



The Eighth Annual Palatine High School Walk the Plank Debate Tournament November 12, 2022

<http://walktheplank.tabroom.com/>



Lunch: We will be providing the usual pizza lunch order option for teams. Students may also choose to bring their own lunches. We will not have other concession options. We will provide complimentary breakfast and lunch for coaches.

Competitors will debate the NSDA November/December topics:

LD

Resolved: The People's Republic of China ought to prioritize environmental protection over economic growth.

PF

Resolved: The United States' strategy of Great Power Competition produces more benefits than harms.

Division Breakdown

Our tournament will have separate levels for various experience levels of Debate.

Novice: Debaters are in their first season of Debate (any division).

Junior Varsity: Debaters are in their first or second season of Debate (any division).

Varsity: Varsity debaters are in their third or fourth season of Debate (any division).

*****Double-check that your students' Tabroom accounts are linked and that they can get into their account. Please do this BEFORE the day of the tournament. Doing this prior to the tournament helps us run the tournament on time.*****

Fees

Each entry, LD competitor or PF team, is \$25. Make checks payable to **Palatine High School**.

Tournament Schedule

The tournament will have 5 rounds. All Round Start Times are **best** estimates.

7:30-8:15 am	Registration
8:15	Coach/Judges Meeting
8:30	Round One [preset]
9:45	Round Two [preset]
11:00	Round Three [power-matched based on 1 & 2]
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:45	Round Four [power-matched based on 3]
2:00	Round Five [power-matched based on 4]
4:00	Awards Ceremony

Judge Quotas

One ADULT judge is required **for every two Public Forum teams**. **One adult judge** is required **for every two Lincoln-Douglas entries**.

For the **Novice** level, Varsity debaters with 3 or more years of experience in that specific division can judge.

*****Current students/debaters who are judging this tournament must CLEARLY be labeled within judges notes. To be clear, a current debater cannot judge Varsity or JV rounds. They may only judge Novice rounds *****

IMPORTANT!!

Uncovered judges will incur a fee of \$250.

If you are in need of judges, ***please contact the Tournament Director ASAP***. We cannot guarantee acceptance of entries that have uncovered judge burdens.

Please also make sure that all judges have Tabroom accounts and that they are linked.

Judge Expectations/Disclosing

Judges are expected to complete a FULL Ballot via Tabroom.com. Please post ALL comments and your Reason For Decision under the Tab labeled "RFD" within your ballot. RFDs should be thorough. Because Debate is an educational experience, a ballot stating "the other side was more convincing" does not teach our kids anything. Instead, tell the kids what it was about the other side that made them more convincing.

Judges may disclose in JV and Varsity rounds, but this does not exempt judges from completing a ballot. Complete and submit the written ballot prior to providing oral feedback. Please keep oral feedback to a minimum.

ALL JUDGES ARE REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE TO JUDGE ALL FIVE ROUNDS.

We cannot run our tournament without them!

New judges should be trained by their head coaches before the tournament. **New judges should be identified in the Judge Notes section on the registration page of Tabroom.com.**

Awards

The awards presentation will be held in the cafeteria upon completion of the final round. Based on entry numbers, team and speaker awards will be given to the top competitors in each division.

Deadlines

Wednesday, November 9th, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Final Entries Due. All fees will be final.

Entry Caps/Waitlist

We will tentatively cap entries in each division level at 4 (e.g. max of 4 entries in Novice PF). Please register ASAP in order to get waitlist priority if your entries exceed 4 in each division level. We will accept waitlist entries closer to the tournament.

Contact Information

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