2021-2022 WHS Mustang Magic TFA/NIETOC QUALIFYING BID TOURNAMENT!

Westfield High School is excited to announce its first annual TFA-qualifying Speech and Debate tournament on November 5-6, 2021!

Westfield High School
16713 Ella Blvd.
Houston, TX 77090

GREETINGS!!!

We will offer all traditional TFA events IN-PERSON! We will be offering all TFA qualifying events and even World Schools debate. Please join us in OUR RETURN to hosting and rebuilding our program in the speech and debate world. Starting is hard work but we are motivated to offer a great tournament experience.

Tab Masters: Kaye Magill & Cindi Havron

COVID-19 protocols are posted on the “COVID-19 Protocols” page in accordance with the COVID-19 policies and procedures of Spring ISD.

TOPICS are listed on the Information page. UPDATES are being posted weekly because we are still building the website. Please continue to check back often.

We are thrilled you have chosen to join us for your competition weekend. We will strive to do our best for the benefit of all students and coaches.
We will have trophies, great food, and themed ambiance! POSITIVE ENERGY ALL AROUND! We know that this may be one of the first in person tournament experiences for many of your team members like my newbies, we want to show them what makes debate tournaments so special.

**It is important that all squad members have the opportunity to compete and get as much experience as necessary, so we will be offering many novice events.**

Many of our judges will be members of the community and school district. The volunteer judges we recruit are provided with a training course the week before the tournament. We do charge a flat fee per school judging fee that we use to pay our qualified contract judges. Contract judges will be used for advancing rounds of debate. Public Forum judges will be lay judges. Coaches will only be asked to judge a minimum and as a last resort in some cases. We want coaches to be available to their students.

Fees will be set as of Monday, November 1 at 3:00 pm. Drops (a $10 fee on top of the entry fee) will be charged on Tuesday, November 2 at 8:00 am. Please email me with any changes after Tuesday, November 2nd. If you have any questions text me on my cell phone or email me.

DROP FEES WILL BE COLLECTED and BILLED to schools dropping the day of competition. THIS WILL BE NOTED of drops happening on Saturday, also. Your school will be billed.

**PLEASE make checks payable to:**

WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

SPEECH & DEBATE PROGRAM

16713 ELLA BLVD

HOUSTON, TX 77090

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to LaMonde Howard at lhowar1@springisd.org or 832-308-0038 cell phone

Until We Meet,

LaMonde Howard

Director of Speech and Debate - Westfield High School
HOUSEKEEPING & COVID-19

**Brackets:** Brackets will be broken in all debate events.

**Independent Entries:** All entries must be sanctioned by their school and have supervision by a chaperone who is an employee of the school or school district. Employee chaperones must be either in the waiting room for coaches or judging a round at all times. Parents or other adults associated with students participating in the tournament do not satisfy this requirement.

**Judging:** Your school must have a coach/sponsor/judge available for all tournament times/rounds to provide support for the tournament and judge as needed.

**COVID-19 Protocols:**

**Mask Policy:** [https://www.springisd.org/covid19](https://www.springisd.org/covid19)

**Arrival:** Buses will drop off students in the FRONT of the school off ELLA BLVD. Students will enter directly into the cafeteria. Buses will park in the NORTH parking lot.

**Cafeteria Seating:** Schools will seat themselves upon arrival at the direction of their head coach. Students are encouraged to socially distance and not encroach on other schools within the cafeteria throughout the tournament. There is limited outdoor seating available for those who would prefer that option.

**Concessions:** Concessions will be provided for students in a designated concession stand area located just outside of the cafeteria. Students may also elect to purchase individually served food from any of our vendors. Vendors will be announced as they are confirmed.

**Social Distancing:** Throughout the tournament, competitors are encouraged to social distance themselves from other competitors. This includes, but is not limited to, before rounds, during rounds, and congregating in the cafeteria between rounds.

For the purposes of social distancing, tournament administration is okay with competitors sitting along the “Disco” hallway or main hallway adjacent to the cafeteria to prep in between rounds as opposed to sitting in the cafeteria. **These**
areas will be clearly marked. However, competitors should not be outside of the cafeteria or main hallway unless competing.

Contact Tracing: It is the obligation of a participating school’s HEAD COACH to inform the tournament host if a participating coach, judge or student tests positive for COVID-19 within CDC recommended guidelines for exposure timeline. The tournament host will notify other coaches within the event(s) of any possible exposure via email.

Deadlines

- Entry Deadline is Monday, November 1, 2021 at 11:59PM.

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Congress Legislation

Pre-Lims: #16-20
Finals: #21-25

World Schools Topics

Round 1: This House prefers leaderless social movements.

Round 2: This House would ban unpaid internships.

Round 3: IMPROMPTU

Quarters: This House supports the creation and popular conscription of citizens into a mandatory civil service corps focused on climate issues.

Semis: This House supports jury nullification.

Finals: IMPROMPTU

*If Quarterfinals are not needed, we will not use that topic. *

Policy - Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States.

Public Forum - Resolved: Increased United States federal regulation of cryptocurrency transactions and/or assets will produce more benefits than harms.

Lincoln-Douglas - Resolved: A just government ought to recognize an unconditional right of workers to strike.