

February 18-19, 2022

Omaha, Nebraska



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Millard North Debate cordially invites you to join us virtually 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 elimination rounds
- Helpful, responsive, and independent tournament administrators

Date & Host Site

The tournament will take place on NSDA Campus via Tabroom.com on February 18-19, 2022, with all events starting competition on Friday, February 18.

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. 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 Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Name changes or drops can be emailed after this date to MiloCup2022@gmail.com. The deadline for judge hire requests will be 5:00PM on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, and the deadline for judge entries will be 5:00PM on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

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 elimination 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, we are 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 workload and financial burden to the team due to shipping. We will try to update folks as a plan develops but at this stage, nothing is firmly set in stone when it comes to traditional awards. We 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

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

PUBLIC FORUM			
<u>Friday Feb. 18:</u>		<u>Saturday Feb. 19:</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
LINCOLN DOUGLAS			
<u>Friday Feb. 18:</u>		<u>Saturday Feb. 19:</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
POLICY			
<u>Friday Feb. 18:</u>		<u>Saturday Feb. 19:</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
CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE			
<u>Friday, Feb. 18:</u>		<u>Saturday, Feb. 19:</u>	
Online Registration:	12:00P-2:30P	Prelims Session 2:	8:15A-11:45A
Opening Meeting (Zoom):	3:30P	Session 2 Ballots Due:	12:15P
Prelims Session 1:	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	Semifinals Session:	12:45P-3:45P
		Semis Ballots Due:	4:00P
		Finals Postings:	4:20P
		Finals Session:	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: We will post a further announcement in regards to the current plans for awards.

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, 2022.

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, 2022. 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, 2022. 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 21, 2022** to MiloCup2022@gmail.com, using the official templates formatted according to the templates available at www.congressionaldebate.org. Tournament staff will review legislation for pertinent, controversial, and researchable issues, and a docket will be posted to Tabroom by January 26, 2022 (Sooner if Possible). The docket order will be allowed to be set by the students for their prelim rounds, but the docket order is set for all elimination rounds.

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 2022 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.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Millard North is committed to both NSAA bylaws and the NSCTA equity statement:

Every Person. Every Voice.

The Nebraska Speech, Communication, and Theater Association believes that communication's value is through the sharing of multiple perspectives and learning through the experiences of others. Therefore, our mission as the NSCTA is to foster and promote the celebration of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We define diversity as differences in race, color, place of origin, socioeconomic status, religion, immigrant and newcomer status, ethnic origin, ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and age. We seek to enhance diversity through the removal of systemic barriers and biases. We commit to model and encourage the practice of valuing and respecting the contributions of all participants in speech, debate, and theater. With these goals in mind, NSCTA is dedicated to:

- The collection and tracking of data related to the demographics of coaches and judges

- Finding ways to promote increased transparency regarding student involvement, inclusion, and success
- Proactive communication and collaboration to eliminate systemic barriers and biases
- Actively promoting and recruiting people from diverse backgrounds to coach and lead our programs We are committed to growth and change in the areas through self-reflection on both successes and shortcomings that will help us evolve as an organization.

Please contact the tabroom at MiloCup2022@gmail.com with questions or concerns.

Payment Information

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

Contact Info

You may reach us via telephone at **(402) 401-4368**. If we do not answer, please leave a message, and we will return your call ASAP. You can reach us via email as well at MiloCup2022@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!