**60th Owen L. Coon Memorial Debate Tournament at Northwestern - Tournament Packet**

# **Greetings**

Greetings from the Northwestern Debate Society,

We are excited to invite you to the 60th Owen L. Coon Memorial Debate Tournament, to be held at Northwestern University’s Evanston campus from Saturday, September 6th through Monday, September 8th, 2025. This is a week earlier than we normally host due to classroom availability on campus; we anticipate that we will return to our normal date on the second weekend in September for 2026 and 2027.

# **Mid-Round Needs + Transportation**

We are going to scale back on-campus tournament provided transportation. Our first priority will be to provide transportation for those who have accessibility needs. Our second priority will be to transport tournament participants who would otherwise be late to their debates without it.

For these two situations, **please email**: olchelpline@gmail.com – we will be monitoring this email extensively during the tournament and will serve as our primary mid-round & van transportation contact method.

# **New Updates for 2025**

1–Fees: We are introducing a significantly revised fee structure from last year. Each participant (debater, coach, judge, or observer) will be assessed a $70 fee, whether competing in-person or online (these are down from the $150 virtual and $80 live fees of 2024). We understand that there are many programs facing budget difficulties this season; please contact the tournament directly (see contact info below) to discuss possible accommodations if you would like to participate but are unable to due to budget challenges. The online payment portal is live but **please do not submit payment until you receive an invoice from the tournament**: <https://nudebatepayments.securepayments.cardpointe.com/pay>

2–Hotels: We have confirmed that there will NOT be a designated hotel block or official tournament hotel this year. However, Evanston and nearby Skokie offer a variety of reasonably priced hotels. Additional options are available near O’Hare Airport and in downtown Chicago. We thought we might be able to broker a hotel block with the Orrington in July but were unable to secure enough room commitments at the prices the hotel proposed.

3–Novice Division: This year we will offer an Online Novice Division. Participants in the division will use the American Debate Association’s (ADA) novice packet, and all participants must adhere to the novice eligibility rules established by the ADA. Due to limited in-person room availability, the Novice Division will be conducted entirely online. If we determine that we do not have enough teams to sustain a healthy novice division we will either adopt a round robin format or collapse it into the JV division.

# **Highlights**

1–Divisions: The 2025 OLC will feature eight (8) preliminary rounds and will break to a full double-octafinals in Open. The JV and Novice (Novice is online-only) divisions will each feature six (6) preliminary rounds with at least half the field advancing to elimination rounds in both divisions.

2–Novice Division: This year we will offer an Online Novice Division. Participants in the division will use the American Debate Association’s (ADA) novice packet, and all participants must adhere to the novice eligibility rules established by the ADA. Due to limited in-person room availability, the Novice Division will be conducted entirely online.

3–Participation: Everyone is strongly encouraged to participate in-person at the tournament, but we will accommodate remote teams as well. The novice division will be entirely online.

4–Location: All prelim & elim debates will take place on campus. Elims will take place in Tech.

5–Judging: We require 4 rounds of judging per entry.

6–Side Equalization: We will continue side equalization ([explained below](#_x2ppjdq0u6ku)). We will not break brackets. We will have an in-person bracket on elim day to help with tracking side equalization.

7–Entry Deadline: The entry deadline is **August 31st, 2025 at 2:00 PM**.

# **Tournament Tab Staff**

Dr. Daniel Fitzmier is the Tournament Director. Gary Larson will tabulate the tournament. Nik Stamenković Diez will be the Assistant Tournament Director.

We look forward to welcoming you in September! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at d-fitzmier@northwestern.edu and nikolastamdiez@u.northwestern.edu.

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel Fitzmier & Nik Stamenkovic Diez on behalf of the Northwestern Debate Society

\*The tournament invite is subject to updates between now and the tournament.

# **Schedule**

Found [here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17bQRWwVJNYm8GCd3Ct4nWWBq1hRK2VpDos0X8p8u1VM/edit?usp=sharing.) on Google Sheets.

Owen L Coon Memorial Debates at Northwestern 2025 Schedule: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17bQRWwVJNYm8GCd3Ct4nWWBq1hRK2VpDos0X8p8u1VM/edit?usp=sharing.

