



December 1st, 2022

Dear Forensics Coaches, Judges, and Participants:

On behalf of the Columbia Debate Society, it is a great honor and privilege to invite you to the 2023 Columbia Invitational, our 21st annual competition, which will be held **virtually** from Friday, January 27th, 2023 to Sunday, January 29th, 2023.

This year's tournament will hold the following competitions:

- 1) [Varsity, JV, Novice] Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- 2) [Varsity, JV, Novice] Public Forum Debate

With consideration towards the smoothness of running the tournament and accessibility, this year we will be going virtual. We'll provide information about zoom links and ways to access the virtual tournament.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that we can provide bids to the Tournament of Champions for participants that reach finals in Lincoln-Douglas and quarter-finals in PF.

Joining us as Tab Director is Jim Menick. Additionally, we thank Charles Sloat and Sheryl Kaczmarek for assisting us in tab and helping our tournament run smoothly.

This packet should answer any questions you may have about the tournament. If you need any additional information, we highly encourage you to email us at columbiadebate@gmail.com.

Happy Prepping,

Ijeoma Obi & Marilyn Santo

Tournament Directors



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

2023 Columbia Invitational
High School Forensics Tournament

Columbia University, January 27th-29th, 2023

For problems during the tournament, please contact:

Tournament Directors: Ijeoma Obi (240) 354 3403 || Marilyn Santo: (304) 893 7674

Tab Phone Number: Jim Menick (914) 471 6351

Event Rules

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

The resolution will be the January-February NSDA topic. Lincoln-Douglas will follow the 6-3-7- 3-4-6-3 format, with 4 minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken based on record, adjusted points, total points, double-adjusted points, judge variance, opponent wins, and flip of a coin, in that order. The break will depend on the number of teams registered. The TOC bid is at VLD *finals*.

Public Forum Debate

The resolution will be the January NSDA topic. Ties will be broken using the same criteria as Lincoln-Douglas Debate. The event will probably break into double-octofinals. The TOC bid is at Varsity *quarterfinals*.

Judging Requirements and Policies

Teams should bring the following number of qualified judges:

PF: 1 judge / 2 teams

LD: 1 judge / 2 entries

Obligations

Judges in LD and PF are obligated [this may change] to judge through octafinals, then **one round past the last full round in which their students are active.**

A number of judges may be available for hire. Requesting a hired judge does not guarantee that the request will be accepted. **Acceptances will be sent by email via tabroom.com. No school can hire out its entire obligation.**

Paradigms

We expect all varsity judges to publish paradigms on tabroom.com; teams will only be able to strike judges if their own judges do have paradigms.

Tab & Ballots

We will publicly post the results of every round in LD and PF after each round is tabbed, to serve as a confirmation. Though judges in debate events are not required to disclose their decisions, they are highly encouraged to do so and give feedback and critiques. Pairings will be posted on- line.

Awards

All competitors reaching elimination rounds will receive awards. Logistical details for awards will be specified at a later date.

Registration

General Information

All registration will take place online via the Tabroom tournament page. Please be sure to register before the deadline (Monday - Jan 23th, 2023).

Waitlist

To accommodate as many teams as possible as efficiently as possible, we will open registration for the tournament on tabroom.com on a waitlist-only basis. Schools with a history of judge absences and unpaid fees will be given precedence for remaining on the waitlist until next year.

Waitlists will be cleared two weeks after registration opens.

Eligibility

Only teams officially representing their own bona fide degree – issuing high schools are eligible to register. The tournament does not consider independent entries, camp entries, hybrid entries, entries made by parents or students or anonymous email accounts, etc. Schools with unique situations can apply for exemptions.

Novice is defined as a student in their first season (2022 - 2023) of debate competition at any level. **JV divisions** are limited to students not past their second year of debate competition at any level, including former middle school debaters. Coaches may contact the tournament directors if they wish to offer exceptions.

Fees and Fines

Registration Fees

Varsity LD	\$70/entry
Novice/JV LD	\$60/entry
Varsity PF	\$80/entry
Novice /JV PF	\$70/entry

Important Notice: Additionally, we will be offering fee exemptions for teams that are part of an Urban Debate League (UDL) or a Title I school. If this applies to your team or if you have any questions, please reach out to us at columbiadebate@gmail.com.

Fines and Deadlines

Arriving with fewer judges than claimed:	\$500/judge
Unreported team drops day of tournament	\$100
Judge misses a preliminary round	\$50/round
Judge misses an elimination round	\$100/round

All payment is due by the start of competition on Friday, January 27th.

Notes on Fees and Fines:

We will be accepting payment via check. Please mail checks to the following address:

Administration and Planning
Learner 510, Mail Code 2601
2920 Broadway
New York, NY 10027

Make the checks out to “The Trustees of Columbia University” and on the memo line, please write “Columbia Debate Society”.

Schools with unpaid fines will not advance to elims, and will be noted as non - payers for future tournaments.

Please do not submit payments late. If you anticipate having trouble submitting your payment on time, or have any questions about how to send in payment, please email the tournament directors, Ijeoma Obi and Marilyn Santo, at columbiadebate@gmail.com.

Online Tournament Logistics

Schedule

The very tentative schedule of rounds for each division/event can be found below.

Online Platform

We will be using the NSDA Campus software for this year's tournament. Guidelines for how to use this software will be released prior to the tournament.

Equity

The Columbia Invitational is committed to prioritizing safety and equity concerns of its participants. As a result, we have put together an equity team for the tournament, and members of which will be available for competitors and judges to contact throughout the weekend with any equity - related issues. The equity team has also put together an equity policy, which can be found on our Tabroom page.

Schedule

Lincoln Douglas Schedule

	Round Posted	Room Check-In	Start Time
Friday, January 27th, 2023			
RD 1	4:00 PM	4:20 PM	4:30 PM
RD 2	6:00 PM	6:20 PM	6:30 PM
Saturday, January 28th, 2023			
RD 3	8:30 AM	8:50 AM	9:00 AM
RD 4	10:30 AM	10:50 AM	11:00 AM
RD 5	1:00 PM	1:20 PM	1:30 PM
RD 6	3:00 PM	3:20 PM	3:30 PM
Octos (Varsity), Quarters (Nov)	5:00 PM	5:20 PM	5:30 PM
Sunday, January 29th, 2023			
Quarters (V), Semis (Nov)	8:30 AM	8:50 AM	9:00 AM
Semis (V), Final (Nov)	10:30 AM	10:50 AM	11:00 AM
Finals (V)	1:00 PM	1:20 PM	1:30 PM

Public Forum Schedule

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Doubles (Varsity), Octos (JV) Octos (Nov)	5:00 PM	5:20 PM	5:30 PM
Sunday, January 29th, 2023			
Octos (V), Quarters (JV), Quarters (Nov)	8:30 AM	8:50 AM	9:00 AM
Quarters (V), Semi (JV), Semi (Nov)	10:30 AM	10:50 AM	11:00 AM
Semis (V), Final (JV), Final (Nov)	1:00 PM	1:20 PM	1:30 PM
Final (V)	3:00 PM	3:20 PM	3:30 PM