use of any device is subject to judge evaluation; infractions will be reported to the tabroom. Under no circumstances is video recording by any person allowed — penalty: disqualification!

3. Presiding Officer (PO): POs may serve one session per round and will be chosen by a vote of the chamber. The same person can not serve as PO twice in the same round.

4. Agenda & Sessions: The organizing staff will release a legislation packet by Saturday, July 11, 2020. The chamber shall be responsible for choosing the order of legislation to be debated. Session times are hard stops, and all chambers must begin and end at the posted start times. Precedence and recency for speaking and questioning must reset between sessions.

5. Debate Structure: A chamber may not speak three times consecutively on the same side. After two consecutive speeches without an opposing speech, the PO must move to Previous Question if no student is prepared with a speech in opposition. This is not to merely “frown on one sided debate” nor reference “cycles.” This is about keeping debate fresh and clash-worthy. In addition, there will be a 90-second final appeal speech, given by the author or sponsor of a bill, after the chamber has moved to previous question.

6. Questioning: All rounds use direct questioning blocks of 30 seconds each. There shall be 2 minutes of mandatory questioning following only sponsorship and first negation speeches. All other speeches will have a 1 minute of mandatory questioning.

7. Decorum: All preliminary round chambers are designated as a House; members are “Representatives.” Outround chambers shall be designated as a Senate; members are “Senators.” At the start of the tournament the PO shall lead the chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance. “Open chambers” are prohibited. All contestants are required to wear Western Business Attire (eg. suits or dresses). Contestants are recommended to bring pens, pencils, legal notepads with speeches, and water bottles.

8. Legislation: The prelim legislation packet will be released by Saturday, July 21, 2020. The chamber shall be responsible for choosing the order of bills to be debated. All legislation must be submitted to our [google folder](#) by Saturday, July 18, 2020 using [NSDA templates](#).

9. Tabulation: A rank system will be used for tabulation, with competitors who have the lowest rank sum placing higher. In the event that two people have the same cumulative rank total, the tie will be broken in favor of whoever has the lower parliamentary rank. For example, a

parliamentarian rank of 3 will result in a higher placing than a rank of 5 in the event of a tie. These will be used to determine breaks as well as the final places.

10. Contact: If you have any questions about the Congressional Debate tournament, reach out to the tournament co-directors Medha Gupta (medha4@gmail.com) and Aditya Kumar (aka.kumario2002@gmail.com).

Impromptu

Description: The competitor is given seven minutes to prepare and deliver a speech on a randomly drawn proverb, ordinary object, event, quotations famous person, or another topic. All students, in each section, will draw from the same list of topics. A different virtual room will be used for each round.

Impromptu Administration Rules:

1. In the virtual room, competitors will draw three (3) single topics from an Impromptu generator, choose one (1), and return the other two (2) topics. The chosen topic should not be returned to the pool of prompts.
2. Preparation and speaking is seven minutes. The student may divide this time in any way he/she sees fit. Any contestant who exceeds the established time limit by more than 30 seconds may not rank first in the round.
2. Preparation time begins as soon as the competitor draws the first topic.

Impromptu Presentation Rules:

1. The speaker may approach the topic in any way he chooses, but the topic must be the central theme of the speech and not peripheral to it.
2. The speaker may not bring any prepared material into the virtual room.
3. The student may make limited notes on one note card. There is NO minimum time requirement, but the contestant must cover the subject adequately.
4. The speaker must state his topic early in the speech and adhere to the chosen topic.
5. Each speech should be a fresh, original presentation, developed from one of the topics given and prepared on the spot.
6. No computers, Kindles, iPods, cell phones, or other electronic media devices may be used for Impromptu preparation or presentation.
7. No audio or visual aids or props may be used.
8. Gratuitous vulgarity is strictly prohibited.
9. Competitors must not listen to other Impromptu competitors speaking before them.
10. The adjudicator should provide the student with visual time signals of time remaining until the seven-minute period has expired.

Impromptu

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11:45 AM	Call Begins
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Round 1
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Break
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Round 2
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Round 3
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Break
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Round 4

Sunday:

2:00 PM	Call Begins
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Semis
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Break
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Finals
6:20 PM	Awards

Extemporaneous Speaking

Schedule (all times EST)

Saturday:

11:45 PM	Call Begins
12:00 PM	Extemp Draw
2:00 PM	Extemp Draw
4:00 PM	Extemp Draw

Sunday:

11:45 AM	Call Begins
12:00 PM	Semis
3:30 PM	Finals
6:20 PM	Awards

Public Forum

1. We use National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) rules, which cannot be altered or suspended.

2. Technology: NSDA 2019-2020 [pilot rules](#) allow for internet access. Judges will monitor students and may elect to penalize students using laptops for non-Public Forum related business in chambers by deducting points. Use of any device is subject to judge evaluation; infractions will be reported to the tabroom. Under no circumstances is video recording by any person allowed — penalty: disqualification!

3. Tabulation: A rank system will be used for tabulation, with competitors higher records placing higher. In the event that two people have the same record, the tie will be broken in favor of speaker points. For example, two teams both with a 4-0 record will be then assessed by speaker points. The team with higher speaker points will place higher. These will be used to determine breaks as well.

4. Power Pairing: Round 3 will be power paired based on rounds 1 and 2. Round 4 will be power paired based on results for round 1 and 2. (If Round 3 results are all tallied within the tabroom system before the start of Round 4, it will also count towards power pairing. Otherwise, Round 4 will be powered paired the same way as Round 3 did).

5. Breaking: Based on ranks at the end of Round 4, the top 4 teams will break into semifinals. The two winning teams from semifinals then proceed to finals.

6. Contact: If you have any questions about the Public Forum Debate tournament, reach out to the tournament director Tiffany Cheng (tiffanycheng9979@gmail.com).

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12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Round 1
1:15 PM - 1:35 PM	Break
1:35 PM - 2:45 PM	Round 2
2:45 PM - 3:05 PM	Break
3:05 PM - 4:15 PM	Round 3
4:15 PM - 4:35 PM	Break

4:35 PM - 5:45 PM Round 4

Sunday:

11:45 PM Call Begins

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM Semis

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Break

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