

1st Annual IA WSD Classic

World Schools Primary



On behalf of the International Academy, we invite you to attend the 1st Annual IA WSD Classic on **April 5th-6th, 2025!** Get ready to join us for Michigan's first-ever World Schools tournament!

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Logistics

Location: Discord: <https://discord.gg/UqmMhkzC>

Payment: 5\$ for each team - check out to Bloomfield Hills

Divisions: Open

Judging:

- One judge for two teams
- 25\$ fee for each judge we need to hire

Link to Judging/Scoring Guide: [Judges Guide](#)

Register here on Tabroom: [Tourney Invite](#)

Communication Platform: ALL CONTESTANTS AND JUDGES will need **LINKED** tabroom.com accounts. Here is a [how-to video](#) to guide you through the process of linking your students.

Forfeit: We will use a 15-minute rule for competitors and judges. If you are more than 15 minutes late you risk forfeit for that round. Teams of offending judges will forfeit and hired judges will not be paid if they are late. Please relay the importance of timeliness to your students and your judges.

Schedule

Saturday

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30-8:00 AM	Registration and Judge Check-in	Discord
8:00-8:15 AM	General Meeting	Discord
8:30 AM	R1 START (prepared)	Discord
9:45 AM	R2 START (prepared)	Discord
11:00 PM	Lunch Break	
11:45 AM	R3 START (prepared)	Discord
1:00 PM	R4 PREP (impromptu)	Discord
2:00 PM	R4 START	
3:30 PM	Breaks Announcements and Awards	Discord

Sunday

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30-8:00 AM	Registration and Judge Check-In	Discord
8:00 PM	Semis PREP (impromptu motion)	Discord
9:00 PM	Semis START	
10:30 PM	Finals PREP (impromptu motion)	Discord
11:30 PM	Finals START	

Timeline

Date	Entry
March 5th	Entry and judge registration begins
March 29th at 1:00 PM	Registration for competitors closes for all events. All drops, changes, and obligations are due.
April 5th	Tournament begins!

About World Schools Debate

Team Structure

1. There will be 3-5 people per team, but only 3 speakers
2. Sides will be randomized by tabroom, so make sure to prepare for both sides
3. For impromptu rounds (semis/finals), you will be given 1 hour of prep time. For prelim prepared rounds, you will be given no prep time.


Debate Structure

Speech	Time	Responsibility of Debater (aka what to do in speech)
1st Prop	8 min	Introduce motion, define key terms, set burdens, establish mechanism or model if needed, offer substantive arguments (2-3)
1st Opp	8 min	Deal with proposed framework by proposition, clash with proposition arguments, offer own substantive arguments (2-3)
2nd Proposition	8 min	Clash, offer new substantive arguments (typically 1), defend 1st speaker's points
2nd Opposition	8 min	Clash, offer new substantive arguments (typically 1), defend 1st speaker's points
3rd Proposition	8 min	Clash and summarize key issues
3rd Opposition	8 min	Clash and summarize key issues
Reply (1st/2nd Opp Speaker)	4 min	Crystallize
Reply (1st/2nd Prop Speaker)	4 min	Crystallize

Motions:

THR	This House Regrets - Must be viewed retrospectively
THW	This House Would - Must include framework of how one side/the other side would accomplish the goal
THS	This House Supports - Must be on a net benefit vs net cost burden
THP	This House Prefers

Extra Resources here:

- [Introduction to Worlds School \(WSDC\) Debate Format](#)
- Example Round:  Online WSDC - GRAND FINAL - Sri Lanka vs Canada
- [Emily's Template]

Motions

Round 1 and Round 2 Motion (you will be on different sides for both rounds)

TH, as Ukraine, would reject all peace proposals that involve Russia maintaining control of Crimea.

Round 3

THR the narrative that what doesn't kill you makes you stronger.

Round 4, semifinals, and finals will be impromptu!