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Opening Meeting (Zoom)

**Millard North Debate cordially invites you to join us for  
The Milo Cup at Millard North in Omaha, NE!**

**Why Attend The Milo Cup?**

Year in and year out, we run one of the best and most consistent tournaments in the country.

We promise to provide:

- A great and efficient tournament experience
- Single-flighted rounds
- 6 prelims in PF and LD with ALL 4-2 and better records clearing to elims
- Helpful, responsive, and independent tournament administrators

**Date & Host Site**

The tournament will take place on NSDA Campus via Tabroom.com on February 19-20, 2021, with all events starting competition on Friday, February 19.

**Events**

We offer open competition in Congressional Debate, Lincoln Douglas, Policy, and Public Forum.

Lincoln Douglas, Policy, and Public Forum will be held on the NSDA Campus platform, and Congressional Debate will be held on Zoom (a link will be distributed the week of the tournament).

The Milo Cup at Millard North is a:

- **QUARTERFINALS BID** to the **Tournament of Champions in Gold Public Forum**
- **OCTOFINALS BID** to the **Tournament of Champions in Silver Public Forum**
- **TOP 6 BID** to the **Tournament of Champions in Congressional Debate**
- **FINALS BID** to the **Tournament of Champions in Lincoln Douglas**

**Fees**

Policy -- **\$30**  
Lincoln-Douglas -- **\$45**

Student Congress -- **\$25**  
Public Forum -- **\$60**

## Online Entry

Entries will only be accepted online via [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com). No entries submitted via email will be accepted. Once the entry deadline passes, no further entries will be permitted. **PLEASE NOTE:** The deadline for regular tournament entries and judge entries is 5pm on Friday, February 12, 2021. Name changes or drops can be emailed after this date to [awschurevich@mpsomaha.org](mailto:awschurevich@mpsomaha.org). The deadline for judge hire requests will be 5:00PM on Monday, February 1, 2021, and the deadline for judge entries is will be 5:00PM on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

## Awards

We will recognize debaters for the following accomplishments:

- Speaker recognition to the top 6 or the top 10% of the field – whichever is greater – in each division with special awards noted below for particular fields.
- Competitive recognition for all entries which clear to elim rounds
- Sweepstakes recognition for the top three finishing schools

Event breaks are subject to change based on entry numbers and/or judge availability.

## Special Awards\*

### The Milo Cup - Sweepstakes:

The Milo Cup will be presented to the team that finishes first in sweepstakes in honor of former Millard North debate coach Scott "Milo" Milliken. Milliken was the coach at MNHS for a stretch of time that covers 3 decades, and under his leadership and tutelage, thousands of students learned, competed, and grew. Milliken retired in 2014, and it is our pleasure to continue to honor his legacy by presenting The Milo Cup as an annual tradition.

### The Schlessinger-Schuller Award - Public Forum Top Speaker:

The PF Top Speaker Award is named in honor of Claire Schlessinger and Ygal Schuller, the first Millard North Public Forum squad to qualify to the Tournament of Champions. Schlessinger and Schuller were monumentally important to the long-term existence and stability of the Millard North debate team given that, at a great many tournaments of their era, *they simply were the entire Millard North debate team*. It will be our pleasure to award this trophy in Schlessinger and Schuller's honor for yet another year.

### The Burdt Award: Lincoln Douglas Top Speaker

The LD Top Speaker Award is named in honor of Lauren Burdt, without whom Millard North Debate would not have had a NSDA runner-up and a TOC quarterfinalist. Burdt's contribution to our team and students has been monumental from her first moments at practice. When she came aboard, Millard North had never qualified an LD debater to the TOC, and within mere months, that was no longer true. Her skill as a debater is trumped only by her skill as an educator and coach, so it is our pleasure to award this trophy in Burdt's honor.

### The Raksin Friend of Debate Award - Coaches/Judges/Volunteers:

The Raksin Award is given to a coach, judge, or volunteer that has dedicated themselves to the advancement of debate in high schools. The award is named in honor of Millard North alumni Alex Raksin and his monumental support for debate and the Millard North squad. Raksin's vision of the life-changing power of debate affirms the essential importance of our activity, and he actively dedicates himself to making debate accessible to as many students as possible.

