

Marian Debate Tournament

Saturday, December 12

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Marian Debate Tournament will take place on Saturday, December 12, 2020. We will offer competition in Policy, Lincoln Douglas, Congressional Debate and Public Forum.

All competitions will be held online this year. We will be using the NSDA campus platform for LD, PF, and Policy. We will use Zoom for Congress. Please ensure all of your students and judges have tested the technology to use these platforms.

ONLINE ENTRY:

Entries will only be accepted online via Tabroom.com. Deadline for entries is Tuesday, December 8th at 5:00pm. **Fees and judge requirements will be accessed at that time.** Changes or drops after that date can be emailed to me at htripe@omahamarian.org.

ONLINE RULES AND NORMS:

- If competitors are not in their NSDA Campus room 10 minutes after the start time announced in the email from tabroom.com, they will have to forfeit that round. Competitors can still compete in the next round.
- Each team will have 10 minutes of "tech time" during the round. This means that if you are having internet connection issues or other technology issues, you are allotted 10 minutes during the round to fix them. After 10 minutes, you will have to forfeit. This rule is in place to ensure that the tournament runs on time.

CONTACT INFO:

You may reach me via email at htripe@omahamarian.org. Please contact me with questions or concerns. I will email coaches my cell phone number before the tournament.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

*Because this tournament is the week before final exams, we are offering a shorter day of competition by eliminating one prelim round from LD, PF, and Policy.

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Registration (All events) Please do online check in on tabroom.com by 7:30 a.m.

Policy Debate:

Round 1	8:00 a.m. (7:50 check in)
Round 2	10:00am
LUNCH BREAK	
Round 3	12:45pm
Finals & Consolation Finals	3:00pm
Awards	5:15 p.m. (Via Zoom - here is the link)

LD/Public Forum

Round 1	8:00 a.m. (7:50 check in)
Round 2	9:15 a.m. (9:05 check in)
Round 3	10:30 a.m. (10:20 check in)
LUNCH BREAK	
Round 4	12:30 p.m. (12:20 check in)
Semifinals	1:45 p.m. (1:35 check in)
Finals	3:30 p.m. (3:20 check in)
Awards	5:15 p.m. (Via Zoom - here is the link)

Congressional Debate

Opening Remarks	8:15 a.m. (8:05 check in)
Session 1A	8:15 – 10:00
Session 1B	10:15 – 12:00 p.m.
LUNCH BREAK	
Session 2A	1:00 – 2:30 (12:50 check in)
Session 2B	2:45 – 4:15
Awards	5:15 p.m. (Via Zoom - here is the link)

DEBATE FORMAT & TOPICS:

CONGRESS:

- Here is [the docket](#) for this tournament.
- The docket is set and the pieces of legislation will be debated *in order*. This docket cannot be rearranged by the debaters or the presiding officer.
- We will be using direct questioning.
- Here are the norms that we will use for Congress:
 - Students will remain seated during the sessions.
 - Houses can determine how members should be recognized. Placards can be used, or judges could decide to use the “raised hand” feature of Zoom.
 - Cameras (judges and students) should be on at all times, unless there is a connectivity or bandwidth issue.
 - The chat should be used for chamber business only.
 - Amendments should be emailed to the judges. Judges should provide their email to students at the start of the session
 - Students and judges should mute themselves when not speaking. Students should “unmute” only when the PO has recognized them.
 - Voting will take place with the raising of the placard.
 - Judges will decide how PO voting will take place. Some suggestions include a google form, email, polling features (if available) or private messaging.

LINCOLN DOUGLAS:

- Will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format with 4 minutes prep time.
- LD will debate the 2020 November/December LD debate topic set by the NSDA: Resolved: The United States ought to provide a federal jobs guarantee.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- We will be using the NDSA pilot of the new speech times. This means both summary and prep time will be three minutes instead of two.
- PF will debate the 2020 November/December PF debate topic set by the NSDA: Resolved: The United States should adopt a declaratory nuclear policy of no first use.

POLICY DEBATE:

- Policy debate will debate the 2020-2021 debate topic: 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.

AWARDS:

The top six debaters in each division will be given an award. Awards will take place via Zoom. Here is [the Zoom link](#) for the awards ceremony.

FEES:

Policy -- \$20

Lincoln-Douglas Debate -- \$15

Public Forum -- \$20

Congress -- \$15

JUDGE COVERAGE:

- Policy -- One judge per two teams. May be hired for \$150.
- Lincoln-Douglas -- One judge per two debaters. May be hired for \$100
- Public Forum -- One judge per two teams. May be hired for \$100
- Congressional Debate -- One judge per six debaters or part thereof. May be hired for \$10 per debater.

We will use online ballots in ALL events. Please make sure all of your judges have a tabroom.com account and that they bring a device on which they can fill out a ballot.

OTHER:

MAVERICKS: Under no circumstances will a maverick competitor be allowed to enter the tournament. Exemptions will be allowed the day of the tournament if one member of a team (policy or PF) is unable to attend or unable to continue due to sickness.

GRIEVANCE POLICY: Any grievance must be brought, via phone call, to the tab room. The decisions will be made by the tournament director. All decisions are final.

HARASSMENT POLICY:

The Marian High School debate team is committed to providing its participants, judges, coaches, and staff the opportunity to pursue excellence in their endeavors. This opportunity can exist only when each member of our community is assured an atmosphere of mutual respect. This tournament prohibits all forms of harassment and discrimination. Accordingly, all forms of harassment and discrimination, whether written or oral, based on race, color, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, citizenship, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by any applicable federal, state, or local law are prohibited, whether committed by participants, judges, coaches, or observers. Individuals who are found to have violated this policy will be subject to the full range of sanctions, up to and including removal from the tournament premises.