



COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL OF AMERICA

3rd ANNUAL THUNDER DEBATES
October 3rd, 2020

Novice Lincoln-Douglas and Public
Forum

Introduction/Opening/Award Link
[https://meet.google.com/vhg-grfj-
sid](https://meet.google.com/vhg-grfj-sid)

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TOURNAMENT TOPICS

Lincoln-Douglas Division

2020 September/October Topic:
Resolved: Civil Disobedience in a
Democracy is Morally Justified.

Public Forum Division

2020 November Topic:

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

Current topics can always be found
here on the NSDA's website.

[HTTP://WWW.SPEECHANDDEBAT
E.ORG/TOPICS](http://www.speechanddebate.org/topics)

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Look for pairings on
<https://cpsa.tabroom.com>
Tentative Schedule
8:00-8:30am Registration
8:30-9:00am- Judges
meeting
9:00am – Round 1
10:15 am – Round 2
11:30am – Round 3
12:30pm – Lunch break
1:00 pm – Round 4
2:30pm – Awards Online

FOLLOW US ON: CPSA THUNDER DEBATE

FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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OR RE-ENTER THE LINK AND ASK A QUESTION

INTRODUCTION/OPENING/AWARD LINK

[HTTPS://MEET.GOOGLE.COM/VHG-GRFJ-SID](https://meet.google.com/vhg-grfj-sid)

1. Keep your camera on while debating

2. When you are not talking or giving a speech mute yourself

3. Make sure your mic and camera are working before the round starts

4. If your opponents and/or judge are not present 10 minutes after pairings have been released, please email the tournament coordinator asim.gaffar@cpsaonline.org

**EXPECTATIONS FOR
DEBATERS & JUDGES
SHOW RESPECT AND ACT
RESPONSIBLY**

5. Report any unusual or inappropriate behavior of debaters or judges to the school's coaches.

6. Decisions are not to be disclosed. A thorough ballot should be written that clearly explains the reason for a decision. Brief critiques are fine, but a ballot should be submitted no later than 10 min after the round is completed. Students should not ask for decisions to be disclosed.

7. Judges, please do not intervene in Debate rounds by fact-checking evidence/arguments using electronic devices.

**Illinois Debate
Community
Revised Speaker Points
Guidelines**

Debate teaches critical thinking and public presentation skills.

Win/loss in each round reflects the content of the Debate and determines the overall record for a team.

However, win/loss ties are common and speaker points are used to break those ties to determine the winners of a tournament.

Please follow the National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) point range to award points in a round (20-30)

Half-points (e.g. 27.5) are acceptable. Tenth-points are not allowed.

Please use this range to judge debaters within experience levels (Novice/JV/Varsity). In other words, a novice speaker who receives a 28 will sound different than a varsity speaker with a 28.

Please DO NOT DISCLOSE DECISIONS.

Thank you for supporting Illinois debaters!

29-30

Exceptionally Strong

5-10%

27-28

Above Average (25%)

24-26

Average

22-23

Below Average (25%)

20-21

Exceptionally Weak

5-10%

Unacceptable

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I find pairings?

Go to <http://cpsa.tabroom.com> and click on the "Pairings" tab toward the upper left of the screen. You do not need to log in to do this.

Help! My ballot is covered up on the right side and I can't enter points! I hate online ballots!

There should be a tiny double-arrow in the upper-left corner of the Right Panel. Click on that to hide the panel. This tends to be an issue on smaller devices like iPads or phones.

Laptops are ideal for submitting online ballots.

When will pairings be released?

Pairings will be released as soon as possible. Please check often. Round 1 will be released after the tournament announcements. Round 2 pairings should be ready right after Round 1. Pairings for power-matched rounds (Rounds 3-5) can only get paired once all ballots for the round come in, so there is usually a short break between each of those rounds

I can not find the meeting link!

Go on tabroom and find your round. There will be a video icon, click on that and you will be taken to the meet link

I'm a judge. How do I find my ballot?

Log into your account on www.tabroom.com. Then click your e-mail address in the upper right of the screen. If you have a ballot for the round, it should appear.

If you don't see a ballot, check the Round pairings to confirm you are not judging.

Other issues? Send for an email to asim.gaffar@cpsaonline.org for help!

**All our thanks to the
dedicated
competitors, coaches,
and parents. Without
you, we would not
have been able to host
our first tournament!
We hope to see you
again!**



**A special thanks to
the CPSA Speech
and Debate Team,
CPSA
Administration,
Staff, Coaches, and
Alumni**