

2022 WSDT Invitation

Date and Location: January 15-16, 2022 (Saturday and Sunday). The tournament will take place online using NSDA Campus.

Tournament Website: wsdt.tabroom.com. Updates and additional information will be posted there.

Divisions:

- Junior Varsity PF, Junior Varsity LD, Varsity PF, Varsity LD, Novice Policy, and Varsity Policy.
- A JV debater is competing in their first or second season. A Novice debater is in their first year of competition. Violations will result in a disqualification. Changing styles of debate does not reset years of competition.
- In the event that PF and/or LD registration numbers make holding both JV and Varsity divisions unviable, the WDCA Exec Board may vote to combine them. Should that decision be made, it will be announced at the earliest possible time.

Rounds: Each division will have 6 preliminary rounds. Only teams with winning records will advance to the elimination rounds. This will likely mean that the first elimination round will be a partial elimination round, with some teams advancing without debating from that round into the next elimination round.

Qualification:

School: A school must have competed 3 times in WDCA sanctioned tournaments and be a paid member of the WDCA.

Student: A student must have competed 2 times in WDCA sanctioned tournaments in the style of debate they are registered in and meet the definition of a debater in that event.

Fees and Obligations:

1. Fees are \$60 in Policy and PF and \$50 in LD.
2. Coaches must also upload a copy of their PO/Check request to [this form](#) by Thursday, January 13th at 6PM or confirm that the check is in the possession of Dan Hansen, WDCA Treasurer.

Judge Requirements: In all divisions 1 judge for 1 team, 2 for 2 or 3 teams, 3 for 4 or 5 teams, etc. Separate judge pools will be used for each division. Judges are obligated 2 full elimination (not partial) rounds beyond their school's elimination from that division. For example, if the school's last team is eliminated in the quarterfinals, judges are obligated to the Semi AND Final rounds. A partial elimination round doesn't not count toward the 2 round obligation. If you are hiring a judge you believe to be unaffiliated to your school, please contact John Knetzger who will determine their status. **If at all possible, head coaches should not judge so they are available to assist their students with any issues. Hired judges are not available.**

Paradigms: Judges are required to have a paradigm specific to the division they are judging in order to be considered registered. Additionally, paradigms should reflect the professional role of the judge. Sample templates can be found on wdca.org. Judges whose paradigm requires edits will not be considered registered until the paradigm is complete.

Judge Certification: Any judge with less than 2 years of combined experience judging, coaching, and/or debating in the style of debate they are judging must be certified. Training and certification materials are

available at wdca.org. Judges who are certified are encouraged to review those materials as well. Judge certification materials are available on WDCA.org

Preferencing Preferencing should open on Wednesday, January 12th at 8 AM. It will close at 11 PM on Friday, January 14th. After preferencing closes, coaches will not be able to enter preferences for their teams. Specific instructions will be emailed to coaches before preferences open. Schools not meeting their judging obligations by the registration deadline may be prohibited from entering preferences until their obligations are met.

Deadlines Entries are due by Sunday January 9th at 12 PM. After the registration deadline, a single substitute is allowed in team divisions, provided they meet the definition of a debater in that division. New entries will not be allowed after this deadline. Judges must be entered by 8 PM on Tuesday, January 12th. All judges must have a linked tabroom account and a paradigm posted by the judge registration deadline. Judge changes after the registration deadlines are subject to a \$35 fine.

Teams should verify that all technology is functional before the tournament, including ensuring that all necessary websites are whitelisted by their school/district. A full list of those sites can be found on speechanddebate.org

All students must have linked tabroom accounts in order to access competition rooms.

Mandatory Check In On Saturday, January 15th, between 5AM and 8AM, teams must confirm their entries and judges online. Failure to register during this window will incur a \$35 fine.

Schedule

A full schedule will be posted on the tournament site.

Saturday Rounds 1-5 all divisions

Sunday Round 6, and all elims in all divisions.

Additional Questions: Please contact admin@wdca.org