



THE MILO CUP AT MILLARD NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

February 17-18, 2023

1010 S 144th Street, Omaha, NE 68154

Dear Coaches, Competitors, and Parents,

On behalf of Millard North High School, it is our pleasure to invite you to the 2023 Milo Cup. This year's Milo Cup is slated to be the best we have had the honor to host so far, as we expand the tournament in both the virtual world and in person.

We as a tournament are excited to welcome those that choose to compete in person back to our campus this year. We have also made the decision to make this year's Milo Cup a hybrid tournament in Public Forum, Lincoln Douglas, and Policy to accommodate teams unable to travel to Omaha. Congressional Debate will be held solely as an in person event. If you are able to travel in person, we strongly encourage you to do so. Whether you come in person or virtually, we are excited to host you once again for the Milo Cup!

See you soon,

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Director of Debate

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Millard North Debate is committed to both the NSAA bylaws and the NSCTA Diversity 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.

Please refer any equity concerns to the tabroom. The Milo Cup has an equity committee devoted to handling these issues.

THE EVENTS AND BIDS

Public Forum:

We are pleased to award a **OCTOFINALS** bid to the **Silver** PF Division of the Tournament of Champions and a **QUARTERFINALS** bid to the **Gold** PF Division of the Tournament of champions. We will use the February topic, which will be inserted here once that topic is released. There will be six preliminary rounds, with powering after the second round. We guarantee that **all 4-2 records will clear to outrounds**, and we aim to provide each team with strikes. Thus, every team must have all of their judges (in every event) have a posted and substantial paradigm by February 14, 2023. If your judges do not have a paradigm, then your team's strikes and prefs (depending on event) may not be honored.

Lincoln Douglas:

