



MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY

Hello Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 4th Annual Southern Illinois Debate League (SIDL) Championship Tournament, hosted by McKendree University on Saturday, November 14th!

SIDL Champs will feature five preliminary rounds in four divisions of debate: Open Lincoln-Douglas, Novice Lincoln-Douglas, Open Public Forum, and Novice Public Forum. In each division, we will hold a final round to determine this year's SIDL champions!

In addition to final placements and speakers, we will present awards for Team Sweepstakes and Coach of the Year.

We will use the November/December topics in Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum.

Sincerely,

Joe Blasdel
Director of Speech & Debate
Coach

Brent Nicholson
Head Debate Coach

Emma McIlhargie
Assistant Debate

Tournament Contact

Any questions, requests, or other tournament contact should be directed to Brent Nicholson at banicholson@mckendree.edu.

Tournament Schedule

8:00 Breakfast (Piper Academic Center 222) and Registration (Piper Academic Center 220)
9:00 Round 1 LD/PF
10:00 Round 2 LD/PF
11:15 Round 3 LD/PF (power-matched)
12:15 Lunch in Ames Dining Hall
1:00 Round 4 LD/PF (power-matched)
2:20 Round 5 LD/PF (power-matched)
3:45 Final Rounds
4:30 Reception & Snacks
5:00 Awards (Piper Academic Center 222)

Topics

We will use the November-December NSDA topics.

Registration

We will use Tabroom for registration and tabulation:

Registration will start on September 10. Entries are due on November 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Entry fees are \$25 for each entry in either Lincoln-Douglas or Public Forum. There will be an additional \$15 fee for each person in your party (coaches, judges, competitors, and observers). This will cover lunch, trophies, and snacks throughout the day. Observers are welcome for \$15 per student.

Teams should provide one judge for every two entries. Uncovered entries will not be accepted. A limited number of judges are available for hire at \$125 for the day.

If you intend to hire McKendree students to judge, please contact us as soon as possible so we can coordinate hiring.

Please make checks payable to:
McKendree University Speech & Debate
701 College Road
Lebanon, IL 62254

You may pay by credit card. The information will be made available via Tabroom in the week before the tournament.

Judges

Judges must be 18 years of age or older and cannot be currently enrolled in high school. Judges must have a Tabroom account and a device for submitting ballots electronically. Judges are encouraged to post a paradigm to Tabroom that includes their background in debate and stylistic preferences. AFTER submitting ballots, judges may disclose their decision and provide a brief oral critique.

Tournament Sweepstakes

Our tournament sweepstakes formula is simple and meant to reward excellence as a team. Each preliminary win is worth 1 point. We'll count points for your top 4 teams from any division (NLD, OLD, NPF, OPF) up to 8 entries total.

The somewhat unique twist is that this is a traveling sweepstakes cup, and your points get counted year after year. When a team wins the cup by finishing that year's SIDL Championship with the most sweepstakes points, their points will reset to 0. Congratulations again to Belleville East on their Sweepstakes Championship last year!

Media Release

As part of your registration, each student is expected to complete the media release waiver included on the Tabroom page. This will be posted to the Tabroom page in the coming weeks.

Please print copies for your students, have a parent or guardian sign them, and return them on the day of registration.

Sweepstakes Standings

Granite City – 28 points

Lebanon – 14 points

Triad – 10 points

Belleville West – 8 points

Belleville East – 0 points

Gibault – 1 point