Beyond Resolved Invitational



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Contact Information/Helpline

Official Website: http://brinvit23.tabroom.com/

General: <u>brtourn.helpdesk@gmail.com</u>

Equity Violations: <u>brtourn.helpdesk.equity@gmail.com</u> AND fill out <u>this form</u>

Key Dates & Deadlines

<u>Tabroom.com</u> Entry and Judge Registration Deadline	Friday, August 25th, 2023
Tournament Dates	Friday-Saturday, September 1-2, 2023

Tournament Schedule

Friday, 9/1 3:00 PM PF Round 1 4:30 PM PF Round 2 7:00 PM PF Round 3

Saturday, 9/2

8:30 AM PF Round 4
10:15 AM PF Round 5
12:00 PM PF Round 6
2:30 PM Partial Octofinals **all 4-2s will break, the makeup of octofinals will depend on the number of entries**
4:15 PM Quarterfinals
6:00 PM Semifinals
7:45 PM Finals

Registration Information

Entry Fees

The Beyond Resolved Invitational will adopt a "pay what you can" model of entry fees. If financial barriers prevent you from paying entry fees, don't worry about it! Beyond Resolved seeks to expand access to debate for all – high entry fees should not pose a barrier to participation. However, if you wish to, feel free to contribute any amount you are able. All proceeds will go to Beyond Resolved and W.in Debate to fund scholarships to debate tournaments and camps.

<u>Waitlist</u>

All entries will be initially waitlisted

- Because we do not have a large budget to hire judges, participating schools must be proactive about fulfilling judge obligations. As such, <u>entries from a school will not be admitted from the waitlist until all judges have been registered from that school.</u>
- If you are unable to meet judge obligations for financial reasons, please contact tournament officials at brtourn.helpdesk@gmail.com. We will evaluate exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

Location

The tournament will be held on Zoom with breakout rooms for each round. Do not enter abBreakout room if you are not the judge or one of the competitors for that round.

Topics

Public Forum Debate

- September-October 2023 NSDA Topic
- 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2-2 Speech Times
- 3 Minutes of Preparation per Team

Judging

Judge Eligibility

Rising High School Seniors may serve as judges on a case-by-case basis

- Any HS senior that would like to judge (on behalf of their debate program/independently), <u>must</u> be approved by the tournament. Information must be sent by 8/18/2023. Note, this is a week earlier than the regular judge registration deadline to give us additional time to evaluate applications.
- Coaches: Please send an email to <u>brtourn.helpdesk@gmail.com</u> with information about any student(s) that would like to judge on behalf of your program
- Individual volunteers: See Information under next bullet point
- <u>Student judges may count any hours spent judging as volunteer hours.</u>

We greatly appreciate individuals with speech/debate experience who wish to volunteer to judge, and welcome you to apply using <u>this form</u>.

- Information must be sent by 8/18/2023. Note, this is a week earlier than the regular judge registration deadline to give us additional time to evaluate applications.
- Because we are not collecting entry fees, we are unable to offer hourly/by-round compensation to volunteer judges.

We understand judges may have other commitments and aim to be as flexible as possible to meet peoples' scheduling needs.

- Please contact brtourn.helpdesk@gmail.com with scheduling issues, and we will do our best to adjust round obligations to accommodate them.
- We would appreciate coaches contacting us on behalf of judges for their institution about any scheduling concerns.
- Individual volunteers should email us directly about scheduling concerns.

Judge Obligations

- Judge obligations for Public forum are 3, single-flighted rounds per entry. <u>This policy applies</u> to hybrid entries.
- The Beyond Resolved Invitational aims to expand access to high-quality debate rounds. To achieve this goal, judges must be available to fulfill their commitment during all scheduled rounds.
- The number that appears on your Tabroom.com account, in association with your judging obligation (i.e. number of rounds owed), represents *preliminary rounds only*—this number does not count toward your judging commitment in elimination rounds.
- All judges are obligated through *at least* the first elimination round (beginning a 2:30pm CST on Saturday, September 2nd), even if no entries from the judge's program advance. Additionally, judges are obligated one round beyond the elimination of their program's last team. For example, if a program's last team is eliminated in quarterfinals, the program's judges are obligated through semifinals.
- Volunteer Judges who fail to appear on time for an assigned round will not receive volunteer hours