Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of The Lane Tech Debate Team, we would like to invite you to join us for the RCC Tournament 3.

Date: December 4-6, 2020

Place: NSDA Campus.

Format: There will be two divisions (Open and Novice), which will debate five preliminary rounds and a break to quarters. Speech times will be 8-3-5 with 8 minutes of prep time. Forfeit time is 15 minutes after posted start time. Judges need to contact tab if one team fails to show; one debater needs to contact tab if the judge fails to show.

Registration: Initial registration must be received via Tabroom by Wednesday, 12/2. Changes/drops will be accepted to existing registration on Tabroom until noon on Friday, 12/4. Please *email* any changes after that time to rberryncp@gmail.com with school, division, and names/codes.

Divisions: We will offer an Open division and a Novice division; debaters who are on their first high school topic may enter the Novice division, and those past that point must enter the Open division. (There is no JV division.) Exceptions are made for the following:

1. Debaters with previous middle school debate experience (tournaments) may still enter the Novice division *unless* they have reached the Novice semifinals in two separate high school tournaments.

Coaches, it is your responsibility to ensure all of your debaters are in the correct division.

1. T3 Novice Disclosure: All novices will debate the death penalty aff with the ability to change cards from the previous novice packet, advantages, and/or plan text. We will open up the DA and T tub to anything anyone would like to add. We will allow the novice to run an abolition K, but no other Ks and no CPs.
2. The Varsity Division will have no argument limitations, on either side of the resolution. Varsity teams are encouraged/expected to disclose all 1ACs or negative positions they have previously read in-round on their NDCA wiki.

Judging: Each school will be required to provide one judge for every two teams. Schools not meeting this obligation will have teams dropped to place them into compliance. A team’s entire judge contingent is obligated through the quarterfinals and then one round beyond the highest finishing team of the judge’s affiliated school. Debaters in their third or fourth year are eligible to judge in the novice division. Please ensure you have brought judges for the correct division (extra varsity judges can cover novice obligations, but you cannot bring extra novice judges to cover varsity teams) and the correct times (bringing two Saturday-only judges for two teams is not sufficient).

Awards: We will present awards for each team in the elimination rounds as well as the top individual speakers in each division. The top 8 CDL teams in each division will qualify for the Chicago Debate League City Championships.

Fees: Fees for CDL schools are $25.00 per team. Fees for non-CDL schools are $30/team. Please make checks payable to Lane Tech Debate Team.

Schedule: **Friday, 12/4**

 Pairings 4:10pm

 Round I 4:30pm (decision time 6:45pm)

 Round II 7:30pm (decision time 9:45pm)

**Saturday, 12/5**

 Pairings 8:30am

Round III 9:00am (decision time 11:15pm)

Round IV 12:00pm (decision time 2:15pm)

Round V 3:00pm (decision time 5:45pm)

 Awards 6:15pm

 Quarters Pairings 6:30pm, flips by 6:45pm, 1ACs 7:15pm (decision time 9:30pm)

 **Sunday, 12/6**

 Semis Pairings 8:15am, flips by 8:30am, 1ACs 9:00am (decision time 11:15am)

 Finals Pairings 11:30am, flips by 11:45am, 1ACs 12:15pm (decision time 2:30pm)

*\*Please note that where possible we will accelerate the timetable, particularly on Saturday.*