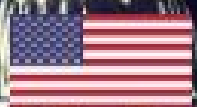




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Event Description

The Inaugural Trans-Pacific Debate Championship (TPDC) is set for March 2021. TPDC is a collaborative effort to bring high quality competition and judging to students throughout the world. As the Pandemic continues to run its course through our communities we find it encouraging that online tournaments have provided a new form of access to competitors and coaches.

TPDC is a month long tournament (April 8th-May 8th). Each week students will compete in two rounds culminating in the final week of elimination debates. Our schedule is set to accommodate students across six different time zones and dozens of countries. Our goal is to allow students to attend at a “reasonable” time regardless of their location.

Although access has increased we recognize that some barriers still exist and aim to continually decrease those while maintaining a high quality tournament and user friendly experience. Partnering with coaches, instructors and educators across the globe we hope to bring you an event that will motivate your students and inspire discussion and dialogue across language barriers and political views.



Code of Conduct

Statement on Commitment to Excellence and Equity

NSDA Vancouver is dedicated to offering a safe, inclusive educational environment to all tournament participants and administrators. Speech and Debate is an activity that requires all of us to engage in dialogue, contestation of ideas and disagreement with grace and sincerity.

The National Speech & Debate Association of Vancouver 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. The NSDA Vancouver 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.

Governing Principles

- Access - to a safe space for competition
- Equity - to all members of our community
- Competition - fair and objective standards for participation.

DEI Partners

[Women's Debate Institute \(WDI\)](#) - we endorse their statement on Best Online Practices.

[Association of Black Argumentation Professionals \(ABAP\)](#) - we endorse their Digital Bill of Rights.

WDI Best Online Practices

We also hope our students will consider the following best practices for engaging safely online:

1. Be selective with the information you share – the WDI is working to make our platforms as secure as they can be, but the internet is, unfortunately, less private than an in-person camp. Therefore, we ask that students consider the potential outcomes



before sharing private or personal information during WDI Online Summer Programming activities and/or with persons you meet through WDI Online Summer Programming.

2. Protect your information – we encourage our students to check their privacy settings on their social media accounts to ensure their information is protected. While the WDI does not use social media platforms for programming, we recognize that many of our students will use these platforms to connect with each other.

3. Be active in creating an inclusive community – developing a safe environment is everyone’s responsibility at the WDI. If students witness participants being teased, made fun of, bullied or harassed, we ask that students step-in and check-in, which includes interrupting the negative interactions and providing support afterward. Finally, we encourage our students to discuss any incidences of teasing, derogatory, offensive, or hurtful comments with WDI staff.

For ABAP’s Digital Bill of Rights click [HERE](#).



Tournament Logistics & Details

Divisions

This tournament is for students in grades 6-12. Students in 9th Grade can choose to participate in either the Junior or Senior Division.

Junior Division - Students in grades 6-9 may participate in the junior division.

Senior Division - Students in grades 9-12 may participate in the senior division.

Tournament Format

The tournament will follow an abridged British Parliamentary style. Competitors will have fifteen (15) minutes of preparation time and five (5) minutes of substantive speeches.

Logistics

Important Dates:

Registration Opens: February 20 ,2021

Registration Closes: March 31 ,2021

Fees Frozen: March 31, 2021

Fees Due: March 31, 2021

Tournament Start: April 9, 2021

Tournament End: May 7, 2021

Schedule

Full Schedule available [HERE](#).

The Award Ceremony will be asynchronous and posted before the start of semifinals.



Staff

Tournament Co-Director - Benjamin Hagwood

Tournament Co-Director - Meagan Kowaleski

CA - Bobby Andika Ruitang

CA - Amrit Agastia

DCA - Jililian Dushane

DCA -

Equity Officer - Nicole Nave

Tabroom Staff and Tech Support

Nick Ryan

Moriah Rader



Judging

General Information:

For every two teams you will need one (1) judge. If you entered as a “**Judge Free**” competitor then your rounds will be covered. If you entered as a “**Covered Entry**” your judge will need to complete the training provided by the Chief Adjudicators.

Qualified Judge

Chief Adjudicators will administer training and evaluation of non-tournament hired judges for qualification. If judges are unable to “qualify” then entries must pay the full fee to participate in the tournament.

“Qualified Judges” will:

- Exhibit professionalism at all times
- Promptly adhere to the schedule.
- Enforce decorum and equity standards.
- Provide feedback to students in either written or oral form.

Elim Judging

Participants will have the opportunity to rank their judges from preliminary rounds. The ranking will determine the judges that qualify for elimination rounds.



Fees

Entry Fees

Tournament participants have two (2) options for entry into the tournament: Judge Free Entry or Covered Judge Entry.

1. Judge Free Entry - **\$200/team** - Judge free entry means that you enter teams and will use the qualified judges hired by the tournament.
2. Covered Judge Entry - **\$100/team** - Covered judge entry means that you enter teams into the tournament and can cover the judging per team. Covering judging means that you will have a “qualified judge” (see that section below) signed up to cover all your rounds.

Entry Fee covers:

Judging - it is our goal to get qualified judges for all our tournaments. NSDA Vancouver has a working list of qualified judges that can judge debates for the entire tournament. Our judges have been background checked and trained to provide quality and concise feedback. We believe offering you these judges is critical to ensure the best educational experience for competitors, adjudicators and coaches alike.

Hosting - We will host the tournament on tabbykat via Zoom. in order to ensure a safe learning environment we will utilize the Zoom Room Management (ZRM) system. Zoom Rooms will be managed by a member of the tournament staff. Entry into the rooms will be prohibited to competitors and judges only. Elimination rounds will be broadcasted via NSDA Vancouver's YouTube channel (hyperlinks can also be found on our website).

Tech Support - We can brag enough about our technical support crew that we have ready to assist you. Our tabulation, ZRM, Chief and Deputy Adjudicators and technical difficulties crews are here to help you navigate difficulties and enjoy your tournament experience.

For More information on our Chief and Deputy Adjudicators.

Support Staff - Smoothly run tournaments also require accountability, transparency and equity. We have a trained and skilled DEI professional leading our equity team click [HERE](#). (Bio page needed)



Penalties & Fees

All fees must be paid before the next set of rounds begin. (Example - you are fined for an absent judge in round 2. You must pay the fee for the missing judge before the start of round 3.) Failure to pay fees will result in removal from the tournament without reimbursement of initial entry fee. If you "bring your own judges" you are responsible for any and all fees they incur during the tournament. Fees will be collected weekly on a rolling basis.

Judge Penalties and Fees*

Offense	Violation	Fee/Penalty
1st	Late to your debate (5 minutes or more)	\$25.00
2nd	Late to your debate (5 minutes or more)	\$45.00 & disqualified
1st	Inappropriate behavior, lewd language, violation of code of conduct/equity policies	Disqualified until cleared by the equity officer. Fined \$45.00
2nd	Inappropriate behavior, lewd language, violation of code of conduct/equity policies	Removed from the tournament. If hired by a school letter of reprimand sent to the hiring school.
1st	Moonlighting (Judging multiple tournaments at once)	Removed from the pool. Contract eliminated and no payment received.