**\*\*\*All times are in Central/CST\*\*\***

**Saturday**

**7:30 AM – Coffee and Light Breakfast available**

8:00 AM – R1 & R2 pairings

8:00 AM – Buildings Open

8:45 AM – R1 start

11:00 AM – R1 decision time

11:30 AM – R2 start

**Lunch available starting ~1:15 PM**

1:45 PM – R2 decision time

2:30 PM – R3 pairing released

3:15 PM – R3 start

5:30 PM – R3 decision time

5:45 PM – R4 pairings

6:30 PM – R4 start

**Dinner available starting ~8:00**

8:45 PM – R4 decision time

**Sunday**

**7:30 AM – Coffee and Light Breakfast**

8:00 AM – R5 pairings

8:00 AM – Buildings Open

8:45 AM – R5 start

11:00 AM – R5 decision time

11:15 AM – R6 pairings

12:00 PM – R6 start

**Lunch available starting ~1:30**

2:15 PM – R6 decision time

2:30 PM – R7/JV Quarters pairing

3:15 PM – R7/JV Quarters start

5:30 PM – R7/JV Quarters decision time

**Dinner – 45 Mins to Procure Dinner for Your Team (Dinner not provided by Tournament)**

6:15 PM – R8/JV Semis pairing

7:00 PM – R8/JV Semis start

9:15 PM – R8/JV Semis decision time

**Monday**

**7:00 AM – Coffee and Light Breakfast for Participants**

7:15 AM – Doubles/JV Finals pairing

8:00 AM – Doubles/JV Finals start

10:30 AM – Doubles/JV Finals decision time

**10:45 AM – Awards (Open & JV)**

**11:00 AM – Lunch available**

11:00 AM – Octos pairing

11:45 AM – Octos start

2:15 PM – Octos decision time

2:30 PM – Quarters pairing

3:15 PM – Quarters start

5:45 PM – Quarters decision time

6:00 PM – Semis pairing

6:45 PM – Semis start

9:15 PM – Semis decision time

**9:15 PM – Finals Refreshments**

9:30 PM – Finals pairing

10:15 PM – Finals start

12:45 AM – Finals decision time

# **Tournament Procedures - Statement**

All tournament procedures are determined at the discretion of the tournament director. We will do our best to comply with the guidelines of our membership organizations; in the event of controversy or uncertainty about tournament procedures, rules, membership guidelines, etc. the tournament director will exercise that discretion as needed to run an efficient and fair tournament.

## **Note on Conduct**

We encourage all tournament participants to maintain the highest standards of ethical conduct in their interactions with other tournament participants, members of the Northwestern Debate Society, and members of Northwestern University’s faculty, staff, and students. All participants debate at the invitation of Northwestern University according to its tournament rules as well as any rules of their own sponsoring institutions. The tournament abides by the rules and norms of the American Forensics Association and the Cross Examination Debate Association. Northwestern University’s “Policy on Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct” applies to “all members of our community – students, faculty, and staff, as well as University vendors, contractors, visitors, guests, volunteers, interns, and third parties”. For more information on the University’s policy, please visit [this](https://www.northwestern.edu/civil-rights-office/policies-procedures/policies/policy-on-discrimination-harassment-and-sexual-misconduct.html#:~:text=Northwestern%20prohibits%20discrimination%20and%20harassment,%2C%20veteran%20status%2C%20genetic%20information%2C) page.

https://www.northwestern.edu/civil-rights-office/docs/policy-on-discrimination-harassment-and-sexual-misconduct.pdf

As Northwestern University employees we are obligated to report any destructive, threatening, violent, harassing, or otherwise unacceptable behavior to the appropriate campus authorities.

Please note that various academic units and departments across campus grant us access to many of the buildings that we use for the tournament at their discretion. It would not be possible for us to host such a large tournament without their generous cooperation. As such, we ask tournament participants debating in such areas to observe the posted signs that designate quiet spaces where members of the Northwestern community will be working, teaching, studying, taking examinations, and the like. Similarly, we ask that no tournament participant unplug, move, modify, or otherwise interfere with classroom technology, furniture, or infrastructure.

