



2025 Florida Blue Key
Tournament Packet

Dear Forensics Directors,

We are incredibly excited to welcome you all to the 42nd annual Florida Blue Key Speech and Debate Tournament. The tournament will be held on the University of Florida's campus on October 31st and November 1st, and 2nd, 2025. We are excited to have everyone on campus in Gainesville, FL this year.

Our tournament has continued to cement its spot as one of the premier tournaments due to its high level of competition. As such, we are excited to offer bids for the 2026 Tournament of Champions. Quarterfinalists in Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate, octafinalists in Public Forum Debate, finalists in World Schools Debate, and semifinalists in Congressional Debate will earn bids. In addition, bids will be awarded in all eight speech events in accordance with the 2026 Tournament of Champions ratios.

This year, we are pleased to continue offering World Schools Debate and Impromptu Speaking in addition to the events offered in previous years! The tournament is excited to once-again be directly led by the highly capable student body here at UF. Public Forum debate will be led by Abigail Melamed and Adam Kamenetsky, Lincoln-Douglas Debate by Jordan Antevy and Misty Wang, Congressional Debate by Alexandra Dill and Emilia Hueller, and Individual Events by Ece Sarioglu and Madeline LaMont. The experience of our team combined with successful tab coordinators will help create our best event yet!

All events will begin after 3:30 PM on Friday, October 31st with registration taking place throughout Friday. The Awards Ceremony will be held in the J Wayne Reitz Student Union.

Contacts for event specific questions are labeled throughout the invitation, but for all general inquiries please contact chair@fbkdebate.org.

As Always, Go Gators!

Max Leach

Max Leach
Tournament Chair

A Note from Florida Blue Key

Welcome to Florida Blue Key Speech & Debate! Florida Blue Key is extremely proud to continue to support such an important event to our community and we are excited to welcome everyone to the the University of Florida.

Founded in 1923, Florida Blue Key equips the next leaders through real experiences from organizing the University's homecoming festivities to advocacy within state lawmakers' offices. Florida Blue Key celebrates over 100 years of service, leadership, and dedication to the University of Florida and the community.

Whether you are a first-timer or seeking to win the tournament, you are paving the way towards building better families and societies through real advocacy skills.

Go Gators!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kayla Myers". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kayla" and last name "Myers" clearly distinguishable.

Kayla Myers
Florida Blue Key President



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2025 Florida Blue Key Speech and Debate Tournament

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Gator Guard List

Each year, the Florida Blue Key extends an invitation to a coach to join the Gator Guards and recognize their legacy and service to this tournament over the years. These coaches represent the best parts of this activity: they provide a foundation for growth, mentor us, and most importantly put an immeasurable amount of care into their students. If interested in finding more ways to get involved, please contact us at chair@fbkdebate.org

2024.....	Rachel Mauchline
2023.....	Ryan Levesque
2022.....	Aly Fiebrantz-Awsare & Michael Puretz
2021.....	Courtney Chipman
2020.....	Nathan Johnston
2019.....	Crawford Leavoy
2018.....	Traci Lowe & Tim Huth
2017.....	Kate Hamm
2016.....	Elizabeth Eskin & Chris Dodson
2015.....	Kristen Taylor & Paras Saxena
2014.....	Robert Sheard, Olivia Barket, & George Clemens
2013.....	Nancy Dean
2012.....	Dario Camara
2011.....	Carol Cecil & Jen Kwasman
2010.....	Harry Strong, James Wakefield, & Chelsey Campbell
2009.....	Ryan Ross & Jennifer Cohen
2008.....	William Shwayri & Jessica Meloy
2007.....	Lauren Schlosberg
2006.....	Willie Warren & Rebecca Siegel
2005.....	Lauren Murray & Andrea Shwayri
2004.....	Marc Adler & James Ferraro
2003.....	Dean Rhodes, Beth Goldman, & Denise Kim
2002.....	Tucker Curtis, John Rains III, Chris Pezon, & Marissa Brodsky
2001.....	Ann Hicks, Darcy Butrimas, & Melissa Korn
2000.....	Mindy Freedman, Brain Koch, & Carmen Adkins
1999.....	Rich Edwards, Eden Heilman, & Hunter Carroll
1998.....	Brent A. Gordon, Fran Berger, & Lisa Miller
1997.....	Nicole Fried, Mary Schick, & Kristen Flamand
1996.....	Sister Mary Patricia Plumb & Beth McMahon
1995.....	Earl English, Merie Ulery, & Lee Turner
1994.....	Rhoda Radow, Dale McCall, John McGovern, & Hoang Vu

