



# Loyola High School

OF LOS ANGELES

## Loyola Invitational 2020-2021

You are cordially invited to join us for the 8th Annual Loyola Invitational which will be held online this year on Labor Day weekend from Saturday, September 5th, through Monday, September 7th, 2020. We are proud to have been designated as a quarterfinal bid qualifier to the Tournament of Champions (TOC) in Lincoln-Douglas debate. We will also be offering Public Forum Debate this year.

### Logistics

#### Location

This competition will take place online on the NSDA Campus platform. We are excited to work with the NSDA as we adjust to an online tournament model. Preliminary rounds of all events will take place on Saturday and Sunday. Late elimination rounds will take place on Monday, September 7th.

#### Time Zone

Due to our school's location in Southern California, all times for the tournament will be on Pacific time.

### Registration, Waitlist, and Limitations

#### Registration

Teams may register at [www.loyola.tabroom.com](http://www.loyola.tabroom.com). We encourage you to register early. Although we are not limited by a physical campus, we do intend to have an entry cap to ensure the most possible entries with winning records will advance to the elimination rounds. At first, each school will be restricted to 6 entries per division. If you wish to register additional entries beyond this limit, please add them to the waitlist.

#### Waitlist Process

Teams will clear the waitlist once their entries are covered by judging or by tournament-approved hired judging requests. Judges must have a paradigm posted on their Tabroom.com profile in order to count towards a team's commitment, including waitlist priority. TBA entries will not clear the waitlist.

## Independent Entries

Independent entries will be considered on a case by case basis. All independent entries must have an adult coach or adult parent who can be reached if/when needed by the tournament director. In addition, Independent entries should submit a principal letter using the form template at the bottom of this document.

## Dates and Deadlines:

Add Deadline - New Entries Due	8/28/2020 @ 11:55 PM PST
Drop Deadline - Fees/Obligations Freeze	8/28/2020 @ 11:55 PM PST
Judge Deadline - Changes Freeze	8/28/2020 @ 11:55 PM PST
Hired Judging Request Deadline	8/28/2020 @ 11:55 PM PST
Entry Name Change / TBA Deadline	8/31/2020 @ 11:55 PM PST
Entry Drop Deadline	9/1/2020 @ 8:00 AM
Pref Sheets Open	9/1/2020 @ 8:00 AM
Pref Sheets Close	9/4/2020 @ 6:00 PM

## Fees and Fines:

We are substantially reducing entry fees this year to provide more accessibility to the Loyola Invitational. If you feel the entry fee is overly burdensome, please email Paige Burkholder at [pburkholder@loyolahs.edu](mailto:pburkholder@loyolahs.edu). Discounts / Waivers will be assessed on a case by case basis

LD Entry - \$50  
PF Entry - \$60  
Hired Judging - \$50/round  
Missed Round Fee (Prelim) - \$50/round  
Missed Round Fee (Elim) - \$75/round  
Late Drop Fee (On/After Sep. 1st) - \$15

## Payment Information

Please send a check once you have been taken off the waitlist. Please make the check payable to:

**Loyola High School**. Please mail it to:

**Loyola High School**  
**Attention: James Zucker**  
**1901 Venice Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90006**

## Double Entry Limitations

Double entry is not permitted at the Loyola Invitational

## Judging Commitment:

Each LD entry requires 3 rounds of judging in the LD judge pool

Each PF entry requires 3 rounds of judging in the PF judge pool

The maximum number of rounds one judge can cover is 6.

Judges are intended to reside in one division only. If you have a unique situation and wish to request one judge cover an entry in each division, please contact the tournament. Exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

All judges are committed to judge one round beyond when the last student from that school/institution is eliminated from competition. This means that if you have 5 judges and one of your debaters advances to the Octofinal round, ALL 5 judges are committed to judge the Quarterfinal round. All judges are obligated through the first complete elimination round. For example, if we run a partial triple octofinal debate all judges are obligated through the double octofinal elimination round.

Please make sure your judges are available for their full commitment. Missed rounds will incur fees as we have to replace those judges with hired judges or school judges beyond their commitment.

## Hired Judging:

If you are unable to provide qualified judging (see below) but still wish to enter, we offer rounds at \$60 each. This translates to \$180 per entry of hired coverage. Please understand that we cannot accept all hire requests. We would rather have your judges than your money. Hire requests are not confirmed until the tournament accepts and emails you that hired judging has been secured to cover your entry. The tournament makes financial commitments to individuals when we confirm your hire request. Therefore, once confirmed, hired judging may not be reduced or deleted even if you have reduced your entry. The deadline for requesting tournament provided judging is on 8/28/2020 @ 11:55 PM PST

## Judging Qualifications:

All judges must have a tabroom account and post a paradigm in order to count towards their team's obligation.