Tournament participants have an affirmative obligation to both respectfully abide by requests by members of the Northwestern community regarding noise levels and other disruptive behaviors, and to report any such interactions as soon as feasibly possible to the tournament staff so that we can immediately assist in best balancing our obligations to our colleagues and tournament participants.

## **Accessibility**

All teams, coaches, and judges with limited mobility will be assigned to an accessible building upon request. For tournament entries, please check “yes” for “ADA Rooms” on Tabroom. For judges, please click “yes” on “ADA Rooms Needed” on Tabroom.

Those with limited mobility will have their debates in Annenberg Hall. There are accessible entrances on the East or West side of the Annenberg. The closest place to drop people off from a vehicle is on the East side of the building. The elevators in Annenberg are located in the center of the building.

## **All-Gender Restroom Facilities**

All-Gender Restroom facilities will be available in all buildings; follow the signs on the restrooms themselves or on the maps posted in most buildings for more information.

Additionally, feel free to refer to this link with maps to All-Gender Campus Restrooms all over Northwestern’s Evanston campus. Just “check” the “All-Gender Bathrooms” button on the left hand navigation menu.

## **Format**

The topic for debates will be the 2025-2026 NDT/CEDA/ADA Resolution. Debates will employ a 9-3-6 time format with 10 minutes of preparation time per team. Speaker points will be assigned on a 30-point scale, in one-tenth increments, with no tied points.

We will offer eight (8) preliminary rounds and will break to a full double-octafinals in Open. The JV and Novice divisions will each feature six (6) preliminary rounds with at least half the field advancing to elimination rounds in both divisions. Please reference the tournament schedule with a more specific breakdown of the weekend by day.

## **Fees**

We are introducing a significantly revised fee structure from last year.

**Each participant** (debater, coach, judge, or observer) will be assessed a **$70 fee**, whether competing **in-person or online** (these are down from the $150 virtual and $80 live fees of 2024).

We understand that there are many programs facing budget difficulties this season; **please contact the tournament directly** (see contact info below) **to discuss possible accommodations if you would like to participate but are unable to due to budget challenges**.

We will apply a switching fee of $250.00 for participants that begin the tournament in live mode but switch to virtual debating (or vice versa) once the tournament has begun. We may waive the switching fee under some circumstances including sickness, but all requests to switch from live to virtual (or vice versa) once the registration reception begins on Friday must also be approved by the tournament director. We reserve the right to remove teams from the tournament who no longer wish to continue the live format as opposed to converting them to a virtual team. These requirements apply to any tournament participants, including judges.

## **aElectronic Payment & Invoicing**

This is the online payment link for the tournament: <https://nudebatepayments.securepayments.cardpointe.com/pay>

Please do not submit any payment until you receive an invoice from the tournament.

We strongly encourage programs to use the online payment portal but will accept payment by check. Please make arrangements with Dr. Fitzmier to drop off your payment if you intend to use a check.

We will send an invoice to each school after all entries are finalized on Sunday (8/31) at 2 PM. Schools paying electronically will then enter the amount for their total fees through the payment portal. We cannot enter payments for people on NU affiliated devices, so you must complete the transaction on your own computer. Please direct any questions about electronic payments to the tournament director at d-fitzmier@northwestern.edu

## **Pairing and Judge Procedures**

The first two debates will be preset and ranked by the tournament.

Four Northwestern teams will compete at this year’s tournament. We will continue our tradition of maintaining an inviolable wall between the tournament tabulation staff and any Northwestern teams that participate in the tournament. As always, we aim to achieve the highest level of confidentiality regarding competitor’s preferences and strictly limit access to such data to the absolute minimum number of tournament staff.

We will continue to employ side equalization as we have in the past. Rules for side equalization will be available at the tabulation table throughout the elimination debates. We will side equalize in all three divisions.

The JV and Novice divisions will have six prelim debates. Judges with JV/Novices entries are obligated across both Open and JV/Novice divisions for R7 Open/JV Quarters and R8 Open/JV Semis. Judges that are covering JV teams can be assigned to either a JV elim debate OR an open prelim debate during rounds 7-8 EVEN IF the judge has already judged 6 rounds prior to that assignment. If a team has only JV teams, they will not be obligated for any elims after the JV final round.

