

2021 WSDT Invitation

Date and Location: January 16-17, 2021 (Saturday and Sunday). The tournament will take place online using NSDA Campus. Some Elimination and All Final rounds will be live streamed.

Tournament Website: wsdt.tabroom.com Please check it often as not everything you need to know is included in this invite!

Divisions:

- Junior Varsity PF, Junior Varsity LD, Varsity PF, Varsity, LD, Novice Policy, and Varsity Policy
- A JV debater is in their first 2 years of competition. A Novice debater is in their first year of competition. Violations will result in a disqualification.
- In the event that PF and/or LD registration numbers make holding both JV and Varsity divisions not viable, the WDCA Exec Committee may vote to combine them. Should that happen, break out elimination rounds will occur for JV teams.

Rounds: Each division will have 6 preliminary rounds. Only teams with winning records will advance to the elimination rounds. An incomplete elim bracket will not be filled. This will likely mean that the first elimination round will be a partial elim, with some seeds advancing without debating into the next elimination round.

Qualification: Individual debaters must have competed twice during WDCA sanctioned tournaments. Schools must have competed 3 times in WDCA sanctioned tournaments in order to be qualified for the WSDT. Schools must also have paid dues for this season and paid any outstanding fees from the 2019-2020 season.

Fees and Obligations:

1. Schools must be dues paying members of the WDCA. (see wdca.org for the membership form)
2. Entry fees are \$50 per entry.
3. Coaches must complete [this form](#) to upload their student verification form by the registration deadline
4. Coaches must also upload a copy of their PO/Check request must be uploaded to [this form](#) by Thursday, January 14th at 6PM or confirm that the check is in the possession of Dan Hansen, WDCA Treasurer

Judge Requirements: In all divisions 1 judge for 1 team, 2 for 2 or 3 teams, 3 for 4 or 5 teams, etc. All judge pools will be separate. Judges are obligated 2 full elimination (not partial) rounds beyond their school's elimination from that division. For example, if the school's last team is eliminated in the quarterfinals, judges are obligated to the Semi AND Final rounds. A partial elimination round doesn't not count toward the 2 round obligation. If you are hiring a judge you believe to be unaffiliated to your school, please contact John Knetzger who will determine their status. **If at all possible, head coaches should not judge so they can be available to assist their teams.**

Paradigms: Judges are required to have a paradigm specific to the division they are judging in order to be considered registered. Additionally, paradigms should reflect the professional role of the judge. Sample templates can be found on wdca.org. Judges whose paradigm requires edits will not be considered registered until the paradigm is complete.

Judge Certification: Any judge with less than 2 years of combined experience judging, coaching, and/or debating must be certified in the division they are judging. Training and certification materials are available at wdca.org. Judges who are certified are encouraged to review those materials as well.

Preferencing Preferencing will open on Wednesday, January 13th at 9 AM. It will close at 3 PM on Friday, January 15th. After preferencing closes, coaches will not be able to enter preferences for their teams. Specific instructions will be emailed to coaches before preferences open.

Deadlines Entries are due by 12 PM (Noon on Sunday January 10th). After that deadline, schools may only substitute 1 debater in PF, NCX, and/or VCX. Entries will not be allowed after this deadline. Judges must be entered by 6 PM on Tuesday, January 12th. All judges must have a linked tabroom account and a paradigm posted by the judge registration deadline.

All students must have linked tabroom accounts in order to access competition rooms.

Mandatory Check In On Friday January 15th, between noon and 3 PM, teams must confirm their entries and judges online. Failure to register during this window will incur a \$35 fine.

Schedule: A specific schedule will be posted on the tournament site.

Friday: General Meeting, Rounds 1-2 For all divisions

Saturday: Rounds 3-6 for all divisions.

Sunday: All elimination and final rounds

Additional Questions: Please contact John Knetzger at john.knetzger@gmail.com or 414.378.2839 with questions.