

VHSL Region 4CD

2023 Super Regional Debate Tournament



Date: Saturday, April 1, 2023

Location: Dominion High School

Schedule:

8:00-8:30 AM Registration
8:30 AM Judge Briefing
9:00 AM Round 1 Begins

Tournament Host & Directors:

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Entry Procedures:

Region entry forms (available on the VHSL website) must be completed and emailed to Sheryl Gusman no later than **5:00 pm on Friday, March 24.**

- 1) Competitors and judges must also be entered via Tabroom.com:
VHSL 4CD Debate SuperRegionals — [VHSL 4CD Debate SuperRegionals](#)

Tabroom.com registration must also be completed by **Friday, March 24.**

- 2) Students are required to create Tabroom.com accounts and link them to your team's Competitors Roster so they can get updates from Tabroom.
- 3) Judges in Policy, LD, and Public Forum must also have Tabroom accounts linked to the team's Judges Roster so that they can also access the Tabroom online judging platform. Except for Congress, we will be using online balloting for those events, so your judges must be trained in using them.
Please have them linked to your Judge Roster by Saturday, March 25.

Events:

Student Congress:

Each student competing in Student Congress must submit a bill or resolution on one of the approved VHSL Super Regional Congress Topics (posted on the VHSL Congress website and here). This process must be done ON-LINE, on the VHSL Student Congress website: http://www.instantaneous.com/VHSL_Congress/

The deadline for submission is Friday, 3/24/2023, 11:59:59 PM EST/EDT. Coaches, please encourage your students to submit legislation at least 24 hours in advance so that you can verify on March 24 that the legislation was successfully submitted by the deadline. **Failure to submit required legislation by the deadline will result in students being unable to compete, per VHSL requirements.**

Super-Regional Topic Areas (Released February 18, 2023)

Domestic

1. Parental Bill of Rights for Education
2. National Weather Service/NOAA

International

1. Myanmar
2. Bulgaria

Economic

1. Eminent Domain
2. Cryptocurrency

Virginia

1. Right to Work
2. Parole Board

Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum & Policy:

Topics used will be the standard March topics for each of the respective events.

Lincoln-Douglas: March/April topic:

Resolved: The justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ought to be term-limited.

Public Forum: April topic:

Resolved: The United States Federal Government should ban the collection of personal data through biometric recognition technology.

Policy: 2020-21 topic:

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its security cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in one or more of the following areas: artificial intelligence, biotechnology, cybersecurity.

Eligibility:

Competitors must comply with VHSL eligibility requirements.

REMINDER: In order to participate, each school must have a coach or school representative with the team during the entire tournament.

Judges:

Schools are required to bring at least one qualified judge for each event entered. Qualified judges are trained in using Tabroom online ballots and NSDA Campus and completely familiar with the goals and round format/structure of the event; judges in Policy and Lincoln-Douglas must have prior experience in the event being judged. For example, a team entering a policy debate team, two LD debaters, and one PF team, must provide three judges.

Coaches may register as judges, and all judges will be paid a per diem VHSL stipend of \$80.

Schedule/Rounds:

Registration is between 8:00–8:30 am. A Coaches & Judges meeting will occur around 8:30 am, and rounds should begin at 9:00. All determinations will be in accordance with the VHSL Handbook and Regional Directors Kit. Additional rounds may be needed after preliminary rounds to help determine who will advance to States.

Awards:

Qualifications to States will be the top 3 Policy teams, top 3 Public Forum teams, top 4 Lincoln-Douglas debaters, and top 12 Student Congress representatives. The VHSL Handbook and Regional Directors Kit will be used in determining the top participants.

Team Champion:

For each event, teams are awarded sweepstakes points: 7 points for first place, 5 points for second place, 3 points for third place, 1 point for fourth place. The team with the greatest number of sweepstakes points in all events will be declared Super Region 4CD Team Champion. If there is a tie, the number of firsts, seconds, and so forth will be used until the tie is broken.

Alternates/Substitutions:

One additional place beyond those qualified to the state tournament will be announced as an alternate for purposes of substitution (three in Congress). No additional alternates are allowed. Alternates are called-up in the event a qualifying competitor cannot attend the state tournament on April 21-22 at JMU.

Protests:

Protests must be filed on site within 60 minutes of the announced results.