



Loyola High School

OF LOS ANGELES

Loyola Invitational 2023

You are cordially invited to join us for the 11th Annual Loyola Invitational which will be held in person this year on Labor Day weekend from Friday, September 1st, through Sunday, September 3rd, 2023. We are proud to have been designated as a quarterfinal bid qualifier to the Tournament of Champions (TOC) in Lincoln-Douglas debate. We will be offering Public Forum Debate again this year.

Logistics

On Campus Format

This competition will be on an on-campus format. We are excited to be able to host students, coaches, and teams in person.

Hotel Options and Rates

The Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel is located near LAX and is available at a rate of \$149/night and can be reserved using this link: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1689805929456&key=GRP>

Please contact us if the hotel reservation block shows as full - we are able to add more rooms to our block as needed. Please email Dr. Zachary Sandoval at zsandoval@loyolahs.edu with any issues booking the hotel block.

Location and Parking Directions

Loyola High School is located West of downtown Los Angeles at 1901 Venice Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90006 between Vermont and Normandie. Please DO NOT attempt to enter campus from Venice Blvd.

Instead, please enter Loyola's campus from the NORTH via DEWEY AVE. Dewey is half-way between Vermont and Normandie and can be accessed from PICO BLVD. If you travel West on Pico you will turn left on Dewey, if you are traveling East on Pico, you will turn right on Dewey. Dewey Avenue dead-ends in Loyola's parking lot.

Hospitality

Entry fees are intended to include meals for all competitors, judges and coaches in attendance at the Loyola Invitational. Provided meals will include dinner on Friday, lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. In addition, coffee and fresh baked breakfast pastries will be available for all attendees on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Please ensure that you have registered dietary restrictions for each of your competitors and judges on Tabroom.com. You can do this from the “Competitors” and the “Judges” tab on your tabroom roster, and then selecting the “Dietary Preferences” button on the right sidebar.

In addition to Loyola’s tournament meals, there is a McDonald’s one-half block east of campus at Vermont/Venice. There are also numerous local cafes and restaurants along Pico Blvd., within easy walking distance.

Registration

Teams may register at www.loyola.tabroom.com. We encourage you to register early. At first, each school will be restricted to 6 entries per division. If you wish to register additional entries beyond this limit, please add them to the waitlist.

Waitlist Process

Teams will clear the waitlist once their entries are covered by paying registration fees and either entering judges or submitting hired judging requests. Independent Entry Forms are also required for those who are not affiliated with a school. Judges must have a paradigm posted on their Tabroom.com profile in order to count towards a team's commitment, including waitlist priority. TBA entries will not clear the waitlist.

Independent Entries

Independent entries will be considered on a case by case basis. All independent entries must have an adult coach or adult parent who can be reached if/when needed by the tournament director. In addition, Independent entries should submit a principal letter using the form template at the bottom of this document.

Dates and Deadlines

Hired Judging Request Deadline	8/11/2023 @ 11:55 PM PST
Add Deadline - New Entries Due	8/18/2023 @ 11:55 PM PST
Drop Deadline - Fees/Obligations Freeze	8/18/2023 @ 11:55 PM PST
Judge Deadline - To Clear Waitlist	8/18/2023 @ 11:55 PM PST
Payment Received (Online or Check)	8/25/2023 @ 11:55 PM PST
TBA Names Deadline	8/18/2023 @ 11:55 PM PST
Entry Name Change / Online Drop Deadline	8/25/2023 @ 11:55 PM PST
Judge Changes Freeze	8/25/2023 @ 11:55 PM PST
Pref Sheets Open	8/28/2023 @ 8:00 AM PST
Pref Sheets Close	9/1/2023 @ 12:00 PM PST

Fees and Fines

We are committed to accessibility to the Loyola Invitational. If you feel the entry fee is overly burdensome, please email Dr. Zachary Sandoval at zsandoval@loyolahs.edu. Discounts / Waivers will be assessed on a case by case basis.

LD Entry - \$100

PF Entry - \$50

Hired Judging - \$75/round

Missed Round Fee - \$75/round

Late Drop Fee (On/After Aug. 25th) - \$10

Payment Information

There are two ways to pay the entry fee this year. We would prefer that you would choose the online option. You can find the link to the online payment here and on Tabroom.com starting on Aug 1, 2023.

You can pay by check. Please send a check once you have been taken off the waitlist. Please make the check payable to: **Loyola High School**. Please mail it to:

Loyola High School
Attention: James Zucker
1901 Venice Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90006

If your school requires a W9 for payment purposes, please download the Loyola W9 from our tabroom.com page.

Double Entry Limitations

Double entry is not permitted at the Loyola Invitational

Judging Commitment

Each LD entry requires 3 rounds of judging in the LD judge pool

Each PF entry requires 3 rounds of judging in the PF judge pool

The maximum number of rounds one judge can cover is 6.

Judges are intended to reside in one division only. If you have a unique situation and wish to request one judge cover an entry in each division, please contact the tournament. Exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

All judges are committed to judge one round beyond when the last student from that school/institution is eliminated from competition. This means that if you have 5 judges and one of your debaters advances to the Octofinal round, ALL 5 judges are committed to judge the Quarterfinal round. All judges are obligated through the first complete elimination round. For example, if we run a partial triple octofinal debate all judges are obligated through the double octofinal elimination round.

