

Hybrid In person and Online Policy Debate Information

Policy Debate: We will provide *junior varsity and open divisions* in policy/CX debate. Three and four person teams are allowed. However, only two students may compete at any one time. We will use the **2025/2026 National Forensics League policy topic**. WSFA and GSL rules will apply. Copies of these rules will be forwarded to any school upon request.

Open Policy will run in accordance with NSDA rules, with the exception that if divisions are collapsed, when an open team hits a JV team, the open team must also abide by the WSFA JV rules (see below).

We are excited to be helping Washington State rebuild the “granddad of all high school debate, policy/CX.

We are running all policy/CX on a hybrid live/online format. More information will be emailed to policy/CX teams prior to the tournament.

Please see the special rates for online policy teams only (see page 5).

Washington State Forensics Association (WSFA) JV Policy Debate Rules

Policy has a JV division rather than a novice division. The JV division is open to anyone. Thus, kids who competed last year in novice PF (or another debate event), moved up to the open division, but are not doing well in the open division, **we are encouraging you to let them try JV policy, where they can compete with other kids who are also learning the event. It may just turn out that your kids are natural champions in policy!**

Like traditional novice policy, Washington JV has case limitations.

JV students are limited to this case list:

Domain Awareness Affirmative
Science Diplomacy Affirmative
Russia Natural Gas Affirmative
Native Renewables Affirmative

(Note: These are NDCA case affirmatives; however, students may write their own cases on any of the NDCA Affirmative topics. The affirmative's case must simply meet one of the case areas above. If it does not, the negative team may run a “JV Case List Topicality Argument arguing that the affirmative case is not topical because it does not meet the resolution or the JV topic case list).

Negative teams may run a Cap K and an EU counterplan.

Debaters are not limited on the evidence they can use; however, they may access evidence and information at the NDCA at

<https://www.debatecoaches.org/resources/novice>

Judges!

We welcome new policy judges! If you have new or inexperienced judges in policy, please ask them to view the 15 minute NSDA judge training for policy debate at: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/learn/courses/judging-policy-debate/>

Lincoln Douglas Debate: We will provide *junior varsity and open* divisions in Lincoln Douglas debate. We will be using the **2026 January/February National Forensics League topic**. WSFA and GSL rules will apply. Copies of these rules will be forwarded upon request.