*\* At this point, I am working on figuring out a way to do limited physical awards that honor the work of our student competitors but does so without creating an insurmountable work load and financial burden to my team due to shipping. I'll try to update folks as a plan develops but at this stage, nothing is firmly set in stone when it comes to traditional awards. I fully intend to send laptop stickers to each participating program so that small part of the tournament can happen almost as normal. Stay tuned for more about awards.*

## Judge Coverage

Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas judges are obligated through the first full elimination round and then for one round beyond their teams' elimination. For instance, if we break to a partial double-octofinal and a team's entries are eliminated prior to octofinals, their PF and LD judging obligation would be met following the octofinal debate.

Judges in policy are obligated for one round beyond their teams' elimination, and congressional debate judges are obligated until the congressional debate tournament is completed. Please note that congressional debate judges may be used in pools for other events if they are not being used in congress.

The cost to hire a judge is as follows:

- Policy -- One judge per two entries  
(May be hired for \$250)
- Lincoln-Douglas – One judge per two entries  
(May be hired for \$250)
- Public Forum – One judge per two entries  
(May be hired for \$250)
- Congressional Debate – One judge per six entries or part thereof  
(May be hired for \$20 per debater)

Please limit your judge hire requests as there are only a limited number of these judges available.

Please note that all judges provided must be qualified to judge in the event for which you're hiring them. Judges need to be experienced judges and/or former debaters and must be out of high school. In Public Forum, lay-judges are acceptable, but the tournament expects that the hiring school will provide that judge with the requisite and appropriate training to judge adequately within the tournament. Any team that enters judges who do not meet the qualifications standards for our tournament risks having their entire entry disqualified. Entry fees for disqualified entries will not be refunded. Please just enter qualified adult judges that are not high school students.

An important note that all of your judges should be made aware of prior to the tournament: **Judges will also be expected to disclose in round.** If detailed oral comments are warranted, that's fine, but **A COMPLETED BALLOT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED VIA TABROOM PRIOR TO THE JUDGE SAYING ANYTHING IN ROUND!** Students, it's also important for you to remember that judges who are uncomfortable disclosing in debates often feel that way due to past negative experiences disclosing decisions. If you want judges to disclose decisions in your debates, treat your judges with respect and do not post-round your judges!

All judges should have a posted paradigm on Tabroom. In Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum, teams whose judges do not have a posted paradigm will not receive prefs/strikes.

Because the tournament will likely have to hire out judge coverage for missed rounds, the tournament reserves the right to apply a \$25 fine/round assignment missed by a judge should a judge miss an assigned round. We are not looking to make a profit off this scenario, but we cannot have a situation where judges disappear on their assigned debates throughout the day. Any portion of fines collected that is not immediately used to pay for judge replacement coverages will be donated to a non-profit organization such as Beyond Resolved, The Voices Foundation, or The JW Patterson Foundation, which seek to make debate a safer, more accessible place for people of all backgrounds. If you would like to suggest an organization to be considered, please let us know by email at [awschurevich@mpsomaha.org](mailto:awschurevich@mpsomaha.org) or [milocup.debate@gmail.com](mailto:milocup.debate@gmail.com).

## Schedules (Schedule subject to change, all listed times are CST)

<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b>			
<u>Friday Feb. 19:</u>		<u>Saturday Feb. 20:</u>	
Online Registration	12:00P-2:30P	Round 5	8:15A
Round 1	3:30P	Round 6	9:30A
Round 2	4:45P	Triples	10:45A
Dinner	6:00P-6:45P	Lunch	12:00P-12:45P
Round 3	6:45P	Doubles	12:45P
Round 4	8:00P	Octos	2:15P
		Quarters	3:45P
		Semis	5:30P
		Finals	7:00P
<b>LINCOLN DOUGLAS</b>			
<u>Friday Feb. 19:</u>		<u>Saturday Feb. 20:</u>	
Online Registration	12:00P-2:30P	Round 5	8:15A
Round 1	3:30P	Round 6	9:30A
Round 2	4:45P	Doubles	10:45A
Dinner	6:00P-6:45P	Lunch	12:00P-12:45P
Round 3	6:45P	Octos	12:45P
Round 4	8:00P	Quarters	2:15P
		Semis	3:45P
		Finals	5:30P
<b>POLICY</b>			
<u>Friday Feb. 19:</u>		<u>Saturday Feb. 20:</u>	
Online Registration	12:00P-2:30P	Round 3	8:15A
Round 1	3:30P	Round 4	10:30A
Dinner	5:30P-6:15P	Lunch	12:30P-1:15P
Round 2	6:15P	Round 5	1:15P
		Elim 1	3:30P
		Elim 2	5:45P
		Elim 3 (if entries warrant a quarters break)	8:00P
<b>CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE</b>			
<u>Friday, Feb. 19:</u>		<u>Saturday, Feb. 10:</u>	
Online Registration:	12:00P-2:30P	<b>Prelims Session 2:</b>	8:15A-11:45A
Opening Meeting (Zoom):	3:30P	Session 2 Ballots Due:	12:15P
<b>Prelims Session 1:</b>	4:30P-8:00P	Lunch:	11:45A-12:30P
NOTE: Each chamber can take a half hour break for dinner as decided by the chamber		Semifinals Postings:	12:30P
Session 1 PR Ballots Due:	8:15PM	<b>Semifinals Session:</b>	12:45P-3:45P
		Semis Ballots Due:	4:00P
		Finals Postings:	4:20P
		<b>Finals Session:</b>	4:30P-7:30P
		Finals Ballots Due:	8:00P
		Live Congress Awards:	8:30P
		NOTE: Each chamber each session can take a up to a half hour break for dinner as decided by the chamber	