Please make sure your judges are available for their full commitment. Missed rounds will incur fees as we have to replace those judges with hired judges or school judges beyond their commitment.

Hired Judging

If you are unable to provide qualified judging (see below) but still wish to enter, we offer rounds at \$75 each. This translates to \$225 per entry of hired coverage. Please understand that we cannot accept all hire requests in an in person competition. We would rather have your judges than your money. Hire requests are not confirmed until the tournament accepts and emails you that hired judging has been secured to cover your entry. The tournament makes financial commitments to individuals when we confirm your hire request. Therefore, once confirmed, hired judging may not be reduced or deleted even if you have reduced your entry. The deadline for requesting tournament provided judging is on 8/11/2023 @ 11:55 PM PST.

Judges wishing to be hired by the tournament should fill out the hired judge form located here:

<https://forms.gle/9WbdAgwrd3Yxw7rA9>

Judging Qualifications

All judges must have a tabroom account and post a paradigm in order to count towards their team's obligation.

Judges must be over the age of 18 and have graduated high school. Current high school students are not permitted to be judges.

LD:

Please provide qualified judging for the Lincoln-Douglas division.

A Qualified judge is an individual who has forensics competition experience or has had substantial judging experience at tournaments that are similar to the Loyola Invitational.

Judges that are registered for the Lincoln-Douglas division that cannot be placed in LD rounds due to MJP will be asked to judge Public Forum on occasion.

The judging pool of the tournament is extremely important to the pedagogical goals of the Loyola Invitational, so we ask that you provide well-qualified judges to ensure the highest quality experience for all scholars. We reserve the right to reject any judge we deem underqualified.

PF:

We recognize that Public Forum is intended to be accessible to members of the general public. However, judges should be prepared to judge when they arrive.

It is our belief that The Loyola Invitational is not responsible for training judges in how to operate tabroom.com or their own electronic devices. Please provide judges that know how to use their technology and engage in a debate round.

Debate Tournament Process

Debate Resolutions

We will use the NSDA September/October resolution for both Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum debate

Round Procedure

Two preliminary rounds will be matched randomly. Entries will not debate another entry from their own school in preliminary rounds. Starting with Round 3, all prelims will be power-matched. After Round 6, the elimination bracket will be set and will not be altered. This means we will not break brackets during the tournament. Schools that have a walkover round will have until the end of the round to indicate which entry will advance. Schools that do not communicate by the end of the round will have the higher seed entry advance automatically.

Event Procedures / Guidelines

LD - Preliminary rounds will be assigned sides. In elimination rounds, entries that have debated each other before will debate on the opposite side. If they have not debated before, the sides will be determined via digital coin flip through Tabroom.com.

PF - All rounds will utilize the digital coin flip through Tabroom.com. Teams that win the coin flip will be able to select one of the following options: Side - Aff, Side - Neg, Speaking Order - 1st, and Speaking Order - 2nd. The other team will then be able to select among the two remaining options.

Example: Team A wins the coin flip against Team B. Team A chooses to speak 1st. Team B can then choose whether they will be Aff or Neg.

We will be publishing details about how a digital coinflip will work through Tabroom.com along with our Technology Best Practices document.

Technology

We will not be adjudicating disputes over internet access during rounds. For the purposes of the Loyola Invitational, all debaters have access to the internet during rounds. Debaters are not to communicate with anyone other than their opponent(s) and judge(s) during the round.

Disputes and Equity

Tournament Committee/Ombudspersons

The tournament committee will consist of the Tournament Director and two other members not involved in the dispute. This may include Loyola High School faculty/staff or coaches from other programs. The committee will adjudicate any disputes and interpret any rules. Decisions made by the committee are final.

Resource/Equity Officer

Loyola High School will be providing a trained resource specialist from the school who will be able to take any concerns. This individual will resolve any serious conflicts between competitors or judges that might arise during the weekend. An experienced debate coach with NSDA BIS/BIA training will be available to answer debate/round related questions that the resource specialist may have.

Results and Awards

Awards:

The Loyola Invitational is committed to providing the best possible tournament experience. We will be having the same awards as in previous tournaments. We are excited to present these in person.

In both divisions, we will award the top 10 speakers and have awards for all elimination rounds starting with the Double-Octofinal round. In partnered events, each individual student will receive an award for advancing to elimination rounds.

Results

Will be published upon the conclusion of each round.

Schedule

Please see the schedule page on Tabroom.com

Required Forms

Please note the following form is required to compete at the Loyola Invitational for Independent Entries:

Independent Entry Form Template (Independent Entries Only)

All competitors that are entering independently must submit a letter from their school indicating that they are a student in good standing and that the school has no objection to them competing. You may use the following template:

The following students are enrolled at ____ (insert high school name) ____ and have permission to compete at the 2022 Loyola Invitational Debate Tournament, representing the school:

<list all students applying>.

The following adult person or persons are designated as the adults supervising and representing the students for the purposes of this competition:

<list at least one adult with cell phone contact information>.

Signed,

<Insert Principal signature>

If you are homeschooled, or school has not yet started, please email the tournament to make alternate arrangements regarding this form.