## **OLC Judging Expectations**

1–Judges must have a paradigm on Tabroom.com.

2–We will require 4 rounds of judging per entry. Please enter & update judging splits accordingly.

3–Open judges can be assigned to JV/Novice.

4–Each judge is obligated through Open Octos and one round beyond the elimination of the last team from their school, whichever is later. An exemption will be provided to schools with exclusively JV or Novice entries – those judging obligations will end at the conclusion of JV/Novice elims. As always, we strongly welcome judges who are willing to judge past their obligation.

5–Judges are expected to judge debates assigned to them by the tournament Tab room.

6–Judges must vote for one and only one team in each debate, enter speaker points for each competitor, and submit their decision within the allotted decision time.

7–NEW – Revised January 2025: NDT JUDGING CONSTRAINTS RULE – please make sure to conflict yourself from judging debaters where “both the judge and debater coach, chaperone, and/or supervise the same forensics event for a competitive debate program”.

## **Side Equalization**

Procedures for determining sides:

1. If the two teams met in prelims, reverse sides.
2. If one team has more affirmative elimination debates than the other, the sides for the next debate should equalize each team’s total number of affirmative elimination debates.

Examples:

--If Team A was aff in doubles, and Team B was neg in doubles, and neither side had debated in the prelims, an octos matchup would make team B aff, and Team A neg.

--If Team A was aff in doubles, aff in octos, neg in quarters, while Team B was aff in doubles, neg in octos, neg in quarters, a semifinal matchup would make Team B aff, and Team A neg.

--If Team A was aff in doubles, aff in octos, and aff in quarters (unlikely but possible because of side locks), and Team B was aff in doubles, aff in octos, neg in quarters, a semifinal debate would make Team B aff and Team A neg.

1. If both teams have had equal elim debate sides, the sides are determined by Tabroom coin flip.

The tab room will flip a coin and announce sides at 7:15 AM for doubles, and approximately at the start of the 2AR for each subsequent debate.

## **Hybrid School Entries**

We will allow hybrid school entries on a case-by-case basis. Hybrids when done to facilitate more participation (2 schools have an odd number of debaters), are highly likely to be permitted. If pairing occurs among two schools’ most successful debaters with already established programs, that is unlikely to be permitted.

Hybrid entries that are confirmed by the Tournament Director are permitted to clear into elimination debates.

Please reach out to Dr. Fitzmier if you’re considering a hybrid entry.

## **Tournament Drops**

Although the OLC is not an ADA sanctioned tournament, we will adopt the ADA rules for this situation:

If one team member of a partnership is unable to participate in a round (due to illness or otherwise), that round will be forfeited. Teams that forfeit the round will be given average speaker points. Teams that forfeit rounds will not be permitted to clear to elimination rounds if they miss more than 1/3rd of their rounds rounded down to the nearest whole round. The debate may still occur for educational purposes. However, that team will still be eligible for speaker awards and can clear provided that they don’t miss more than 1/3rd of their rounds.

Monday Drops: If one debater has to withdraw from the tournament for any reason (including sickness), they will forfeit the elimination round on Monday.

## **Novices**

Coaches – **please designate the teams you’re bringing that you believe are true novices on Tabroom (see definition of ‘novice’ below).**

Although the OLC is not an ADA sanctioned tournament, we will use the ADA rule for the definition of novice:

“Novice Debate--This division is designed for debaters who are truly in their first year of competitive debate or who have so little previous experience that they are functionally first-year debaters.

A novice is defined as an individual with:

---no more than 24 rounds of policy debate at the high school or college level prior to the academic year.\*

---no more than 50 rounds of prior experience in either high school or college Lincoln-Douglas, parliamentary, public forum, or policy debate.

---has never qualified to the Tournament of Champions in policy, Lincoln-Douglas, or public forum”.

**–AND–**

“\*If a debater competes in no more than 24 rounds of team policy debate during their first year as a novice at the college level, they retain novice eligibility during their second academic year in debate. However, if debaters have more than 24 rounds of team policy debate during their first year at the college level but have not advanced to elimination rounds at two tournaments during that first year of novice eligibility they are entitled to a second year of eligibility until advancing to elimination rounds in two tournaments or upon completion of the second academic year”.