Tournament Wide-Expectations

Registration: Florida Blue Key will be holding all registration through the tournament website on Tabroom.com. We will take requests from other methods of communication. Registration will open on September 1st, 2025, at 8:00 AM where schools can begin to enter students or reserve “TBA” slots. At the beginning, all students will be placed on the wait list until we begin clearing on September 19th. Registration will close on October 23rd.

Independent Entries: Our tournament does not accept independent entries, camp entries or for-profit entries. All participants must represent a diploma-granting secondary school with their administrations or school-approved coach’s permission to attend the tournament. For partnered events, both competitors must be representing and be from the same school. Please contact us with any questions regarding the rule. The tournament reserves the right to make judgements based on the clear intent of this rule. ***If a student or school is found to be in violation of this criteria, they will be disqualified from the tournament and forfeit their entry fees. If discovered after the tournament, any TOC qualification will be revoked.***

Hybrid Entries: Entries comprised of competitors from multiple schools are allowed, exclusively for World Schools Debate. While hybrid entries can earn TOC bids, they are not able to use them as part of their qualification for the TOC unless at least two members of that team are from the same school, and only that school may use the bid.

Adult Supervision: Students at the tournament must be with a parent, legal guardian, or a school-approved adult guardian, teacher, or coach who can handle emergencies. The adult guardian must be a high school graduate. Every participant must provide an adult contact's name and phone number for emergencies.

Entourage Rule: Anyone who is providing coaching and/or research support for any participants in Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas must be in the judge pool for a minimum of 2 rounds (4 flights). In Congressional Debate, anyone providing support should be entered as a judge and available for elimination rounds. Please contact chair@fbkdebate.org for any issues that arise or a need for an exception to this rule. Violations can result in loss of preferences / strikes or additional fines.

Entry Caps: We will be enforcing a per school and per event of 9 entries in each event. Schools are limited to 9 entries in each Speech division, 9 Congressional debaters and 7 teams in Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas debaters, and 5 teams in World Schools Debate. Please note that the Tournament Chair reserves the right to alter these caps and you are not officially entered into the tournament until you have been lifted off the wait list.

- Varsity Public Forum & Lincoln-Douglas: 184 entries
- Novice Public Forum & Lincoln-Douglas: 48 entries
- All Speech Events: 72 entries
- Congressional Debate: 200 entries
- World Schools Debate: 48 entries

Tournament of Champions: Florida Blue Key is proud to announce that we have retained our status for the JW Patterson Tournament of Champions with bids being as follows: Public Forum (octafinalists), Congressional Debate (semi-finalists), Lincoln-Douglas (quarterfinalists), World Schools Debate (finalists). Florida Blue Key is also a bid tournament for the TOC in speech events.

Final Registration: The tournament will hold final registration **electronically** beginning on the morning of Friday, October 31st.

Protests: For all protests, the tournament will provide a form via Tabroom.com where protests are to be filed. These protests must be filed by a coach of record for the school in a timely manner. For all protests, the Tournament Chair reserves the right to appoint a regulator to handle all issues.

- **Evidence and Ethics Challenges:** For debate events, all protests are handled by the Tournament Chair and Competition Chair. The Tournament Chair and staff can only help the judge understand the process.
- **Equity, Harassment or Discrimination Concerns:** These challenges are to be brought to the Competition Chair. There will be a form on Tabroom to be filled in the event of these concerns.
- **Any Other Challenges or Complaints:** These should be brought to the Tournament Chair. The Chair reserves the right to appoint another member of staff from the tournament to be able to handle any other outstanding issues.
- **No protests will be accepted** after the next round has started

Varsity / Novice Clarifications: If a student has competed in a **total of two or fewer** tournaments in previous high school years or this is a student's first year of competition, then they shall be classified as Novice. A Novice may choose to compete in the Varsity division.

