



The Millard West Debate Team welcomes you to the 2022 Millard West Fred Robertson Invitational in Omaha, NE!

Date & Host Site

The tournament will take place on Saturday, December 3rd, 2022 and will be held at Millard West High School (5710 S 176th Ave, Omaha, NE 68135)

Events

We offer competition in:

- Novice and Varsity Policy
- Novice and Varsity Lincoln Douglas
- Novice and Varsity Congressional Debate
- Novice and Varsity Public Forum

Fees

Policy -- **\$30** Lincoln-Douglas -- **\$25**
Public Forum -- **\$30** Student Congress -- **\$20**

Online Entry

Entries will only be accepted online via www.tabroom.com. Deadline for entries is 5pm Tuesday, November 29th, 2022. Changes or drops after this date can be emailed to jdspady@mpsomaha.org.

Online balloting

we will be using online balloting for all events. Please make sure that all of your students and judges are "linked" to accounts in Tabroom.com.

Awards

We will offer the following recognition:

- Policy – Six speaker awards in each division, along with team awards for semifinal and final participants
- Congress – An award to the presiding officer as well as awards to the top six speakers and an award to the champion in each house
- Lincoln-Douglas – Six speaker awards in each division along with awards for quarterfinalists and beyond
- Public Forum – Six speaker awards in each division along with awards for quarterfinalists and beyond
- Sweepstakes – Two sweepstakes trophies for the top two finishing schools
- Small Entry Sweepstakes- A trophy for the top finishing school that has **less** than 10 entries.

Event breaks are subject to change based on entry numbers and/or judge availability. We will only clear winning records.

Judge Coverage

Judges in all events are obligated for one round beyond their teams' elimination. This is one complete out round beyond their team's elimination. To clarify, if we were to break to a partial octafinal, all judges would be obligated through at least quarterfinals.

The cost to hire a judge is as follows:

- Policy -- One judge per two entries (May be hired for \$250)
- Lincoln-Douglas – One judge per two entries (May be hired for \$250)
- Public Forum – One judge per two entries (May be hired for \$250)
- Congressional Debate – One judge per six entries or part thereof (May be hired for \$15 per uncovered slot)

Please limit your judge hire requests as there are only a limited number of these judges available. Please note that all judges provided must be qualified to judge in the event for which you're hiring them. Novice judges that are themselves students must have at least 2 years of high school debate experience and must be at least juniors in high school. Varsity judges need to be experienced judges and/or debaters and must be out of high school.

Judges are expected to disclose in-round. We're still early enough in the season that the novices need your expertise. If detailed oral comments are warranted, that's fine, but a completed ballot should be given to a runner prior to oral critique.

Policy Debate

Varsity and Novice divisions will have four prelims (powered after two) breaking to finals.

Novice policy will also follow the Nebraska case limits. Please email me if you have questions.

In years past, we've had to consolidate the two policy divisions into one division. If the need presents itself again, we will do so this year as well. In that case arises, I will contact coaches to confirm that they're ok with their novice teams entering an open field. If this collapsed division happens, we will refund entry fees for any novice policy team that declines entry in the open field regardless of drop deadlines.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

We will be using the November/December topic and follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format with **4 minutes prep time**. Varsity and novice divisions will have five prelims (powered after two) breaking to quarters.

Public Forum Debate

We will use the November/December topic. There will be five prelims (powered after two). In varsity, all 3-2 records will clear to elimination rounds, and in novice we will clear to a quarterfinal. **We are pleased to once again offer a TOC Gold bid in Finals, with a Silver bid awarded to the runners-up.**

Congress

Legislation can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1z9lZqmu-1Iv-rR69PErOKJ_MYBm8fHltKHYQ9KQDimw/edit?usp=sharing

Each school will be assessed a judging fee of \$90 for each six students. You can alleviate this fee by bringing a judge for each six entries. This fee will be prorated. So, if you bring three students you can pay \$75 or bring a judge. Your judges may only be used for ½ a day in congress, so please let me know if there is another event they would be willing to judge.

Schedule:

Lincoln Douglas/Public Forum		Policy		Congressional Debate	
Registration	7:15-7:45	Registration	7:15-7:45	Registration	7:15-7:45
Round 1	8:15	Round 1	8:15	AM Session^	8:30-12:00
Round 2	9:30	Round 2	10:15	AM PR Ballots Due	12:25
Round 3	10:45	LUNCH	12:00-1:00	Lunch	12:15-1:00
LUNCH	11:45-12:30	Round 3	1:00	PM Session^	1:00-4:30
Round 4	12:30	Round 4	3:00	PM PR Ballots Due	4:40
Round 5	1:45	Awards	5:45	Parli Ballot Due	4:45
Quarters	3:15	Finals*	ASAP	Oral Comments	4:45-5:15
Semis	4:30			Awards	5:45
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Finals	ASAP				

Contact Info

You may reach me via email at jdspady@mpsomaha.org. Please contact me with questions or concerns.

We're looking forward to seeing you on December 3rd, 2022!