Judges must be over the age of 18 and have graduated high school. Current high school students are not permitted to be judges.

LD:

Please provide qualified judging for the Lincoln-Douglas division.

A Qualified judge is an individual who has forensics competition experience or has had substantial judging experience at tournaments that are similar to the Loyola Invitational.

Judges that are registered for the Lincoln-Douglas division that cannot be placed in LD rounds due to MJP will be asked to judge Public Forum on occasion.

The judging pool of the tournament is extremely important to the pedagogical goals of the Loyola Invitational, so we ask that you provide well-qualified judges to ensure the highest quality experience for all scholars. We reserve the right to reject any judge we deem unqualified.

PF:

We recognize that Public Forum is intended to be accessible to members of the general public. However, this year poses unique challenges.

It is our belief that The Loyola Invitational is not responsible for training your judges in how to operate tabroom.com or their own electronic devices. Please provide judges that know how to use their technology and engage in an online debate round.

## Debate Tournament Process:

### Debate Resolutions:

We will use the NSDA September/October resolution for both Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum debate

### Round Procedure

Two preliminary rounds will be matched randomly. Entries will not debate another entry from their own school in preliminary rounds. Starting with Round 3, all prelims will be power-matched. After Round 6, the elimination bracket will be set and will not be altered. This means we will not break brackets during the tournament. Schools that have a walkover round will have until the end of the round to indicate which entry will advance. Schools that do not communicate by the end of the round will have the higher seed entry advance automatically.

### Event Procedures / Guidelines:

LD - Preliminary rounds will be assigned sides. In elimination rounds, entries that have debated each other before will debate on the opposite side. If they have not debated before, the sides will be determined via digital coin flip through Tabroom.com.

PF - All rounds will utilize the digital coin flip through Tabroom.com. Teams that win the coin flip will be able to select one of the following options: Side - Aff, Side - Neg, Speaking Order - 1st, and Speaking Order - 2nd. The other team will then be able to select among the two remaining options.

Example: Team A wins the coin flip against Team B. Team A chooses to speak 1st. Team B can then choose whether they will be Aff or Neg.

We will be publishing details about how a digital coinflip will work through Tabroom.com along with our Technology Best Practices document.

### Technology:

Due to the nature of the online tournament, we will not be adjudicating disputes over internet use during rounds. For the purposes of the Loyola Invitational, all debaters have access to the internet during rounds.

We will be posting a Technology Best Practices document. Please check our tabroom page for that resource.

# Disputes and Equity

## Tournament Committee/Ombudspersons:

The tournament committee will consist of the Tournament Director and two other members not involved in the dispute. This may include Loyola High School faculty/staff or coaches from other programs. The committee will adjudicate any disputes and interpret any rules. Decisions made by the committee are final.

## Resource/Equity Officer:

Loyola High School will be providing a trained resource specialist from the school who will be able to take any concerns. This individual will resolve any serious conflicts between competitors or judges that might arise during the weekend. An experienced debate coach will be available to answer debate/round related questions that the resource specialist may have.

# Results and Awards

## Awards:

The Loyola Invitational is committed to providing the best possible tournament experience during this unique time. As part of that commitment we intend to procure the same awards that have been presented at the Loyola Invitational in the past and ship them to the recipients.

We ask that each school provide one mailing address to which we can send all awards for that school. If you are located in/near Los Angeles County and wish to make alternate arrangements to pick up your awards, please email the tournament director.

In both divisions, we will award the top 10 speakers and have awards for all elimination rounds starting with the Double-Octofinal round. In partnered events, each individual student will receive an award for advancing to elimination rounds.

## Results:

Will be published upon the conclusion of each round.

## Schedule:

Please see the schedule page on [Tabroom.com](http://Tabroom.com)

## Required Forms

All forms can be found on Tabroom.com. We will be detailing procedures on how to submit your forms. In the meantime, please note the following forms are required to compete at the Loyola Invitational:

### Media and Image Release Form

All competitors must submit the Media and Image Release form. This form is to be signed by both the competitor and their parent/guardian.

### Student Honor Code Form

All competitors must submit the Student Honor Code form. The form is to be signed by both the competitor and a coach and/or parent.

### Independent Entry Form Template (Independent Entries Only)

All competitors that are entering independently must submit a letter from their school indicating that they are a student in good standing and that the school has no objection to them competing. You may use the following template:

*The following students are enrolled at \_\_\_\_ (insert high school name) \_\_\_\_ and have permission to compete at the 2020 Loyola Invitational Debate Tournament, representing the school:*

*<list all students applying>.*

*The following adult person or persons are designated as the adults supervising and representing the students for the purposes of this competition:*

*<list at least one adult with cell phone contact information>.*

*Signed,*

*<Insert Principal signature>*

If you are homeschooled, or school has not yet started, please email the tournament to make alternate arrangements regarding this form.