Round Robin: The Round Robin will take place on Thursday, October 30th, 2025. This year's Round Robin will be overseen by Jordan Levitt, Ioel Katz, and Anjani Sharma. Those wishing to attend are welcome to submit an application which will be made available on September 8th via our website <https://www.fbkdebate.org/>. Applications will close on October 15th. Please reach out to roundrobin@fbkdebate.org with any questions.

Smoke-free Campus: The University of Florida is designated as a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus. This means that the use of all tobacco products is prohibited during the events.

Construction: The University of Florida is undergoing construction around campus, which means that paths you have used in years previously may not be available. Please quickly read the ongoing projects to be familiar with the extent of construction going into the tournament: <https://facilities.ufl.edu/projects/current-projects/construction-projects/>. A more comprehensive guide that explains how this impacts our tournament will be available closer to the tournament date.

Governing Rules: For all events, the NSDA rules will be the final authority. Decisions by any member of the tournament staff are final and are not open to appeal.

Contact Information

Key Contacts

The main contact for any questions is the Tournament Chair, Max Leach, who can be reached at chair@fbkdebate.org. Event specific contacts are as follows:

- **Forensics:** forensics@fbkdebate.org
- **Protests:** competition@fbkdebate.org
- **Round Robin:** roundrobin@fbkdebate.org
- **Public Forum:** publicforum@fbkdebate.org
- **Individual Events:** individualevents@fbkdebate.org
- **Congressional Debate:** congress@fbkdebate.org
- **Lincoln-Douglas:** lincolndouglas@fbkdebate.org
- **World Schools Debate:** worldschools@fbkdebate.org
- **Finance / Payments:** finance@fbkdebate.org
- **Registration:** registration@fbkdebate.org

Judging and Fees

JUDGING

We highly prioritize having capable judges for all our events. Please assist us in maintaining the judging quality by exclusively bringing judges to the tournament who have received proper training and are qualified. Kindly refrain from including judges who are unsure about event assessment or lack the necessary qualifications. All judges, coaches and competitors must have a valid Tabroom account. ***The Tab room reserves the right to fine your school if a judge has been removed because they are unable or unwilling to judge.***

For each event, judge requirements are as follows:

- 1 judge per 9 Congressional Debate entries
- 3 rounds of Lincoln-Douglas judging per entry
- 3 rounds of Public Forum judging per entry
- 1 judge per 5 Speech entries
- 1 judge per 2 World School Debate entries

Hired Judges: Florida Blue Key will offer hired judges on a limited basis. We encourage all schools to request these at the earliest point possible to prevent last-minute needs being denied. All hired judge requests must be in by October 27th. We will not be offering hired judge requests in World Schools Debate. The price for hired judges is as follows:

- \$67 per round in Lincoln-Douglas
- \$67 per round in Public Forum
- \$67 per round in World Schools Debate
- \$250 per uncovered judge in Speech Events
- \$250 per uncovered judge in Congressional Debate

Paradigms: For debate events, please have your judges post their judge philosophy on Tabroom under the paradigms section. Your school will not be allowed to enter prefs or strikes until all your judges have provided a paradigm.

Conflicts: Florida Blue Key will be following the FFL Conflict Policy as seen below:

- Judges should preclude themselves from any competitor who they have previously coached, had a close, personal relationship with, or for any other reason the judge believes they cannot be objective towards them if assigned
 - A close, personal relationship can be defined as, but not limited to, familial relations, roommates, previous or current romantic relationships
- Judges should preclude themselves from judging any school which they previously coached in the four years prior to the current academic year or until the last student they coached graduates, whichever is later
 - Coaching is defined as contractual obligations to coach as determined through a school or personal affiliation. This can be paid or volunteer coaching solicited by a student or school to the specific coach, even if conducted digitally or otherwise-remotely