## **Mavericks**

Although the OLC is not an ADA sanctioned tournament, we will adopt the ADA rules for this situation:

Mavericks are not allowed. Debate is an automatic forfeit.

“For the purposes of ADA tournaments, a debate team is defined as the two-person team that begins the first round of the tournament and who debate together throughout the course of the tournament. If one of the debaters of a team cannot debate in any given round, that round will be forfeited. To debate in a round is defined as to give one constructive speech and one rebuttal.”

# **Buildings & Transportation**

## **Buildings + Interactive Map**

Debates will be held across multiple buildings throughout the Evanston Campus with rounds scheduled in approx 9 buildings. More debates will take place on North Campus, where additional buildings are available, compared to South Campus near The Rock, which is limited due to other programming and renovations.

Reference [this](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=13y2qj_o37N8SFPgDucsz2fcCQPlmdg0&usp=sharing) interactive map that includes all the buildings in use for the 2025 OLC: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=13y2qj_o37N8SFPgDucsz2fcCQPlmdg0&usp=sharing>

The NU buildings that will be used this year are the following:

–Technological Institute (Tech)

–Frances Searle Building

–Annenberg Hall

–Norris University Center

–Locy Hall

–Fisk Hall

–Harris Hall

–Parkes Hall

–Hardy House (Tabroom = 1st Floor; Lost & Found = 1st Floor Conference Room).

Open/JV eliminations debates will be hosted entirely in Tech with some rounds potentially held in Frances Searle. Reminder – the Novice Division is entirely online.

## **Stations**

Northwestern Staff and Debaters will be stationed at each location or in proximate distance to each building to help participants find rooms and complete room checks to ensure rounds start promptly. Please be nice to them.

Station #1–Technological Institute (Tech) – (if you’re at Frances Searle and need assistance, email the helpline or find the attendant at Tech or Parkes)

Station #2–Locy Hall (if you’re at Norris or Fisk and need assistance, email the helpline or find the attendant at Locy)

Station #3–Annenberg Hall

Station #4–Parkes Hall (if you’re at Harris Hall and need assistance, email the helpline or find the attendant at Parkes)

## **Transportation on Campus During the Day**

The tournament will offer transportation between buildings on campus throughout the day. Any tournament participant (with accessibility needs or who is running late) can access the transportation service at any time by going to the closest station. Simply request a ride from one of the Northwestern personnel at the ballot table and they will call the nearest shuttle. Shuttles will depart from a series of points adjacent to the ballot tables, they are described below.

You can also email for transportation requests: olchelpline@gmail.com – we will be monitoring this email extensively during the OLC and will serve as our primary mid-round contact method.

The pick-up and drop off points for each building cluster are as follows, each building in use is bolded:

**7 Drop off points (see below):**

–East Campus: Locy Hall/Fisk Hall

–Norris University Center

–Harris Hall/The Rock

–Tech: Technological Institute

–Parkes Hall

–Frances Searle Building

–Annenberg Hall

1---EAST CAMPUS

Pick Up and Drop off on the campus side (West) of the breezeway that connects Locy and Fisk

(Ballot table inside Locy 1st Floor)

**Locy** – 1850 Campus Drive

**Fisk** – 1845 Sheridan Road

2---NORRIS UNIVERSITY CENTER

Pick Up and Drop off at the circle & area before the hill up to Norris.

**Norris** – 1999 Campus Dr

3---THE ROCK/Harris Hall

Pick up and Drop off behind the Rock by red fire hydrant on the long pathway towards Locy.

(No Station in Harris or by the Rock, the nearest one will be Locy or Parkes)

**Harris** – 1881 Campus Drive

4---TECH

Pick up and Drop off at the main entrance of Tech (Technological Institute) on Sheridan Road.

(Ballot Table inside at main entrance/lobby in Tech)

**Tech (Technological Institute)** – 2145 Sheridan Road

5---PARKES HALL

Pick up and Drop off on the East side of Parkes Hall (the alley & parking lot between Parkes and the SAE headquarters building).

