



Duquesne Debating Society
Duquesne University Invitational Tournament
December 3rd

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Dear Coaches,

You are cordially invited to participate in the inaugural Duquesne University Invitational Tournament to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022. We are excited to begin hosting an annual tournament for the Pittsburgh area schools! As this is our inaugural tournament, we will be limiting the number of entries to each event. We plan on expanding the capacity of the tournament beginning next year.

Entries: The below events will be offered. Students will be limited to entering 1 event, and teams will be limited to entering 4 competitors per individual event with the possibility of adding students to a waitlist that will be adjusted as the tournament approaches.

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| • Student Congress | • Dramatic | • Poetry |
| • Lincoln Douglas | Interpretation | • Prose |
| • Public Forum | • Humorous | • Duo Interpretation |
| • Extemporaneous | Interpretation | |
| Speaking | • Original Oratory | |

There will be four rounds of competition in all events (except congress). Detailed information can be found at www.tabroom.com, which is also the site for registration. To register you will have to create an account or use an existing account from past tournaments. Registration closes at 12PM on Friday, December 2nd.

Congress legislation will come from the district congress bank. Please check your Google Drive shared files or look on the Tabroom site.

We look forward to your participation in our inaugural event.

Sincerely,

Anthony M. Wachs, PhD

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REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

FEES: \$ 10 per entry in speech, LD, and congress
\$ 20 per team in Duo Interp, and PFD
Checks made payable to “____Duquesne Debating Society____”
Checks can be submitted at registration or sent to the following address:
Dr. Anthony M. Wachs
600 Forbes Ave
Pittsburgh, Pa 15282

ENTRIES: Registration in speech is open UNTIL an event has reached the max that we can hold in that event. At that point, the next entries will be put on a waiting list. Please note that the waiting list pays no attention to schools and the numbers of entries by any school. In other words, register early!

Because of space limitations, some categories may close before the registration deadline.

FORMAT: There will be four rounds of competition and no final round in speech events.
There will be four guaranteed rounds of debate

JUDGES: 1 per 5 in speech, or fraction thereof
1 per 2 in debate, or fraction thereof
1 per 6 in Congress, or fraction thereof
Judges must be present for all rounds. If a judge leaves early without notifying the tab room and/or without providing a replacement, that school will be disqualified. Judges may be moved from one event to another if the tab staff feels that is necessary to move the tournament along! **The university is limited in its ability to provide hired judges so teams should bring enough judges to cover their entries.**

EVENTS:

Extemp	PHSSL rules
DI, HI, Oratory, Prose, Poetry, Duo Interp	10 minutes maximum
Public Forum, Lincoln Douglas	NFL time limits and topics
Student congress	PHSSL rules

PHSSL rules apply for all events except Oratory which will follow CFL rules.

Please note: “The coaches’ of the Pittsburgh NFL district are in agreement with the statement issued by PHSSL after its summer 2000 meeting. “Material that is presented in competition must be suitable for a high school audience. Contestants presenting material that is not suitable may be penalized.” This tournament supports this policy.

CONGRESS: Congress legislation will come from the district congress bank. Please check your Google Drive account/Files Shared with Me, or the website of this tournament.

LUNCH: Lunch is included in the registration fees. Lunch includes pizza, a drink, and chips.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

All events	Registration, Bayer Hall	7:30 - 8:15
Speech and Debate:	Assembly	8:30 - 8:45
	Round I	9:00 - 10:00
	II	10:00 - 11:00
	III	11:00 - 12:00
	Split Lunches	12:00 - 1:00
	IV	1:00 - 2:00
Congress:	First session	9:00 - 10:45
	Lunch	11:00 - 11:45
	Second session	12:00 - 2:15
Awards:		3:00

AWARDS: Trophies will be presented to the top 5 award winners in each category.

DEADLINES: REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY DECEMBER 2 NOON

Registration can only be done at www.tabroom.com Create an account if you don't already have one, then go to the list of tournaments and click on the Duquesne University tournament. You can then begin your registration.

