



2023 Cavalier Survivor Challenge
Information Packet



January 16, 2023

Dear Coaches & Competitors:

The Durham Academy Speech & Debate team cordially welcomes you to the 5th Annual Cavalier Survivor Challenge. In the spring of 2018, a conversation began about the creation of a round robin with a unique format. The product of that conversation was the inaugural Cavalier Survivor Challenge in 2019.

The Cavalier Survivor Challenge is a fantastic opportunity for some of the best debaters in the nation to compete against each other in this new format.

In 2020, we expanded the Cavalier Survivor Challenge to include Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Last year, the Survivor Challenge saw its second expansion with the addition of Challenges in both Extemporaneous Speaking and Congressional Debate. Although we are not running the Congressional Debate or Extemporaneous Speaking Challenges this year, we look forward to hosting in them in future years.

Finally, we are excited to announce a cash prize, sponsored by the Institute for Speech & Debate, for our Champions and Runners-Up. Each champion will be awarded a cash prize of \$200. We will recognize our runner-up debaters with a cash prize of \$100.

In honor of our continued tradition at Durham Academy, our Champions will receive our replica cavalry saber.

Please read this packet carefully in that it contains new and important information that will affect all of those attending the Survivor Challenge. A common theme of this invitation, based on the language and implicit assumptions therein, is that you are a guest of Durham Academy and its coaching staff and, by attending the event, you are agreeing to adhere to our guidelines as a condition of participation in the Cavalier Survivor Challenge.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Challenge!

Crawford Leavoy
Director of Speech & Debate
Durham Academy



2023 Cavalier Survivor Challenge – Public Forum

2023 Cavalier Challenge Tournament Personnel

Challenge Director.....Crawford Leavoy, Durham Academy (NC)

Student Director.....MacKenna Morris ('23)

Teams in Attendance

North Carolina.....Ella Zhang & Fiona Hu, Cary Academy
Coached by RJ Pellicciotta, Willie Warren, Caleb Horowitz & Sophia Rubenstein

Adam Levin & Ayan Jung, Cary Academy
Coached by RJ Pellicciotta, Willie Warren, Caleb Horowitz & Sophia Rubenstein

Nicholas Willett & Richard Shan, Charlotte Latin School
Coached by Bilal & Megan Butt

Alex Huang & Michael Hansen, Durham Academy
Coached by Crawford Leavoy, Anna Brent-Levenstein ('21), Emma Smith, and Elliot Beamer

Teddy Wallen & Anirudh Sukhija, Durham Academy
Coached by Crawford Leavoy, Anna Brent-Levenstein (21'), Emma Smith, and Elliot Beamer

Taiwan.....Erik Hsu & Noah Huang, Taipei American School
Coached by Chase Williams, Katheryne Dwyer & Zayne El-Kaissi

Texas.....John Yates & Ishan Dubey, Strake Jesuit College Prep
Coached by Jerry Crist, David Kennedy & Neo Curry

Virginia.....Natalie Roots-Nowakowski & Olivia Eads, The Potomac School
Coached by Harry Strong, Julian Dotson & Jeremy Metz



Cavalier Survivor Challenge – Public Forum Schedule

Monday, January 16th, 2023

8:30 AM	Pairings Released for Rounds One & Two
9:00 AM	Round 1 – <i>Single-Flighted - Random Pairing</i>
10:30 AM	Round 2 – <i>Single-Flighted - Random Pairing</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch & the Elimination of 7 th & 8 th Place Finishers
12:30 PM	Round 3 – <i>Single-Flighted – Challenge Pairing</i>
2:30 PM	Elimination of the 5 th & 6 th Place Finishers
3:00 PM	Round 4 – <i>Single-Flighted – Challenge Pairing</i>
4:15 PM	Elimination of the 3 rd & 4 th Place Finishers
5:00 PM	Round 6 – <i>Single-Flighted – Finals</i>
6:15PM	Awards



2023 Cavalier Survivor Challenge – Lincoln Douglas

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Student Director.....MacKenna Morris ('23)

