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Dates:
July 24th - July 25th, 2020

The Summer Shakedown Invitational

Dear Speech and Debaters:

We are thrilled to invite you to the Summer Shakedown Invitational, which will be held from Friday, July 24th to Saturday, July 25th. The tournament will consist of Congressional Debate only.

After hosting our first successful tournament in March, we were truly gratified that we had the ability to provide so many competitors with an opportunity to learn, compete, and have fun. This time around, we'd like to give even more students another chance to have that same opportunity. Having partnered with both ISD and Ascend Speech & Debate, we feel confident that this tournament will be the best one yet.

There is no entry fee for this tournament. Additionally, we are donating money to underprivileged speech and debate communities. **The tournament champion will receive \$500 to donate to an underprivileged school of their choice, and competitors placing 2nd-6th will each receive \$250 to donate to an underprivileged school of their choice.**

The information provided within this invitation and on our [tournament website](#) should answer any questions that you may have about our tournament. If you need additional assistance, please contact us at this email address: summershakedowntab@gmail.com.

Best of luck,

Summer Shakedown Tabulation Staff

The 2020 Summer Shakedown Invitational

Note: Please read the entire invitation. All rules are subject to change at the discretion of tab. The tournament will make participants aware of any such changes as soon as possible.

General Information

National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) rules and procedures determine advancement and placing based upon cumulative ranking by judges. Key tournament information will be listed below. For more details, please read the Student/Judge Information packet posted on our [tabroom website](#).

- (1) All rounds will be held via Zoom. You can compete via the Zoom app (requires Zoom account) or the Zoom desktop client (does not require Zoom account).
- (2) Internet access will be allowed.
- (3) Presiding Officers will be provided by the tournament administration, and will not be competing.
- (4) Direct cross examination will be used throughout the entire tournament.
- (5) Each sponsor and first negative will give a 2-minute final appeal speech – with no questioning – when debate concludes on their legislation, which will be scored as a final addition to their speech, but not count for precedence/recency.
- (6) Updates for competitors and judges will be released on Remind and our tabroom website. All competitors and judges **must** join the Remind channel.
- (7) Chamber assignments and postings will be posted on our [tabroom website](#).

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- The deadline to register for the tournament is **Tuesday, July 21, 2020** (11:59 PM EST).
 - Please try to notify us of drops as soon as possible.
- The tournament will be held from **Friday, July 24th to Saturday, July 25th, 2020**.

Registration:

- Competitors may register for the tournament using [this form](#). There is an initial cap of 72 entries, which will be updated based on judge entries. Entries are on a first-come-first-serve basis.
 - Only students currently in middle school or high school may compete.

Judge Information:

- Judges may register on a voluntary basis using [this form](#).
 - Judges must have graduated from high school (class of 2020 is eligible to judge).
- Judges must fill out their ballots through a Google Form after the round is completed. Judges will rank the top 8 students, and will also have the ability to provide comments.

Legislation

- Legislation will be provided by the tournament directors. The legislation packet will be uploaded to our [tabroom website](#).

Vital Stats:

- Prelims: 2 sessions
- Semifinals: 1 session
- Finals: 1 session

Note: Depending on entries, we may break straight to finals

Technology Requirements

Because this is an online tournament, each competitor and judge will need a few things in order for their experience to be as smooth as possible. Everyone who registers must own a:

- Computer or Laptop
- Webcam
- Speaker to secure stable audio (headphones are fine!)
- A Zoom account (registered with their first name and last name) is preferable, but not required.

Tournament Schedule (EST)

Friday July 24, 2020

10:00 AM - Chambers Posted on Tabroom

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM: Preliminary Session 1

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM: Preliminary Session 2

Saturday July 25, 2020

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM: Semifinal Session

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM: Final Session

Awards hosted ASAP

Note: Competitors and judges should aim to join their chambers 10-15 minutes before the starting time in order to prevent technical difficulties.

Remind Information:

- Please join our Remind channel by texting “@SumSI1” to 81010. Announcements from tab will be sent on this channel.

Fundraising

- **We are raising money for underprivileged speech and debate communities!** The tournament champion will receive \$500 to donate to an underprivileged school of their choice, and competitors placing 2nd-6th will each receive \$250 to donate to an underprivileged school of their choice.
- Donations are not mandatory, but are greatly appreciated! You can donate [here](#).

Additional Information

- Wearing a suit is recommended but not required. **Competitors will not be penalized for their attire.**
- Competitors should not use a virtual background while competing, and should try to remove distracting details from the background (flashy lights, etc).
- Competitors should have a placard for recognition.