(Ballot Table on the first floor of Parkes Hall)

**Parkes** – 1870 Sheridan Rd

6---FRANCES SEARLE BUILDING

Pick up and Drop off at the driveway or street in front of Frances Searle. Note: we annoyingly have two buildings at Northwestern called ‘Frances Searle’. The ‘Frances Searle’ we’re using is on North Campus NOT South Campus.

**Frances Searle** – 2240 Campus Drive

7---ANNENBERG HALL

Pick up and Drop off in the parking lot on Garrett Pl before Annenberg Hall.

**Annenberg** – 2120 Campus Dr

## **Parking**

If you do drive to Evanston or have rental vehicles, **you are allowed to park on campus after 4:00 PM on weekdays and anytime during the weekend without being ticketed** so long as you follow the posted rules for reserved & prohibited spaces.

There are a number of public pay lots and individual pay spots close to downtown Evanston & campus, including several across & behind the street at the Evanston Public Library.

## **Tournament Tab Room Location & Contacts**

The Tab room will be located on the **1st floor of the Hardy House**, located at 1809 Chicago Ave, Evanston, IL 60208.

Contact info for Tabroom staff below:

Please utilize the helpline prior to emailing any of us individually, unless it’s a message directed for the Tournament Director: olchelpline@gmail.com

Gary Larson (Tab): gary.larson@wheaton.edu

Nik Stamenković Diez (Assistant Tournament Director): nikolastamdiez@u.northwestern.edu

David Cram Helwich (Tab): cramhelwich@gmail.com

Questions for the Tournament Director should be addressed to Dr. Daniel Fitzmier: d-fitzmier@northwestern.edu

# **Food**

## **Food Logistics**

All participants will be provided with breakfast and coffee each morning, lunch (on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday), and dinner on Saturday evening. Participants are on their own for dinner on Sunday night as this is the best time to experience the many excellent dining opportunities in Evanston and Chicago.

We will provide breakfast for the elimination round participants and judges on Monday morning in Tech. We will do the same for the remaining participants during lunch.

Snacks: we will have a TON of great snacks for the weekend.

## **Dietary Restrictions**

**All participants with dietary restrictions should add the details on Tabroom** prior to the tournament. We will provide appropriate options for all the participants who do so.

If you see any tournament-provided meal that doesn’t meet a dietary need of you or anyone in your party, please email **Nik Stamenkovic Diez** at nikolastamdiez@u.northwestern.edu with a thorough description of what you need and we’ll do everything we can to accommodate.

## **Weather**

The forecast looks great for the weekend with sunny skies on Saturday and partly cloudy conditions on Sunday and Monday. If there is inclement weather, **Tech food** will move indoors to **Tech LR4** and the food at **The Rock** will move to the **Kresge lobby**. We will send a blast if this happens.

## **Saturday**

**Breakfast on Saturday**

Breakfast will be available in two locations Saturday morning.

**Location 1: Tech Courtyard (Primary)**

**Tech** will be our primary food area for the tournament, and it **will cover people debating and judging in Tech, Frances Searle Building, Annenberg, and Lunt**. We have significantly more buildings around Tech than we have on South campus. You are welcome to get food wherever you want/what is most convenient.

**Location 2: The Rock**

**The Rock** is our secondary food area, with less food than Tech, and **will serve people debating and judging in Locy, Fisk, Harris, Norris, and Parkes**. You are welcome to get food wherever you want/what is most convenient.

The tournament will provide bagels & cream cheese, fruit, granola bars, water and coffee at both locations.

**Lunch on Saturday (Pita Inn)**

Lunch will be provided from **Pita Inn**. It will be available at the Tech Courtyard **AND** The Rock.

**Dinner on Saturday (Lou Malnati’s)**

We will order Lou Malnati’s Chicago style pizza for the tournament and distribute it at the Tech Courtyard **AND** The Rock.

## **Sunday**

**Breakfast on Sunday**

Breakfast on Sunday will be the same setup on Saturday. It will be available at the Tech Courtyard **AND** The Rock.

**Lunch on Sunday (Potbelly)**

Lunch will be provided from **Potbelly**. It will be available at the Tech Courtyard **AND** The Rock.