Teams in Attendance

Louisiana..... Andrew Brandt, Isidore Newman School
Coached by Christopher Vincent & Bennett Dombcik ('20)

Elizabeth Elliott, Isidore Newman School
Coached by Christopher Vincent & Bennett Dombcik ('20)

North Carolina.....Nash Riebe, Cape Fear Academy
Coached by Nathan Gergel, Liz Meine, Kavita Persaud & David Riebe

Derek Han, Cary Academy
Coached by RJ Pellicciotta, Willie Warren & Caleb Horowitz

Rebecca Liu, Cary Academy
Coached by RJ Pellicciotta, Willie Warren & Caleb Horowitz

Sachin Aggarwal, Durham Academy
Coached by Crawford Leavoy and Jacob Palmer ('20)

Gil Altman, Myers Park High School
Coached by Lynne Coyne

Ohio.....Ryan Si, Hawken School
Coached by Bob Shurtz, David Childree, Susan McGraw & Eva Lamberson



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Public Forum Survivor Challenge Guidelines

1. Public Forum debate will use the 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2-2 format. A three minutes of preparation time per team will be enforced in Public Forum.
2. Debaters in Public Forum debate will use the NSDA January topic. Procedures for the debate will follow NSDA guidelines: Prior to the round, Tabroom.com will automatically decide the winner of the coin flip. The team that wins the flip has 5 minutes to choose one of two options: EITHER the side of the topic they wish to defend OR the speaking position they wish to have (begin the debate or end the debate). Once the coin toss winners select their favored option, the other team has 5 minutes to make a choice with the remaining option.
3. Meals will be provided Monday for free as part of the Survivor Challenge. The schedule does not permit time to leave the building. Please do not bring food from outside into the building. Please eat only in the Learning Commons. Food should not be taken into the classrooms (this includes judges.) Please use trashcans provided in each classroom and in all hallways. Do not leave trash on the floors or on the tables in the Lounge area.
4. All Durham Academy campuses are non-smoking campuses. **Smoking or vaping is not allowed anywhere on school property.** If you wish to smoke or vape, you must walk across the street to a location that is not on school grounds. Security will enforce this rule.
5. Security personnel and members of the Durham Academy staff and faculty are in the building for your safety and to provide information. Feel free to contact them if you have a problem. Please treat them with respect. Please not remove or move any furniture or equipment from any of the rooms.
6. All rounds are open to authorized guests of the tournament. Guests may flow debates.
7. PF judges may judge a minimum of four rounds, regardless of how many entries you may have. Judges are required to serve one round after their last team has been eliminated. Failure to comply with this will result in additional judge fines and denial of future entry in the Cavalier Invitational. Hired judges are expected to stay until released by the Tournament Director.
8. All debate ballots will be available online through Tabroom.com. Judges not scheduled for a particular round should wait in the Learning Commons. Please do not leave or wander the building. Not being initially scheduled does not translate into having no obligation for that particular round. Missing a stand-by assignment carries the same penalty as missing a published assignment.
9. Do not forget to give points to each debater in the round. You must give a decision in each round on your ballot. All debates must have one winner and one loser. Please check "low point win" if higher points are given to a losing team. Do not give points lower than 20 in any debate. The tab room will raise points to 20 if you forget. Tenth points for speaker points are allowed.
10. For Public Forum, use of laptop computers, tablet computers, smart phones and other electronic devices able to access the internet are permitted during events. The use of computers during debates is permitted for both flowing and research purposes including retrieval of evidence stored on hard drives and accessing resources via the internet. Students should not attempt to use electronic devices to initiate or respond to contact with outside parties during a debate. The penalty for violation of this rule is loss of the debate in question and zero speaker points assigned to the offending debater. This rule recommends, but does not require, that all text messaging devices and cell phones be turned off during debates. It is meant to restrict the debaters from initiating or responding to any outside contact during a debate round. Example: A student's cell phone ringing during a debate would not violate the rule. A student calling, emailing, chatting text messaging or responding to any contact from their coach during a debate would violate this rule.