- Any competitor or coach should preclude herself or himself from any competitor whom they have seriously recruited to attend their school
- Judges should preclude themselves from judging their alma mater until 6 years after they have graduated and/or worked with the team, whichever comes later
- It is BOTH the **judge's obligation** AND the **coach's obligation** to
 - communicate any conflicts to the tournament director prior to the start of the tournament
 - explain any conflicts when asked by the tabroom staff and/or tournament director
- The tab staff will make every effort to keep conflicts as confidential as possible
- In the event a pairing is distributed, and a judge reports a conflict after the fact, resulting in a changing of the pairing, that schools involved will be charged a fee commensurate with an uncovered judge fine for the tournament

Elimination Round Obligations: All judges are required to judge the first full elimination round on Sunday morning OR judge one round past the last elimination rounds that their school participated in (whichever comes last).

Judges that are not scheduled at the moment of pairings release should wait in the Judges' lounge. Not being initially paired does not mean that the judge has the round off. Missing a stand-by carries the same punishments as a published assignment.

FEES/PAYMENT

If you are interested in requesting a waiver for fees, please contact finance@fbkdebate.org. Florida Blue Key is committed to making our tournament accessible to students of all backgrounds, so please don't hesitate to email us and include "Financial Aid" in the email's subject line.

Event Fees: All schools entering will have a one-time \$60 administration fee. The event fee past that are as follows:

- \$75 per competitor in Varsity Lincoln-Douglas
- \$60 per competitor in Novice Lincoln-Douglas
- \$120 per team in Varsity Public Forum
- \$90 per team in Novice Public Forum
- \$110 per team in Duo Interpretation
- \$55 per entry in all other Speech Events
- \$70 per entry in Congressional Debate
- \$65 per entry in World Schools Debate

Penalty Fees:

- **Missing Judges:** Schools whose judges miss a preliminary round will be assessed \$50 for each round missed. For elimination rounds, this fine will be \$100
- **Hidden Drops:** Drops not disclosed at registration and found by the staff will incur a \$200 fine
- **Drop Fees:** All drops after October 27th will forfeit their registration fees

- Constraint Fees: If you provide inaccurate information regarding which teams and/or specific contestants your judges cannot judge and we need to replace your judge, you will be fined \$75 in preliminary rounds and \$150 in elimination rounds
- Judge Name Fee: In Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum, you will be charged a \$50 fee for needing to change the name of a judge, adding a judge or dropping a judge after the pref and strike sheets are active

Payment Methods Available:

- 1) Square Invoice
 - a. Requests are to be made through finance@fbkdebate.org
- 2) Mailed Checks to:
Florida Blue Key Speech and Debate
3160 J. Wayne Reitz Union
Gainesville, FL 32611
- 3) All other payments can proceed as normal by bringing a payment method (either check or credit card) with you Friday October 31st, 2025, upon your arrival to campus

If you have not paid and have entries advancing to elimination rounds, we will not advance those entries until all financial liabilities have been cleared.

Event Instructions and Schedules

Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum Guidelines

- We will be using a 30-point scale that allows for tenth points for speaker points. Both low-point wins and ties are permitted. We encourage disclosure of decisions and discussion of all debates within reason (we must keep the tournament on time)
- All debates must have one winner and one loser
- Lincoln-Douglas will be utilizing the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format. Public Forum will use the 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2-2 format
- For Lincoln-Douglas, there will be 4-minutes of preparation time allowed. For Public Forum, there will be 3-minutes of preparation time allowed
- Debates in Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum will be utilizing the **November / December topic**
- In Public Forum, mavericks are not able to clear or advance. To advance, the team must have debated together for 4 rounds in prelims
- The tournament will be utilizing Tabroom's coin flip feature. This will work as follows: prior to the round, the service will determine the winner of the coin toss. The team that wins the flip may choose one of two options: EITHER the side of the topic they wish to defend OR the speaking position they wish to have (begin the debate or end the debate). Once the coin toss winners select their favored option, the other team makes a choice with the remaining option. There is no ability to "redo" the coinflip. Only system-wide failure of Tabroom.com will be reasons to redetermine the winner of a coin toss
- All rounds are open to authorized guests, and they are allowed to flow the debates
- All teams with a 4-2 record or better will clear to elimination rounds. Participants and rankings will be determined in the following order: Ballots, H2H, Opp Wins, Drop H/L pts, Total pts, J. Var
- Only the tab room can declare forfeitures. Students not present ten minutes are the pairing time are eligible to be forfeited
- Power matching will occur at the end of Round 2 and Florida Blue key will be utilizing a high/low pairing within brackets
- Participants are permitted to utilize internet-enabled devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones during events. However, engaging with external contacts during debates is prohibited. Breaking this rule results in losing the debate and receiving zero points. A phone ringing is acceptable, but making calls or messaging a coach is not

