



REASON FOR DEBATE 2020 SUMMER TOURNAMENT SESSION 2

Saturday, August 15th

As an organization committed to bringing free and low-cost speech and debate education to young students, Reason for Debate is hosting this online tournament as an opportunity for our summer camp debaters to experience competitive debate in a low-stakes learning environment. More information about our organization and our mission can be found at our [website](#).

Tournament Contacts

All questions and concerns can be directed to our organization email, reasonfordebate@gmail.com. In the event that you would like to contact a staff member directly, you may reach us at the emails below.

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Technology

Tabroom Sign Up (MANDATORY)

All competitors must register for the tournament on [Tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com), an online platform designed for setting up and organizing forensics tournaments. Students **must** have a Tabroom account in order for them to participate and see their tournament feedback and results.

- **For now, all you need to do is create a Tabroom account.** We will take it from there.
- Add your Tabroom email [here](#), so we can find your account after you register.
- Need help? Watch the video tutorial about navigating Tabroom [here](#).

***Note: Each student **must** have their **own** Tabroom account with a unique email.*

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Zoom

Our tournament will be hosted online on Zoom. To access the tournament room, use the same meeting ID and password as the ones used to access the summer camp classroom.

Entry Eligibility

This tournament is **only** open to students who participated in the RFD 2020 Summer Debate Camp Session 2. If you have any questions about your eligibility, please contact our organization email.

Events and Divisions

1. **Open JV Public Forum:** for all students who participated in Session 2 of our RFD summer camp.
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Dates and Deadlines

The tournament will take place on **Saturday, August 15th**. See *Schedule* below for specific information regarding registration and round times.

Schedule

8:15	Mandatory judge training <i>Judges only.</i>	2:30	Round 4
8:45	Arrival and attendance+Orientation <i>Students are expected to show up on time at 8:55 so that coaches and TA's can take attendance.</i>	4:00	Final Rounds
9:00	Round 1	4:00	Q&A Panel(s) - ask questions to our volunteers about debate, middle/high school, college, etc.
10:30	Round 2	5:30	Awards
12:00	Lunch Break	6:00	End
1:00	Round 3		

In-round Policies

Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should enact the Medicare-For-All Act of 2019.

Observers/ Spectators

For security purposes, we will not be allowing spectators to join the Zoom call. Parents are welcome to sit near their child if they would like to watch.

Time Limits

Speech	Time Limit	Purpose
Team A Speaker 1 – Constructive	4 minutes	Present the team's case
Team B Speaker 1 – Constructive	4 minutes	Present the team's case
Crossfire	3 minutes	Speaker 1 from Team A & B alternate asking and answering questions
Team A Speaker 2 – Rebuttal	4 minutes	Refute the opposing side's arguments
Team B Speaker 2 – Rebuttal	4 minutes	Refute the opposing side's arguments
Crossfire	3 minutes	Speaker 2 from Team A & B alternate asking and answering questions
Team A Speaker 1 – Summary	3 minutes	Begin crystallizing the main issues in the round
Team B Speaker 1 – Summary	3 minutes	Begin crystallizing the main issues in the round
Grand Crossfire	3 minutes	All four debaters involved in a crossfire at once
Team A Speaker 2 – Final Focus	2 minutes	Explain reasons that you win the round
Team B Speaker 2 – Final Focus	2 minutes	Explain reasons that you win the round

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Dress Code

We encourage students to treat this like a real middle school or high school debate tournament, so we ask that all debaters dress up in business-casual or business-formal attire.