Public Forum Survivor Challenge Format & Pairing Information

1. The Survivor Challenge begins with 8 Public Forum teams.
2. Each team is guaranteed two rounds. The first two preliminary rounds will be randomly paired, and will have two judges in each debate. Each team will have a chance to win four ballots.
3. At the conclusion of Round Two, the bottom two teams will be eliminated. **Teams will be seeded occurring to ballots won/lost, speaker points (dropping high/low), and then by total points. Remaining ties will be broken randomly.**
4. The beginning of Round Three will be paired as follows:
 - a. Debaters will be grouped into groups according to ballots. Beginning with the group with the most ballots, a team will be selected at random. That team will have the right to challenge any of the remaining teams. Teams are permitted to debate a second time. "Repeat" debates begin with a coin flip as usual – they are never side locked.
 - b. Once the group with the most ballots has all been paired, the next group (second most ballots) will be selected at random. That team will have the right to challenge any of the remaining teams.
 - c. This procedure will continue until all teams are paired.
 - d. Judges will be assigned at random, adjusting for school constraints.
5. At the conclusion of Round Three, the bottom two teams based on total cumulative ballot count will be eliminated.
6. The challenge-based pairing of remaining teams, and subsequent elimination of two teams will continue until only two teams remain.
7. When two teams remain, the Final Round will be paired. An even number of adult judges will be assigned (likely 4). One ballot will be determined by the majority vote of student participants watching the Final Round.
8. Due to the nature of the Survivor Challenge, we request that no judge disclose a decision in a round. Brief post-round comments are permitted.
9. The Survivor Challenge will utilize the protest procedures outlined in the Cavalier Invitational Invitation & Information Packet



Lincoln-Douglas Survivor Challenge Guidelines

1. Lincoln-Douglas debate will use the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format. A four minutes of preparation time per debater will be enforced in Lincoln-Douglas.
2. Debaters in Lincoln-Douglas debate will use the NSDA January/February topic. Procedures for the debate will follow NSDA guidelines. Prior to the round, Tabroom.com will automatically decide the winner of the coin flip. The team that wins the flip has 5 minutes to choose the side of the topic they wish to defend.
3. Meals will be provided Monday for free as part of the Survivor Challenge. The schedule does not permit time to leave the building. Please do not bring food from outside into the building. Please eat only in the Learning Commons. Food should not be taken into the classrooms (this includes judges.) Please use trashcans provided in each classroom and in all hallways. Do not leave trash on the floors or on the tables in the Lounge area.
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9. Do not forget to give points to each debater in the round. You must give a decision in each round on your ballot. All debates must have one winner and one loser. Please check "low point win" if higher points are given to a losing team. Do not give points lower than 20 in any debate. The tab room will raise points to 20 if you forget. Tenth points for speaker points are allowed.
10. For Lincoln-Douglas, use of laptop computers, tablet computers, smart phones and other electronic devices able to access the internet are permitted during events. The use of computers during debates is permitted for both flowing and research purposes including retrieval of evidence stored on hard drives and accessing resources via the internet. Students should not attempt to use electronic devices to initiate or respond to contact with outside parties during a debate. The penalty for violation of this rule is loss of the debate in question and zero speaker points assigned to the offending debater. This rule recommends, but does not require, that all text messaging devices and cell phones be turned off during debates. It is meant to restrict the debaters from initiating or responding to any outside contact during a debate round. Example: A student's cell phone ringing during a debate would not violate the rule. A student calling, emailing, chatting text messaging or responding to any contact from their coach during a debate would violate this rule.



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1. The Survivor Challenge begins with 8 Lincoln-Douglas debaters.
2. Each debater is guaranteed two rounds. The first two preliminary rounds will be randomly paired, and will have two judges in each debate. Each debater will have a chance to win four ballots.
3. At the conclusion of Round Two, the bottom two debaters will be eliminated. **Debaters will be seeded occurring to ballots won/lost, speaker points (dropping high/low), and then by total points. Remaining ties will be broken randomly.**
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