Fees for the in-person part of the tournament are set at the registration deadline of Friday December 2 at noon. You may continue to make changes (drops but no adds) to your in-person registration until 8:00 AM on Saturday, but the fees are set on Friday at noon.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Tournament registration begins at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. Call or text Dr. Anthony M. Wachs at 724-584-7880 between 7:30 and 8:15 if there are any problems. If you know that you will be arriving late, please notify us via text; we will begin round I as scheduled.

Parking will be provided, including buses. More information about parking will be forthcoming.

WE ARE USING ONLINE BALLOTING FOR ALL EVENTS. Please be sure that your judges are linked to your school with a Tabroom account and that they bring a device on which they can input their ballots!!!

Pittsburgh NSDA/NCFL/PHSSL (with many thanks to our friends in WACFL)

Overview: Tournament Online Balloting & Text Pairings

Judge: Online Balloting

For a judge to receive text/email round assignment communications (“pairings”) and complete and submit ballots online for Lincoln-Douglas, Policy, and Public Forum debate events, they must have a Tabroom.com (“Tabroom”) account linked to their team’s Judges roster. The set-up process takes about two minutes to complete.

Tabroom Account Set-Up

- To create your Tabroom account, go to www.tabroom.com and click on *Sign-Up* in the upper right of the website.
- Under **Create a Tabroom Account**, enter your email address, name, cell phone information, and the password you wish to use for the account. Make sure you provide your cell number and provider so you can receive pairings texts during tournaments.
- On the **Welcome to Tabroom!** screen, click the *Judge* “Link your account” button.
- If your coach already has you on the team’s Tabroom Judges roster, you will see your name listed next to the school and a button. If the name and school are accurate, click the button. If your name and school don’t appear, try searching for them using just your last name. (If unsuccessful, confirm with your coach that you’re on the roster.)
- The next screen will display a message that will be confusing, saying “There are no judges named [Your Name] who are not connected to an account already. If this is in error...” As misleading as this may be, this actually confirms your account is ready to be linked by the coach to the team’s Judges roster. You are finished and can log out.
- The team’s coach will receive both an email and Tabroom alert informing them your account is ready to be linked to the Judges roster; they then approve. Once linked, you will receive round assignment texts/emails (pairings) when at tournaments, and online ballots will be available for completion and submission for each round you judge.

WELCOME TO TABROOM!

New to Tabroom? The question mark on the top right corner brings you to the Help Guide.

Are you a coach or director?

To register online for tournaments, first: [Create your school](#)

To manage your own tournament with Tabroom, first: [Create tournament](#)

How about a judge? →

To enter online ballots and get emails or text pairings: [Link your account](#)

Or perhaps, you are a competitor?

To sign up for tournaments and get emails or text pairings: [Link your account](#)

To follow a competitor entry (e.g., if you're a parent): [Get entry updates](#)

JUDGES NAMED JOHN SMITH

Link a judge record to your accounts for email/text pairings & ballot assignments. Note: the administrators of your team or school will have to approve requests to claim a judge record before you can access them. Team admins will be notified of requests by email.

Only link to your OWN judge record; this controls online ballots!

Name	School/Team	Created	Tournament(s)	
John Smith	St Josephs Prep (PA)		0 tournaments	Claim judge
John Smith	United States Military Academy		1 tournaments	Claim judge
John Smith	Turkey Foot Middle School		12 tournaments	Claim judge
John Smith	Battlefield		1 tournaments	Claim judge

Search another name: First name Last name

If you want to get text/updates for one of your team's judges, you should instead sign up on the tournament's online updates page.

