

Class A Whitefish Virtual Tournament

Invitation

Hello from the inside, Class A Coaches! It doesn't feel like that long ago that I sent an invitation to all the Class A schools in Montana for a Whitefish tournament... or maybe it feels like centuries ago? For those of you who live some 50-some hours away from me, you'll be glad to know that this time no bus rides are required, as I am excited to be hosting the first Class A Virtual Tournament on December 4-5, 2020 to kickoff this unprecedented season. Please read the following carefully, as it includes some new information about the running of tournaments "in the cloud".

This year, we will be using a Tournament Manager to run the registration, tech, day-of tournament directing, and tab room management. JW McClintic will serve this role for Class A. You may forward questions regarding these issues or others to him or through me.

From Dubbz:

The inaugural tournament for Montana A Speech and Debate will be held on December 4th and 5th via NSDA Campus and Tabroom.com. The cost per student entered will be \$5 dollars which includes the room fee for NSDA Campus. All entries (including adds and drops) must be finalized by Monday, November 30th at 11:59 PM. Students cannot be added once the deadline has passed. Also, you will still be charged for any students dropped after this point because rooms for the tournament will be purchased based on your entry as of 11:59 PM on November 30th. This year, teams will be asked to provide judges in order to cover your entries. You may assign multiple people to cover one judge, but you must have a person available to cover every round that judge owes. All judge entries must be submitted via Tabroom by no later than Tuesday, December 1st at 4 PM (the registration deadline). All coaches, judges, and competitors will need a tabroom.com account.

Also, tab staff will be selected from participating schools by the Tournament Manager. If you have preference for assignments, please email Dubbz at jw.mcclintic@gmail.com. I will get assignments out a few days before so coaches know their assignments.

REGISTRATION LINK:

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https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn_id=18166

Judge Bond Requirements:

--A/B/C(6 Rounds)--

Event	Judges (6 rounds debate/6 rounds speech & drama)
Policy	1 judge for every 2 entries (or fraction thereof)/per round
Public Forum, Lincoln-Douglass	1 judge for every 4 entries (or fraction thereof)/per round
Speech and Drama	1 judge for every 6 entries (or fraction thereof)/per round

Tournament Schedule:

Day	Round	Round Begins	Extemp Draw
Friday	Rd. 0	4:00PM	Draw Room at 4:00
	Rd. 1	5:00PM	4:30
	Rd. 2	7:00PM	6:30
Saturday	Rd. 3	8:00AM	7:30
	Rd. 4	10:00AM	9:30
	Semis	12:00PM	11:30
	Finals	2:00PM	1:30

Round 0 will be an unscored “tech practice” round for judges and students. Extempers will join their draw rooms at 4:00PM. No early draw is necessary.

Debate Topics:

Policy Debate

Resolved: The United States federal government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following: forensic science, policing, sentencing.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Resolved: The United States ought to provide a federal jobs guarantee.

Public Forum Debate

Resolved: The United States should adopt a declaratory nuclear policy of no first use.

Looking forward to seeing you all! Please contact Dubbz or me with any questions that you have. More information will definitely follow.

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