Tentative Lincoln-Douglas Schedule

Date	Round	Round Posted	Start Time	Decision Time
Friday	Round 1	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	7:30 PM
	Round 2	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	10:00 PM
Saturday	Round 3	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
	Round 4	10:45AM	11:15 AM	1:45 PM
	Round 5	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	5:00 PM
	Round 6	5:15 PM	5:45 PM	8:15 PM
	Doubles	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	10:30 PM
Sunday	Octas	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
	Quarters	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 PM
	Semis	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM
	Finals	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM

Tentative Public Forum Schedule

Date	Round	Round Posted	Start Time	Decision Time
Friday	Round 1	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	7:30 PM
	Round 2	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	10:00 PM
Saturday	Round 3	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
	Round 4	10:45AM	11:15 AM	1:45 PM
	Round 5	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	5:00 PM
	Round 6	5:15 PM	5:45 PM	8:15 PM
	Doubles	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	10:30 PM
Sunday	Octas	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
	Quarters	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 PM
	Semis	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM
	Finals	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM

Congressional Debate Guidelines

- Florida Blue Key will utilize NSDA rules for all congressional debate procedures
- **Schools with more than 5 entries must indicate at least one judge who can serve as parliamentarian**
- Time limits for all speeches will be 3 minutes. Sponsorship speeches cross-examination period will be 2 minutes while all other cross-examination periods will be 1 minute with all cross-examination being direct questioning
- Extending questioning that requires the suspension of the rules is not permitted
- Congress legislation will be released prior to the tournament with schools having the opportunity to submit proposals
- Three preliminary sessions will be held with 20 students. Students will then break to semifinals with a 20 student chamber and then from there a final with a 20 student chamber.
- Participants are permitted to utilize internet-enabled devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones during events. However, engaging with external contacts during debates is prohibited. Breaking this rule results in losing the debate and receiving zero points. A phone ringing is acceptable, but making calls or messaging a coach is not
- All ballots should be entered electronically via Tabroom – oral critiques are not permitted in the round
- Students should clarify with the Presiding Officer how time signals will be given in round

Tentative Congressional Debate Schedule

Date	Round	Round Posted	Start Time	Stop Time
Friday	Session 1	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	7:30 PM
Saturday	Session 2		9:00 AM	11:30 AM
	Session 3		1:00 PM	3:30 PM
	Semifinals	4:45 PM	5:30 PM	8:00 PM
Sunday	Finals – I	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	11:30 AM
	Finals - II		12:30 PM	3:00 PM

Individual Events Guidelines

- Florida Blue Key will utilize NSDA rules for all Individual Events procedures
- Time limits for HI, DI, DUO, POI, INF and OO will be 10 minutes. Time limits for EXT and IMP will be 7 minutes maximum
- All rounds are open to authorized guests of the tournament
- Breaks will occur based on the number of competitors entered in each category. Events with over 50 entries will break into quarterfinals (24 competitors). All other events will break to semi-finals (12 competitors) and then finals (6 competitors). Should there be two competitors with the exact same ranking going into finals, we will allow a round of 7 competitors
- All ballots should be entered electronically via Tabroom – oral critiques are not permitted in the round
- Aside from extemporaneous speaking, students may not use the same primary source in more than one event
- As many students are competing in two or three events that coincide in the schedule, placing them in optimal speaker positions has been notably tough for the computer. Occasionally, a student involved in two simultaneous events might be the first speaker in one and the third or fourth in another. For cross-entered students in each time slot, instruct them to first go to the room where they are scheduled to speak first, and then proceed to their other event(s)
- Students should clarify with the judge their name and how time signals will be given in round
- **Patterns:**
 - Pattern A: Extemporaneous Speaking, Dramatic Interpretation, Informative Speaking and Duo Interpretation
 - Pattern B: Humorous Interpretation, Original Oratory, Impromptu Speaking and Program oral Interpretation
- Students are able to double, and triple enter, but are not able to triple enter in three events in the same pattern