Judge Online Ballot Voting and RFDs/Comments Entry

Judges must have an electronic device—such as a laptop, phone, or tablet/iPad—to enter and submit online ballots. Laptops are strongly encouraged due to ease of keying Reasons for Decisions (RFDs) and Comments to the competitors; phones are not optimum for entering the amount of text associated with RFDs and comments, and may conflict with using them as timers. Judges should also locate their seat during the round near a power outlet to ensure there is no interruption or delay during the round to a dead computer. (Paper ballots will be provided in exceptional circumstances, such as poor WiFi reception in a classroom.)

- To see your current ballots, log into Tabroom and go to your account dashboard by clicking your email/username in the upper part of the page. Your current ballots are listed under *Pending Rounds* (just one for a Policy round, and two if you're judging a double-flighted Public Forum or Lincoln-Douglas round).

CURRENT TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS & BALLOTS

Pending Rounds:

Round	Room	Starts	Entries	
OD OD 1	H110	8:00 AM PST	Aff Pollard & Thomas Neg Klarman & Lowe	START ROUND

- If you don't see your ballot, check upcoming rounds by clicking the "Upcoming" link in the sidebar to the right, and then clicking the "Enter" button for the tournament you're at.
- Click on **START ROUND** as soon as you arrive at the room. (This notifies Tab Room *all is well.*)
- For each ballot, verify the competitor information (schools and names), including sides (AFF/NEG or PRO/CON). Fill out the required information and then click **SUBMIT BALLOT**. Keep in mind

NO! RE-ENTER BALLOT

YES! CORRECT! CONFIRM IT

that ballot appearance may vary from event to event.

- After submitting your ballot the first time, you must confirm the ballot — you'll be shown the data you entered, and then the option to confirm or re-enter if you made a mistake.
- The Reason for Decision (RFD) is separate from the "voting" part of the ballot, and, therefore, can be completed separately, after the ballot is submitted.

OD OD 1 BALLOT FOR HARDY

Room H110

Side	Entry	Points
Aff	Washington PT	Range: 1 - 30. No point ties Steps of 0.1 Tim Pollard: <input type="text"/> Dylan Thomas: <input type="text"/>
Neg	Emory KL	Brian Klarman: <input type="text"/> Kristen Lowe: <input type="text"/>
Win goes to: <input type="text" value="Choose Winning Entry"/>		Side: <input type="radio"/> Aff <input type="radio"/> Neg Low-Point Win? <input type="checkbox"/>
Submit Ballot		

Review this information carefully before Confirming.

saved and available to competitors and their coaches. If you'd like to provide individual comments for each debater/team, you can use the "Comments" section on the sidebar. RFDs go to everyone; Comments only to the competitor and the coach.

- If you accidentally close your ballot before filling it out completely or

The RFD is below the ballot—this will be

Reason for Decision:

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Reason for Decision:

Pending Rounds:

Round	Room	Starts	Entries	
OD OD 1	H110	8:00 AM PST	Aff Pollard & Thomas Neg Klarman & Lowe	REENTER CONFIRM

Comments

For Washington PT

For Emory KL

RFDs are sent to everyone in the round; comments only to the entry & coaches

confirming it, you can still access it from your account dashboard. You'll see "Re-Enter" or "Confirm" options. Once you have confirmed your ballot, you cannot make changes to the results/points without contacting the tournament director.

However, if you would like to add additional information to the RFD or Comments sections, you can access them in your "Upcoming" list, by viewing previous ballots you've entered and clicking "Edit Comments" before the tournament ends.

Additional information regarding your Tabroom Judge account and managing your online ballots can be found at

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Previously Entered Results:

Rnd	Entry	Res	Speakers
OD 1	Aff Pollard & Thomas	W	Pollard: 28 Thomas: 28.1
OD 1	Neg Klarman & Lowe	L	Klarman: 28.2 Lowe: 28.3

Edit Comments

http://docs.tabroom.com/Judging#Online_Ballots. Also, please feel free to consult with your coach or the tournament Tab Room staff. Our district contact judges with questions are **Christine Robb of BP, Rich Platts of NA, Mary Krauland of SSA, and Ben Edwards of USC.**