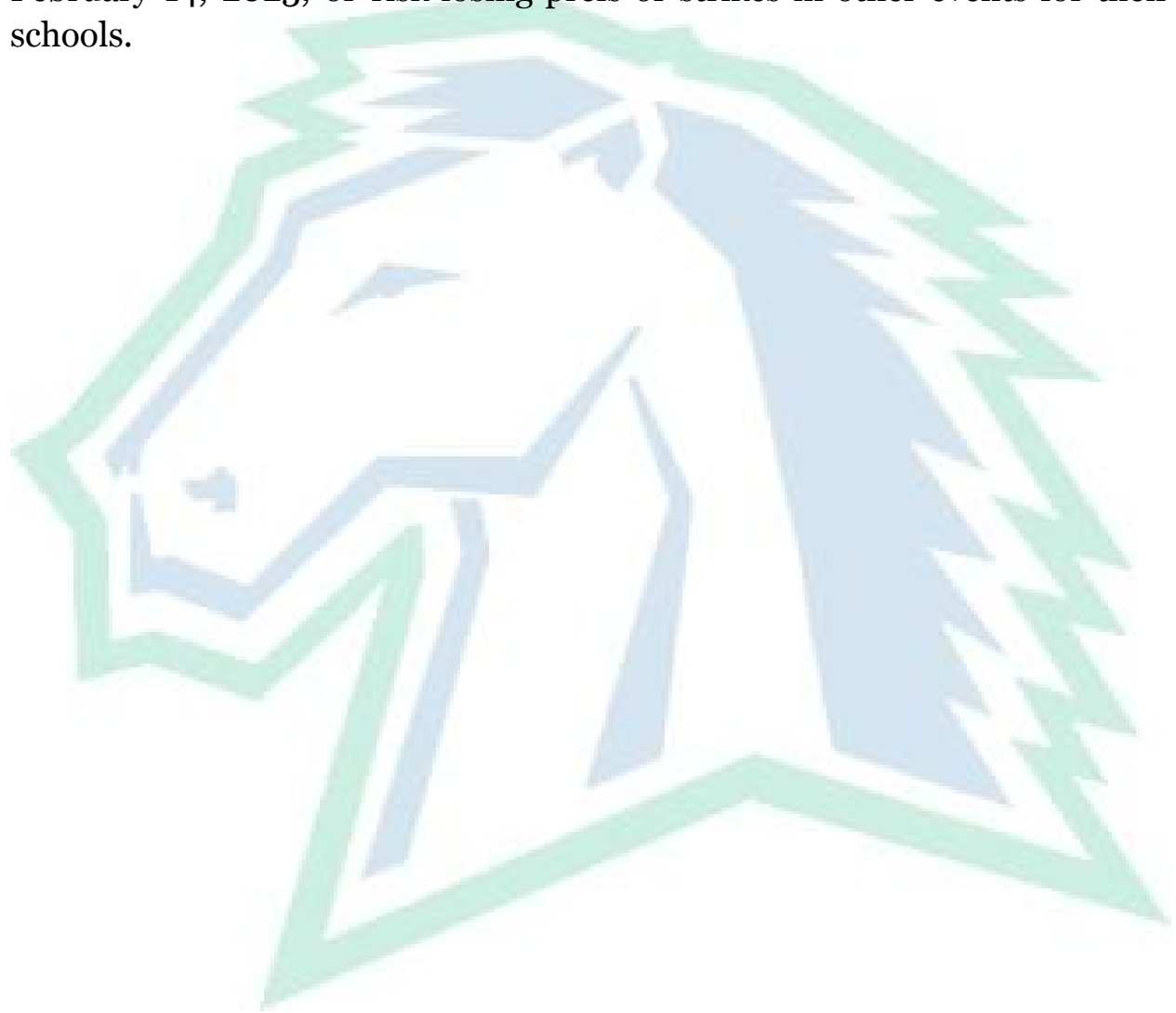
A **FINALS** bid is up for grabs in LD to the Tournament of champions. We will be using the January/ February topic, which will be inserted here once that topic is released. We will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 speech format with 5 minutes of prep time per competitor. We guarantee that **all 4-2 records will clear to outrounds**, and we aim to provide each competitor with prefs. Thus, every team must have all of their judges (in every event) have a posted and substantial paradigm by February 14, 2023. If your judges do not have a paradigm, then your team's strikes and prefs (depending on event) may not be honored.

Congress:

The **TOP 6** competitors in Congressional Debate will be awarded with a bid to the Tournament of Champions. For the preliminary rounds, the docket will be submitted by the competitors. Please email your submissions to mnmilocup@gmail.com by **5:00 PM Central on Thursday, January 19, 2023**. Tournament staff will review submissions and compile a completed docket by Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 5:00 PM Central. We encourage schools to submit as many pieces of legislation as they wish.

Policy Debate:

In Policy, we will have 5 preliminary rounds with powering after the second round. We will announce what elimination round (i.e. quarters, sems, etc.) we break to depending on entry numbers at the tournament itself. The format of the round will follow the national standard with 8 minutes of prep time. All Policy judges must have a paradigm posted by February 14, 2023, or risk losing prefs or strikes in other events for their schools.



NOTABLE AWARDS

The Milo Cup

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. Mr. Milliken was the coach at MNHS for a stretch of time that covered 3 decades, and under his leadership and tutelage, thousands of students learned, competed, and grew. Mr. Milliken retired in 2014, and it is our privilege to honor his legacy by presenting The Milo Cup as an annual tradition.

The Charles Fisher Championship Award for Congressional Debate

This honor was presented for the first time in 2022. We want to re-introduce this award to all of you at the awards ceremony this year.

The Schlessinger-Schuller Award for Top Speaker in Public Forum

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 they simply were the entire Millard North debate team at many tournaments throughout their tenure.

The Lauren Burdt Award for Top Speaker in Lincoln Douglas

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.

The Raksin Friend of Debate Award for being a Phenomenal Person

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.



