



# **The Fifth Annual Sandburg High School Convocation of Eagles Tournament January 28th, 2023**



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*Sandburg Debate will host this tournament **in-person!***

**PF Topic:** *Resolved: The United States Federal Government should increase its diplomatic efforts to peacefully resolve internal armed conflicts in West Asia.*

**LD Topic:** *Resolved: Justice requires open borders for human migration.*

## **Divisions:**

Depending on entries, we hope to offer novice, junior varsity, and varsity competition.

**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).

Any questions about where to place your debaters? Just ask the tournament director.

## **Fees:**

Each Public Forum entry is \$25. Each Lincoln-Douglas entry is \$25. Make checks payable to **Carl Sandburg High School**.

**Lunch:** We will be providing the usual pizza lunch for students. I hope to have the ordering up in Tabroom by mid-January and costs will be added to your invoice. We hope to put together some concessions options. We will provide a breakfast spread and catered lunch for coaches and judges.

**Awards:** We plan to have a live awards presentation in the cafeteria, with trophies!

## **Judging:**

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

In the *Novice* level, students with 3 or more years of experience in a specific division will be allowed to judge in that division. These students must be clearly labeled in the judge notes on Tabroom. As “student judge”

### **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.

**New judges** should be trained by their head coaches before the tournament. If you need any help with training judges, please let us know! New judges should be identified in the Judge Notes section on the registration page of Tabroom.com.

### **Judging expectations and disclosure:**

All judges are required to be available to judge **all five rounds**. The tournament cannot run without them!

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 not completing a ballot. You may provide verbal feedback, but please keep it to a minimum and still complete a written ballot.

Be nice to the kids!

### **Deadlines:**

Final entries are due Wednesday, January 25th, 2023 @ 6:00 PM. All entries will be due and all fees will be final at 6:00 PM on Friday, January 27th, 2023.

### **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.

### **Student Account Linking:**

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 so helps the tournament to run on time!

## **Tentative 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

## **Contact Information**

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