

Omaha Westside High School Warrior Invitational Debate Tournament 2021



Omaha Westside High School will hold the **2021 Westside Warrior Invitational** debate tournament on **January 21-23, 2021**. 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 2021 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 Thursday, Jan. 21; Friday, Jan. 22; and Saturday, Jan. 23. All other events occur (and Policy debates resume) on Saturday, Jan. 23.**

The 2021 Westside Warrior Invitational continues as a Tournament of Champions qualifying tournament for Varsity Policy at the Final Round.

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

Lincoln Douglas, Policy, and Public Forum will be held on the NSDA Campus platform.

Congressional Debate will be held on Zoom (a link will be distributed the week of the tournament)

Entry Fees

Entries will only be accepted through Tabroom.com: <http://omahawestside.tabroom.com/>

- Varsity Policy: \$20 per team
- Novice Policy: \$10 per team
- Varsity Lincoln-Douglas: \$20 per team
- Novice Lincoln-Douglas: \$10 per team
- Congress: \$10 per entry
- Varsity Public Forum Debate: \$20 per team
- Novice Public Forum Debate: \$10 per team

Judges & Fees

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 January 14th, 2021. After that date, please contact us to see if we can make arrangements.

Fees associated with hiring tournament judges are:

- \$250.00 per Policy debate judge (to cover two entries or portion thereof)
- \$250.00 per LD debate judge (to cover three entries or portion thereof)
- \$250.00 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. We will not accept Independent entries to the tournament. All competing students must be entered with the approval of the school they are representing. 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

Both divisions of Policy debate will use the 2020-2021 National Speech and Debate Coaches Association Policy Debate resolution: Resolved: The United States federal government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following: forensic science, policing, sentencing”.

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.

Varsity Policy Schedule

Thursday, January 21, 2021 (Varsity ONLY)

Registration @ 4:00 PM

Round 1 @ 4:30 PM

Round 2 @ 7:00 PM

Friday, January 22, 2021 (Both Novice and Varsity Policy)

Check-in @ 4:00 PM

Round 3 @ 4:30 PM

Round 4 @ 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 23, 2021 (ALL divisions, ALL events)

Check-in @ 7:30 AM

Round 5 @ 8:00 AM

Round 6 @ 10:00 AM

Lunch Break

Octofinals @ 1:00 PM
Quarterfinals @ 3:00 PM
Semifinals @ 5:00 PM
Awards @ 7:00 PM
Finals @ 8:00 PM

Novice Policy Schedule*

Friday, January 22, 2021 (Both Novice and Varsity Policy)

Check-in @ 4:00 PM
Round 1 @ 4:30 PM
Round 2 @ 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 23, 2021

Check-in @ 7:30 AM
Round 3 @ 8:00 AM
Round 4 @ 10:00 AM
Lunch Break
Semifinals @ 1:00 PM
Finals @ 3:00 PM
Awards @ 7:00 PM

**Depending upon number of entries, we may adjust Novice Policy schedule*

Lincoln-Douglas Debate*

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 23, 2021

Registration @ 7:30 AM
Round 1 @ 8:00 AM
Round 2 @ 9:30 AM
Round 3 @ 10:45 AM
Lunch Break
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

**If entries warrant, we will modify the schedule(s) to accommodate for a partial double-octofinal round.*

Public Forum Debate*

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 23, 2021

Round 1 @ 8:00 AM

Round 2 @ 9:30 AM

Round 3 @ 10:45 AM

Lunch Break

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

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Congressional Debate

The docket will be posted on Tabroom.com. This schedule applies for both divisions.

Saturday, January 23, 2021

Committees @ 8:00 AM

Session 1 @ 8:30 AM

Break

Session 2 @ 10:15 AM

Lunch Break

Session 3 @ 12:30 PM

Break

Session 4 @ 2:15 PM

Voting @ 3:30 PM

Awards to follow