

# The 17<sup>th</sup> Scarvite November 14<sup>th</sup> (Sat) - 15<sup>th</sup> (Sun)

We are pleased to announce the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Scarsdale Invitational debate tournament.

## **The Basics**

The tournament will be held virtually on NSDA Campus from Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be offering Novice LD, Varsity LD, Novice PF, and Varsity PF. This year, we are proud to announce that the Scarsdale Invitational has been designated as a **SEMIS BID** in both **Varsity LD** and **Public** Forum. The entry limit will be 5 in each division initially. All teams will be placed on the waiting list initially. I will then clear teams from the waitlist. Entries with names and entries from schools that have continuously demonstrated good citizenship and that have supported our tournament in the past will be given priority. No independent entries will be admitted, and all entries must be entered by degree granting institutions. All entries must be registered through school-based accounts run by a school sanctioned employee.

All rounds (with the exception of doubles) will be single flighted.

**We will be debating the November/December resolution for VLD and the NOVICE topic for NLD. We will be using the November PF topic.**

There will be 6 preliminary rounds in VLD and VPD and 6 total rounds in NLD and NPF. Prep time will be 4 minutes in LD and 3 minutes in PF

**IN PF, THERE WILL BE NO COIN FLIP. PRO SPEAKS FIRST EACH ROUND AND SIDES WILL BE ASSIGNED. We will be using all of the other PF pilot rules – (3 min summary, 3 min prep, open internet FOR RESEARCH ONLY)**

Each entry will be offered five strikes in Varsity LD and PF.

## Judging/Chaperoning

The judging ratio for all events is 1 judge for every 2 students or fraction thereof. There are no partial judging commitments allowed. Each judge that is entered is in for the entire tournament, not a certain number of rounds unless you are splitting the judging assignment by day (i.e. one judge fulfills entire Saturday obligation and another the entire Sunday obligation).

This year we will not be allowing varsity kids to compete and judge novice – it's too much. All novice judges must be separate from competitors. A student may judge novice if they are a junior or a senior in minimally their third year of debate.

Every school must have an adult chaperone ON CALL for the ENTIRETY of the tournament. Additionally, the email on record on tabroom.com ought to be a SCHOOL RELATED OFFICIAL, not a student, not an outside person. This person must have functional knowledge of the expectations of what it means to attend a virtual debate tournament and be available all weekend.

To reiterate, no independent entries will be allowed. As tournament director, I do not need to specify what that means. This invitation is not a legal document, simply a method of giving information. Do not try to lawyer me. That will be the clearest way to ensure you will not attend this tournament. If you have questions, ask.

A VERY limited amount of **hired judging** is available. In an online world, you have the same capacity to find people that we can. **We cannot guarantee hired judging to anyone. No school may hire out their entire commitment.** Hired judges will cost \$125 per uncovered entry. We will endeavor to bring in some spectacular neutral judges.

## Equity and Access

The Scarsvite is committed to creating a competitive space that is free of harassment and is an open place for communication. We will put out further policies as we approach the tournament to ensure this for our guests.

## **Fees**

Due to the fact that we are not feeding students this year, I am lowering the fees from last year.

\$60 per VPF team                      \$40 per VLD entry

\$30 per NPF team                      \$20 per NLD

\$125 per covered entry judging

All checks should be made payable to **SUFSD**.

If a judge misses a round, there will be a \$25 fine assessed to the school. If a judge misses a second round, the judge will be dropped from the pool and the school that brought that judge will be fined \$250.

## **Dates and Deadlines**

Registration opens October 16<sup>th</sup>

Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Registration closes for all new entries at 5 PM

Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – **Fees are fixed at 5 PM.**

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Judge names are due at 5 PM

## **To Register**

Register by going to <http://www.tabroom.com> and selecting "High School Invitationals" from the menu. If you do not have a tabroom.com account already, simply create one, and then create your school's chapter account and follow the onscreen instructions to register your students in the Scarsdale Invitational. If you encounter any technical problems, please email [jovan75@gmail.com](mailto:jovan75@gmail.com) or call Joe Vaughan at his school number at 914-721-2310.

## **The Tentative LD and PF Schedule**

The times below are the scheduled start times of the rounds. Ballots will be pushed out 30 min prior to schedule start times. Students are expected to prep IN THE ROOM (cameras and mics should be off but their virtual presence is required). Judge should arrive 15 min prior to schedule start. All doc chains and tech issues should be resolved so that the round starts on time. There is a 70 min decision clock on all rounds. After that, tab reserves the right to flip a coin.

All rounds except for Varsity Doubles are single flighted

Sat – November 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – Round 1 Varsity

10:00 – Round 1 Novice

11:30 – Round 2 Varsity

12:30 – Round 2 Novice

2:00 – Round 3 Varsity (Power Paired H/L within bracket)

3:00 – Round 3 Novice (Power Paired H/L within bracket)

4:00 – Round 4 Varsity (Power Paired H/L within bracket)

6:00 - Round 5 Varsity (Power Paired H/L within bracket)

Sunday – November 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – Round 6 Varsity (Power Paired H/L within bracket)

10:00 – Round 4 Novice (Power Paired H/L within bracket)

11:00 – Varsity Double Octa finals (Double flighted)

12:30 – Round 5 Novice

3:00 – Round 6 Novice.

3:00 – Varsity Octafinals

4:30 – Novice Award Ceremony

5:00 – Varsity Quarters

The tournament will end after Quarters. Generally, our tournament is adjacent to a holiday day. That is not true this year. Also, this is a tremendous amount of screen time. For those reasons, we will not be hosting a semi-final or a final. If the teams involved want to coordinate doing this at a later date/time, I would coordinate that.