



**February 1, 2015**

I would like to formally invite you and your top Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum, and Policy Debaters to participate in the 2015 Derby City Round Robin to be held at the James Graham Brown School in Louisville, KY on Sunday February 1, 2015

The round robin will take place after the Derby City Classic Invitational that is being held January 31. The Derby City Classic will offer competition in Novice and Varsity LD, Public Forum, and Policy, as well as speech events. While we recognize the costs associated with traveling to a tournament that is not a TOC bid, we do believe that we can offer a wonderful experience that will make it worth it. In an effort to increase the visibility of high school debate across our city, we want to invite those who we believe to be some of the very best competition across the country. That is why we believe your team deserves this invitation. Our parents and students are working hard to ensure that this tournament is the most hospitable experience of the year. Debate is growing in Louisville and we want you to be a part of it. We are delighted to have this opportunity and hope you will be willing to join us.

Participation in the round robin is contingent upon participation in the 2015 Derby City Classic on Saturday January 31. That tournament will be a one-day speech & debate tournament. Should you need an exemption please email [cjvinc08@gmail.com](mailto:cjvinc08@gmail.com).

**Fees**

Registration for the Round Robin is \$75 for an LD entry and \$150 for Policy & PF entries, and that includes quality competition, a trophy for participation, as well as Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

**Lodging:**

There are two hotels within walking distance of the school:

Hampton Inn Louisville Downtown  
101 East Jefferson Street  
Louisville, KY 40202  
502-585-2200

Courtyard Marriott Louisville Downtown  
100 South Second Street  
Louisville, KY 40202  
1-800-321-2211

Should your debaters need lodging, we may have some availability with our debate students on Friday night!!! Please let us know how we can be of assistance to you.

**Tournament Location:**

The Round Robin will be held at the James Graham Brown School located at 546 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Louisville, KY 40202.

**Judges:**

**We ask that each Round Robin participant/team provide a qualified judge, or hire one at \$150.** Our judge pool will consist of a multitude of judges that are former TOC and National Competitors, Current coaches, and members of our community.

**Schedule:**

The round robin will start on Sunday morning at 8:00AM. The full schedule will be released soon.

We will offer two pods in Lincoln Douglas and the winners of each pod will debate in a final round. The winners of the Policy and Public Forum pod will

**Contact Information:**

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email at [cjvinc08@gmail.com](mailto:cjvinc08@gmail.com).

Please let us know by December 13 via email if you will be able to attend the round robin. The purpose of the round robin is to increase the pool of quality debaters participating in our regular tournament. We expect that all round robin participants will compete in the preceding tournament. We also hope that the range of events will incentivize you to bring more team members. If there is anything we can do to make this tournament more accessible, please let us know and we would be glad to do what we can.

Thanks and we look forward to hearing from you.

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