Tentative Individual Events Schedule

Speech Schedule – Flight A Events

DI, DUO, EXT, INF

Date	Round	Round Posted	Start Time	Ballot Due
Friday	Round 1	5:00 PM	5:30 PM	6:45 PM
	Round 2	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	9:45 PM
Saturday	Round 3	9:15 AM	9:45 AM	11:00 AM
	Round 4	12:45 PM	1:15 PM	2:30 PM
	Round 5	4:15 PM	4:45 PM	6:00 PM
	Octas (If Needed)	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	9:30 PM
Sunday	Quarters	8:30AM	9:00 AM	10:15 AM
	Semifinals	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	2:15 PM
	Finals	2:45 PM	3:15 PM	4:30 PM

Speech Schedule – Flight B Events

HI, IMP, OO, POI

Date	Round	Round Posted	Start Time	Ballot Due
Friday	Round 1	6:15 PM	6:45 PM	8:00 PM
Saturday	Round 2	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	9:15 AM
	Round 3	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:45 PM
	Round 4	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	4:15 PM
	Round 5	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	7:45 PM
	Octas (If Needed)	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	9:30 PM
Sunday	Quarters	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:45 AM
	Semifinals	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	2:15 PM
	Finals	2:45 PM	3:15 PM	4:30 PM

Speech Schedule – Extemporaneous Speaking

Flight A

Date	Round	Round Posted	Prep Starts	Start Time	Ballot Due
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Friday	Round 1	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	5:30 PM	6:45 PM
	Round 2	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	9:45 PM
Saturday	Round 3	8:45 AM	9:15 AM	9:45 AM	11:00 AM
	Round 4	12:15 PM	12:45 PM	1:15 PM	2:30 PM
	Round 5	3:45 PM	4:15 PM	4:45 PM	6:00 PM
	Octas (If Needed)	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	9:30 PM
Sunday	Quarters	8:00 AM	8:30AM	9:00 AM	10:15 AM
	Semifinals	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	2:15 PM
	Finals	2:15 PM	2:45 PM	3:15 PM	4:30 PM

World Schools Debate Guidelines

- Florida Blue Key will utilize NSDA rules for all World Schools Debate procedures
- Time limits for substantive speeches will be 8 minutes maximum while for reply speeches they will be 4 minutes
- Interruptions: During a substantive speech, a competitor from the opposing team is permitted to offer a point of information, aside from the first full minute and the last full minute of the substantive speech. The speaker is allowed to accept or reject this point of information
- Rounds 1 and 2 will be using prepared motions that will be released ahead of time and thus will not require a roll call
- All teams with a 4-2 record or better will clear to elimination rounds. Participants and rankings will be determined in the following order: Ballots, H2H, Opp Wins, Drop H/L pts, Total pts, J. Var

Tentative World Schools Debate Schedule

Mandatory WSD Judge Training Friday 4:30PM to 5:30PM

Date	Round	Topic Posted	Round Posted	Start Time	Decision Time
Friday	Round 1	N/A	5:30 PM	6:00 PM	7:30 PM
Saturday	Round 2	N/A	8:00 AM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Round 3	10:30AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	1:15PM
	Round 4	2:00PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:45 PM
	Round 5	N/A	5:30 PM	6:00 PM	7:45 PM

Sunday	Quarters	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM
	Semis	N/A	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	1:45 PM
	Finals	N/A	2:45 PM	3:15 PM	5:00 PM