

Welcome to the **Debate for Change 2020**! This is a completely student-run online tournament that we created to benefit organizations that support Black Lives Matter. We wanted to use our platform, as members of Public Forum, to spread awareness and support Black people in the fight against police brutality and institutionalized racism. Debate is meant as a forum for engaged and educated discussions about current events, and we thought that hosting a tournament dedicated to supporting BLM is a great way of making our voices heard.

This tournament will cost **\$5 per person** (\$10 per team— if you're a maverick, it's still 5, though). Judges are expected to donate, too! To judge, you must be a **rising senior** or older. To compete, you must be a **rising sophomore or junior**.

100% of the proceeds will go to the organization We The Protesters. WTP is an organization that aims at reducing police violence against Black people by developing data-driven, evidence-based solutions. They work on compiling data about police brutality, developing toolkits for communities to hold their police forces in check, supporting and uplifting Black voices, and bringing justice to victims of police brutality. Check them and their awesome causes/projects (including Campaign Zero) out here: <http://www.wetheprotesters.org/>

You should pay the tournament fee through a **Gofundme** that we have set up for this cause. **The proceeds will go directly to the organization!** You can enter yourself on the tournament FIRST, then pay the Gofundme, but we will not accept your entry until you have paid. This is the link:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/debate-for-change-2020?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

If you can donate more, please feel free to! The point of this tournament is to raise as much money as possible, so if you feel you are able to donate more, we encourage it. However, the tournament fee is also not intended to be a barrier to accessibility; if you are unable to afford the fee but still want to compete, please get in touch with us.

The tournament will run from **Friday, 6/19 to Sunday, 6/21**. There will be **6 prelims**. It will be held on **Discord**, but you will have the option to use Zoom for a call if you and your opponents/partner/judge prefer it (you could open up a Zoom call once you are all already in the Discord room). The Discord link is here: <https://discord.gg/XxgGHb>

Here's the general tournament schedule:

****all rounds are single-flighted****

Friday, 6/19:

Round 1: 12:00 PM

Round 2: 1:30 PM

Round 3: 3 PM

Round 4: 4:30 PM

Saturday, 6/20:

Round 5: 11:30 AM

Round 6: 1 PM

Outround #1: 3 PM

Outround #2: 5 PM

Sunday, 6/21:

Outround #3: 12 PM

Outround #4: 2 PM

Outround #5: 4 PM