



## University of Pennsylvania World Schools Online Tournament 2021

### **Introduction**

The Penn Debate Society is delighted to welcome you to our second online World Schools Tournament, to be hosted from **Friday, April 9th to Sunday, April 11th, 2021**. The tournament will feature three prepared and three impromptu rounds of world schools-style debate, followed by a break to quarterfinals.

Our tournament will feature high-quality judging from independent adjudicators and the members of the Penn Debate Society, which include alumni of World Schools Team USA, India, Canada, South Africa, Pakistan, Philippines, Korea, Thailand, Hungary, Botswana, and Lithuania. This diverse range of backgrounds will ensure that participants receive feedback from a range of debate philosophies and styles and are well prepared for the competition on the international circuit.

### **Online Format**

At this time, we expect the tournament to be held on Discord and Zoom.

### **Registration and Fees**

Registration will open on March 15th. Early bird registration will close on March 22nd. Registration will close on April 2nd.

Early bird registration fees will be \$20.00 per team member. Thereafter, regular registration fees will be \$30.00 per team member. Teams will be able to make payment via check or credit card payment through Eventbrite (the link will be posted at a future date). **Fee waivers are available for teams in need**, so please contact Tvisha Malik ([tvisha@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:tvisha@wharton.upenn.edu)) if you would like to request one.

Drop fees will go into effect beginning **Wednesday, April 7th, 2021**. Drops on or after this date that reduce the team's size below the minimum of 3 will simply forfeit the initial entry fee per person. For example, if a team of 3 has 1 competitor who drops on April 9th, they would pay \$20/\$30 in drop fees (depending on early bird vs regular registration). However, if a team of 4 or 5 students had 1 competitor drop, they would not pay any drop fees.

Please make all checks payable to the University of Pennsylvania. Payment can be mailed to us in advance or paid on the first day of the tournament in person.

If mailing checks, please send checks to the following address with **Attn. Heather Durham**:

3417 Spruce Street, 200 Houston Hall  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
TIN: 23-1352685 | W9 available upon request.

Please direct any questions to the Penn Debate Society's VP of Finance: Tvisha Malik, [tvisha@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:tvisha@wharton.upenn.edu).

### **Schedule**

Please note that this schedule is tentative and subject to change depending on time zones of teams registered. All times are in Eastern Time (GMT – 4).

<b>Friday, April 9th, 2021</b>	<b>Saturday, April 10, 2021</b>	<b>Sunday, April 11, 2021</b>
<b>2:15 PM</b> Tournament Briefing	<b>11:00 AM</b> Round 4	<b>11:00 AM</b> Quarters
<b>3:00 PM</b> Round 1 (Prepared)	(Impromptu)	(Prepared)
<b>4:30 PM</b> Round 2 (Impromptu)	<b>1:30 PM</b> Round 5 (Prepared)	<b>12:30 PM</b> Semis (Impromptu)
<b>7:00 PM</b> Round 3 (Prepared)	<b>3:00 PM</b> Lunch	<b>3:00 PM</b> Lunch Break
	<b>4:00 PM</b> Round 6 (Impromptu)	<b>4:30 PM</b> Finals (Prepared)
	<b>6:30 PM</b> Break + Speaker Awards	<b>5:30 PM</b> Awards

### **Rules and Regulations**

The UPenn World Schools Online Tournament 2021 will be conducted in the World Schools Debating Championships Style. The latest version of the WSDC rules can be found [here](#). As per the WSDC guidelines, all teams must consist of at least 3 debaters and no more than 5 competitors. Teams are not limited to being of a single school or nationality.

### **Eligibility**

All speakers in a team must be 19 years of age or younger in April 2021.

All speakers must neither be enrolled in a university or equivalent post-secondary learning institution nor be attending university varsity debating training in April 2021.

Novice eligibility shall be defined as competing at three tournaments (including the UPenn World Schools Online Tournament 2021) or less.

### **Judging Requirement**

Schools will be required to bring 1 judge for every 2 teams (rounded down, so schools with 5 teams require 2 judges). Missing judges will incur a fee of \$30 per day missed. For example, a judge that did not show up for any rounds on all 3 days would owe \$90 in fees. We also encourage members of the WSDC community writ large to judge at our tournament to make the experience as rewarding as possible for all participants. The link for judges registration will be announced in a future post.

**Contact**

For more information, please contact [contact@penndebatesociety.com](mailto:contact@penndebatesociety.com) and we will be happy to answer your query. You can also contact our President (Shreyoshi Das) directly at [dasshrey@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:dasshrey@wharton.upenn.edu), or our Tournament Directors Allan Lee at [leeallan@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:leeallan@sas.upenn.edu) or Albert Manfredi [albi247@seas.upenn.edu](mailto:albi247@seas.upenn.edu).