



May 22, 2022 Elementary Debate Tournament

Version 1.0

We welcome you to an elementary school debate tournament hosted by Climb the Mountain featuring **4** rounds of Elementary debate for ALL debaters with judge feedback, student chosen topics, along with awards and recognitions **ALL ONLINE using Zoom!**

1. Support Each Other Positively and Inclusively

At all times, treat each other with courtesy and respect. Every person. Every room. We want a fun, positive, and educational environment.

2. Topics

- First two rounds: **TBA.**
- Second two rounds: **TBA.**
- Teams debate both sides of each topic (except if they receive a bye).
- Teams in finals choose one of the two above topics either by agreement or a coin toss.

3. Debating Times

Topic announce, **10** minutes prep before the first speech

- Pro 1st speaker: 3 minutes
- Con 1st speaker: 3 minutes
2 minute cross-fire between the 1st speakers
- Con 2nd speaker: 3 minutes
- Pro 2nd speaker: 3 minutes
2 minute cross-fire between the 2nd speakers
- Con 3rd speaker: 3 minutes
- Pro 3rd speaker: 3 minutes
2 minute cross-fire between the 3rd speakers

If either team has a 4th speaker—then add

- Con 4th speaker: 3 minutes
- Pro 4th speaker: 3 minutes
2 minute cross-fire between the 4th speakers
- Each debater explains why they think their side won the debate: 45 seconds each.

4. Debating Rules

Prep Time Rules

- You CAN view and use materials you researched/prepared.
- You can research online during Prep Time.
- You CAN talk with your debate partners
- You CAN hand-write/flow/type out arguments for your speeches.
- You CANNOT get debating help from coach(es) or parent(s) during prep time.

During the Debate

- You CAN pass notes or text message/chat with your debate partners.
- You CAN quietly speak with your debate partners who are not speaking (don't interrupt the debater speaking).
- You CANNOT get help from coach(es) or parent(s) during the debate.
- You CANNOT speak to teammates who are speaking.
- No heckling, no questions or comments out loud during another student's speech.

5. Parents

We welcome parents supporting their children's growth as speakers! We ask that you abide by our tournament rules:

- You should watch by viewing your child's computer screen. If that doesn't work for you—you can log in to Zoom with another computer. We ask that you keep your sound and video turned off.
- No video recording, no photographs, no screen shots during debates.
- Please, no talking with students from other schools.
- No coaching your kids nor any students during prep time nor during the debate.
- You should remain neutral and quiet during the debate (no sound, no video). You may applaud for all competitors after the final speech.
- We encourage you to be supportive of your debater at all times including especially after the debate. Show how proud you are of your child.
- Complaint about a judge? Two things: 1) Remember not everyone agrees even if you feel really strongly your child should have won. 2) If a judge violated a rule and especially if they did not treat students with courtesy and respect—please report it to your coach who can bring the issue to the attention of the tournament directors.

6. Judges

Thank you for serving as a judge. You are helping students grow and become better communicators.

- ALL Judges carefully read and follow the judging instructions given to you.
- At all times, make every effort to have an inclusive, equitable debating environment.

Judges do the following at the end of the debate:

1. **ASAP, submit just the winner and speaker points.**
2. Give constructive feedback to debaters orally with 1) at least 1 good thing each debater did; 2) at least 1 thing each debater needs to improve on.
3. After oral feedback, submit Speaker Comments: again, with 1) at least 1 good thing each debater did; 2) at least 1 thing each debater needs to improve on.

7. Coaches

We want to make sure you and your team know what is going on—topics, pairings, etc.

- We will show Postings (who debates who, on what side, with what judge, and in what room) in the Zoom Main Room.
- Please train your teams to look for their names under Pro or Con—and then to follow across to their breakout room number and judge name.
- Have a judge no show before the tournament starts? Contact Jim Hanson at jim@climbthemountain.us as soon as possible and provide a replacement judge.

8. Team and Judge Registration--Due Tues. MAY 18.

BY TUESDAY MAY 18: Email Jim Hanson at jim@climbthemountain.us with . . .

First and Last Names of debaters on each team.

Judges with their cell phone number and email address.

Important: Students and Judges need to have their correct names showing in Zoom. Tell them to include their name in Zoom—if they want extra beyond the name—type that in AFTER their name.

9. Paying Fees

Judging Needs

You need 1 judge for your first team; You need 1 judge for additional increments of 1 or 2 teams

Example: 6 teams need 4 judges

If a judge no-shows, we add \$35.00 to your fees per round missed.

WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF HIRED JUDGES AVAILABLE. Contact Jim Hanson at least one week before the tournament to see how many judges are available.

Fees

Fee Per Debater: \$7.00

Fee for each _team_ needing a judge (not for each judge): \$60.00

Pay Fees

Jim Hanson will provide an invoice. You will be able to pay via credit card or check.

10. Finals/Honors Teams

After the four preliminary debates, the two top teams in the tournament debate each other in Finals and any remaining undefeated teams and the top teams from each school debate in Honors Debates.

11. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (All times Pacific Coast Time)

9:00am Students check-in with their Coaches in their School Room

Go to the Zoom Meeting—Look for THE POSTING SHOWING BREAKOUT ROOMS FOR EACH SCHOOL. Go to that room to check-in with your coach.

9:00am Judges check-in with their Coaches in their School Room

Then judges need to review the judging instructions.

Judges should also make sure they have received an email from Jim Hanson indicating they can receive ballots.

By 9:25am, COACHES Report Missing Judges and Teams (not individual students).

9:30 Teams gather in the Zoom Main Room.

9:40 Round 1 Posted

Go to Breakout Rooms shown in Zoom Meeting, Judge Welcomes you

Prep for 10 minutes

First Pro begins speaking at 9:55am

Judges submit speaker points/winner by 10:45am.

11:10 Round 2 Posted

Go to Breakout Rooms shown in Zoom Meeting, Judge Welcomes you

Prep for 10 minutes

First Pro begins speaking at 11:25am

Judges submit speaker points/winner by 12:15pm.

Break

12:50 Round 3 Posted

Go to Breakout Rooms shown in Zoom Meeting, Judge Welcomes you

Prep for 10 minutes

First Pro begins speaking at 1:05pm

Judges submit speaker points/winner by 1:55pm.

2:10 Round 4 Posted

Go to Breakout Rooms shown in Zoom Meeting, Judge Welcomes you

Prep for 10 minutes

First Pro begins speaking at 2:25pm

Judges submit speaker points/winner by 3:15pm.

3:30 Finals/Honors Round Posted

NOTE: The top teams debate each other AND the top teams from each school debate in honors rounds.

Go to Breakout Room, Judges Welcome you

Prep for 10 minutes

First Pro begins speaking at 3:45pm

Judges submit speaker/points winner by 4:35pm.

4:45 Awards in Zoom Main Room (expect to finish at 5:00pm)