FEES, ENTRY, JUDGE, and PAYMENT INFORMATION

For an entry in **PUBLIC FORUM- \$65**

For an entry in **LINCOLN DOUGLAS- \$45**

For an entry in **CONGRESS- \$25**

For an entry in **POLICY- \$30**

Entries will only be accepted online via www.tabroom.com. No entries submitted via email will be accepted. We do not accept independent entries. Once the entry deadline passes, no further entries will be permitted. The deadline for the regular tournament entries and judge entries is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Name changes or drops can be emailed after this date to mnmilocup@gmail.com. The hired judge request deadline is Wednesday, February 1st, 2023.

For payment, 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

JUDGE OBLIGATION

Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas judges are obligated through at least octofinals and then for one round beyond their teams' elimination. If a team's entries are eliminated prior to octofinals, their PF and LD judging obligation would be met following the octofinal debate round.

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 or part thereof
(May be hired for \$350)

Lincoln-Douglas – One judge per two entries or part thereof
(May be hired for \$350)

Public Forum – One judge per two entries or part thereof
(May be hired for \$350)

Congressional Debate – One judge per six entries or part thereof
(May be hired for \$50 per debater)

Please limit your judge hire requests as there are only a limited number of these judges available. Teams traveling from out of state will have priority on hired judges and may be able to negotiate a lower hired judge fee. The tournament reserves the right to refuse your entry if you do not meet your obligation.

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 must be out of high school. Judges who are first year out of competition should be marked as such in Tabroom.

An important note that all of your judges should be made aware of prior to the tournament: Judges will be expected to disclose in round. If detailed

oral comments are warranted, that is encouraged to be given, but should not take so much time as to delay any 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!



SCHEDULE

Subject to change, all times listed are CST

PUBLIC FORUM & LINCOLN DOUGLAS		POLICY	
<u>Friday, February 17</u> Registration Opening Ceremony (Auditorium/ All Events) Round 1 Round 2 Round 3 Dinner Round 4 Round 5	11:00 AM-12:30 PM 12:30 PM-12:45 PM 01:30 PM 02:45 PM 04:00 PM 05:15 PM 06:00 PM 08:00 PM	<u>Friday, February 17</u> Registration Opening Ceremony (Auditorium/ All Events) Round 1 Round 2 Dinner Round 3	11:00 AM-12:30 PM 12:30 PM-12:45 PM 01:00 PM 03:00 PM 05:00 PM 05:30 PM
<u>Saturday, February 18</u> Round 6 Triple Octofinals* Double Octofinals Lunch Octofinals Quarters Semifinals Finals The Milo Keynote Awards (Auditorium/ All Events)	08:00 AM 09:15 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM 01:30 PM 02:45 PM 03:45 PM 05:00 PM 05:30 PM	<u>Saturday, February 18</u> Round 4 Round 5 Lunch Quarterfinals* Semifinals The Milo Keynote Awards (Auditorium/ All Events) Finals	08:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 AM 12:45 PM 02:45 PM 05:00 PM 05:30 PM ASAP
CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE			
<u>Friday, February 17</u> Registration Opening Ceremony (Auditorium/ All Events) Opening Rules Meeting Caucusing/ Reception Prelims Session 1 Dinner Prelims Session 2	11:00 AM-12:30 PM 12:30 PM-12:45 PM 01:00 PM-01:30 PM 01:30 PM-02:00 PM 02:00 PM-05:00 PM 05:00 PM-06:00 PM 06:00 PM-09:00 PM	<u>Saturday, February 18</u> Semifinals Session Lunch Finals Session The Milo Keynote Awards (Auditorium/ All Events)	09:00 AM-12:00 PM 12:00 PM-01:00 PM 01:00 PM-04:00 PM 05:00 PM 05:30 PM

*Which round an event breaks to is dependent upon both entry numbers and number of entries which have a winning record after prelims. It is most likely that in LD, we will break to Double Octos instead of Triple and in Policy we will break to Semifinals, with the whole schedule moving up in those events.