**AWARDS NOTE:** An awards video will be compiled and posted on Sunday. Because congress is the only event where disclosure fails to reveal final standings/bids, congress is the only event in which we will hold a live awards announcement on Saturday evening.

### Policy Debate

We will follow the standard format with 8 minutes of prep time. Policy will have five prelims (powered after two) breaking to a TBD elim level (presently estimated to be semis, but could be quarters if entry numbers warrant). We encourage all CX judges to have a paradigm posted on Tabroom by February 16, 2021.

### Lincoln-Douglas Debate

We will be using the January/February topic and follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format with **5 minutes of prep time**. We will have six prelims (powered after two) breaking to all 4-2's.

We aim to give each debater judge prefs, so paradigms are an important step to make that functional. All judges must have a paradigm posted on Tabroom by February 16, 2021. Teams with judges who have not posted and substantive paradigms will not have their strikes honored.

### **Public Forum Debate**

We will use the February topic. Pilot rules (3 minute summaries and 3 minutes of prep per team) will be used as well. There will be six prelims (powered after two), and all 4-2 records will clear to elimination rounds. We aim to give each team judge strikes, so paradigms are an important step to make that functional. All judges must have a paradigm posted on Tabroom by February 16, 2021. Teams with judges who have not posted and substantive paradigms will not have their strikes honored.

### **Congress**

Each participating school may submit up to two bills and/or resolutions **by 11:59PM on Friday January 15, 2021** to [milocup.debate+congress@gmail.com](mailto:milocup.debate+congress@gmail.com), using the official templates formatted according to the templates available at [www.congressionaldebate.org](http://www.congressionaldebate.org). Tournament staff will review legislation for pertinent, controversial, and researchable issues, and a docket will be posted to Tabroom by January 19, 2021 (sooner if possible). The docket order as it is posted will be the docket order for the tournament, and debaters will not be permitted to modify the order of the docket.

Each school will be assessed a judging fee of \$120 for each six students. You can alleviate this fee by bringing a judge for each six entries. This fee will be prorated. So, if you bring three students you can pay \$60 or bring a judge. Your judges may only be used for ½ a day in congress, so please indicate which other event they would be willing to judge as well. These judges will all be finished before awards.

More information on policies and procedures (direct-questioning, breaks, etc.) for congressional debate will be posted soon on Tabroom under a Congressional Debate Information tab.

### **Eligibility & Independent Entries**

Unlike in prior years, we will be unable to accept independent entries for our tournament for the 2021 Milo Cup. All competing students must be entered with the approval of the school they are representing.

Due to Nebraska state rules, competitors in The Milo Cup must be HIGH SCHOOL students only and attending the institution under which they are competing.

### **Payment Information**

A district W9 is available upon request. Checks for entries/fees can be made out to:  
Millard North Debate  
c/o Aaron Schurevich  
1010 S. 144th St.  
Omaha, NE 68154

### **Contact Info**

You may reach me via cell phone at **(402) 720-0999**. If I do not answer, please leave a message, and I'll return your call ASAP. You can reach me via email as well: [awschurevich@mpsomaha.org](mailto:awschurevich@mpsomaha.org) or [milocup.debate@gmail.com](mailto:milocup.debate@gmail.com). Please contact us with questions or concerns, and let us know if there is anything we can do to make your tournament experience smoother.

We're looking forward to hosting your teams at Millard North!