**\*\*REMINDER - There is NO TOURNAMENT PROVIDED DINNER ON SUNDAY\*\***

## **Monday**

**Breakfast on Monday**

Breakfast on Monday will ONLY be at the Tech Courtyard for elims.

**Lunch on Saturday (Potbelly)**

Lunch will be provided from **Potbelly**. It will be available ONLY at the Tech Courtyard.

**\*\*REMINDER - There is NO TOURNAMENT PROVIDED DINNER ON MONDAY\*\***

# **Miscellaneous**

## **OLC Email Hotline**

Please email olchelpline@gmail.com for any mid-round contact or van transportation requests throughout the tournament. We will closely monitor this email.

## **Campus Map**

Follow this link to find the NU interactive campus map: <https://maps.northwestern.edu/evanston>

Reference this interactive map that includes all the buildings in use for the 2025 OLC: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=13y2qj_o37N8SFPgDucsz2fcCQPlmdg0&usp=sharing>

## **Instructions for Judges in Hybrid Debates**

When judging a hybrid debate in which 1 team and the judge are both in person, it is expected that the judge remains in the physical room with the in-person team. We do not have any extra rooms on campus. If the judge decides this provides a significant bias and harms their ability to judge, they are welcome to use the lobby spaces in the tournament buildings (ideally Norris for South campus; Tech for North campus).

## **Zoom Link for Online/Hybrid Debates**

[This](https://northwestern.zoom.us/j/93410279872) will be the stable Zoom link we’ll be using for the tournament: <https://northwestern.zoom.us/j/93410279872>

The names of the Zoom breakout rooms correspond to the physical rooms we will be using on campus. A password is not required to enter the Zoom.

## **Audio/Video Recording**

All debates are open to registered tournament participants and may be electronically recorded for private educational use by registered tournament participants. We request that tournament participants respect the wishes of those competitors and participants who request not to be recorded but note that such requests are not binding. Public distribution of such recordings is expressly prohibited unless prior written consent of all persons appearing on the recording is obtained and unless prior written consent of Northwestern University is obtained. Private sharing for educational use is permitted.

## **Drugs/Alcohol/Smoking**

No alcohol or drugs are allowed on campus or in competition rooms. Drug use and/or drinking on campus or in competition rooms will constitute grounds for dismissal from the tournament.

Smoking/vaping is allowed on campus outside of a 25-foot radius of each building.

Smoking/vaping is strictly prohibited in any Northwestern classroom.

## **Internet**

Strong preference to use eduroam. Guest-Northwestern is also available.

For more information see: [Internet Access & Connectivity](https://www.library.northwestern.edu/visit/technology/internet-access.html).

## **Supplies/Medical Emergencies**

Target (downtown Evanston) – 1616 Sherman Ave, Evanston, IL 60201

CVS/pharmacy – 1711 Sherman Ave, Evanston, IL 60201

Northwestern Medicine Immediate Care Evanston – 1630 Sherman Ave Ste 130, Evanston, IL 60201

Evanston Hospital – 2650 Ridge Ave. Evanston, IL 60201

## **Nearby Hotels**

There will NOT be a designated hotel block or official tournament hotel this year. However, Evanston and nearby Skokie offer a variety of reasonably priced hotels. Additional options are available near O’Hare Airport and in downtown Chicago.

**Evanston Hotel List (5-10 mins from campus by car or foot)**

Hilton Orrington/Evanston: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/ordoehf-hilton-orrington-evanston/>

Graduate Evanston:<https://www.graduatehotels.com/evanston/>

Hilton Garden Inn North Shore/Evanston:<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/ordevgi-hilton-garden-inn-chicago-north-shore-evanston/>

Holiday Inn Chicago North-Evanston:<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/evanston/chine/hoteldetail>

Hyatt House Chicago/Evanston:<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/illinois/hyatt-house-chicago-evanston/chixe>

**Skokie/Old Orchard Area Hotel List (15-20 mins from campus by car):**

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Chicago – North Shore Conference Center:<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/chiccdt-doubletree-chicago-north-shore-conference-center/>

Extended Stay America – Chicago – Skokie:<https://www.extendedstayamerica.com/hotels/il/chicago/skokie>

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