The Timberwolf Invitational

Lake City High School

November 6-7, 2026

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The Lake City High School Speech and Debate team cordially invites you to the Timberwolf Invitational on November 6-7, 2026. Please read this invitation carefully, and please be sure to go over the expectations for student and judge behavior!

****NOTE: This tournament will follow the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association rules and regulations for Speech and Debate events. Please review these rules with your judges and competitors. ****

SQUAD ENTRIES

First come, first served! When rooms are full, the tournament is full. We will prioritize including as many schools as want to enter, but we may have to limit additional squads. It will be a wonderful problem to have!

We will consider a **debate squad** as **12 entries** in both divisions (for example, one CX or PF team is one entry, while one LD and Congress competitor is one entry).

We will consider a **speech squad** to be **24 entries including both divisions.** That is, one student entered in two (2) events will be considered two entries, while two students competing in Duo Interpretation will be considered one entry.

REGISTRATION - Opens October 12, 2026 through November 6th, 2024 **http://twolftourney.tabroom.com.** Please register your competitors and judges on Tabroom.com. It is important that you link your competitors and judges to the Tabroom account under which you registered them so they receive notifications and can access their ballots. To assist your students and judges in linking their accounts, please see this video.

Registration will close on **Wednesday, 11/4/2024, at 5 pm.** Drops and swaps may be made by **Thursday, 11/5/2024, by 5 pm.** Please notify Tabroom (cdrechsel@cdaschools.org) at check-in if you have any more changes or drops.

DEBATE

Lake City High School competes as part of the Greater Spokane League which follows WSFA rules and regulations for debate.

Divisions

Novice Division: Open to all students who have **no** debate experience prior to this school year.

Open Division: Open to any competitor regardless of experience or class standing. Note: in the event of limited entries, the tournament may combine novice and open divisions.

Debate matching

The first two (2) rounds will be randomly matched. Rounds 3-5 will be power-matched: Rd 3 - Hi/Lo | Rd 4 Hi/Hi | Rd 5 Hi/Lo

LINCOLN DOUGLAS

We will be using the November/December 2026 NSDA LD topic:

Resolved: De-extinction is unethical.

1AC	CX by NEG	1NC	CX by AFF	1AR	2NR	2AR	Prep
6 Min	3 Min	7 Min	3 Min	4 Min	6 Min	3 Min	4 Min each

PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forum Debate features four high school students on teams of two debating a timely issue in highly structured speech times. **NOTE:** Maverick teams will not be advanced into elimination rounds. If one of the PF Team's members cannot continue to debate, that team will forfeit the round. They will be recognized at awards. The tournament director(s) will consider extenuating circumstances.

If a team member is unable to participate in a prelim round, the remaining partner may go maverick for that round in order to earn speaker points.

We will be using the November/December 2026 Public Forum topic:

Resolved: European members of the North American treaty Organization will ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

First Constructive	CX by Speakers	Second Constructive	CX by AFF	Rebuttal	Grand CX	Summary	Prep
4 Min	3 Min	4 Min	3 Min	3 Min	3 Min	3 Min	3 min each

POLICY (CX) DEBATE

We will be using the 2026/2027 topic. **Resolved: The United States federal government should establish national health insurance in the United States.**

Policy debaters will be required to run one of the five novice case areas outlined by theWSFA and will refrain from running any counterplans. They may only run an environmental management Kritik. As discussed at the fall meeting, policy novices will be using the same evidence set in order to encourage a mastery of debate skills instead of particular arguments. We will be using the NDCA Novice Policy Packet for evidence.

The WSFA Policy Debate Committee adopted the NDCA NovicePacket for the 2026–2027 policy debate season.

- **Affirmatives: ACA and Single Payer (Medicare for All) with matching case negatives.**
- **Disadvantages: Doctors, Interest Rates, and Stock Market.**
- **Counterplans, critiques (Kritiks), and topicality arguments.**
- **Curriculum Support: Self-guided online courses, video lessons, and a slow demonstration debate are available through the ACACurriculum and Single Payer Curriculum.**

NDCA materials may be found athttps://www.debatecoaches.org/resources/novice

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

The Timberwolf Invitational - as part of the Greater Spokane League - uses the pre-prepared docket created by the WSFA. A digital copy is linked to the Tabroom website.

The docket is pre-set. Chambers may vote to table a bill or resolution. They may not amend the docket without the Parli's permission. Competitors are encouraged to practice amendments to enrich debate and explore the nuances of this legislation.

Each chamber and session will have three (3) scorers and one Parliamentarian. In the event of insufficient judges being available, the tournament may revert to two (2) scorers and one Parliamentarian. In both cases, the Parliamentarian will score at the of three sessions and be used as a tie-breaker.

SESSION 1	C	A Resolution to Streamline School Resource Officer Jurisdiction for Educational Success
	L	A Bill to Ban Deepfake Political Advertisements
	H	A Bill to Restore Union Rights
	I	The Get the FLOCK Out Act
SESSION 2	G	A Bill to Regulate Data Centers
	D	A Bill to Grant Leave to Part-Time Workers
	A	A Resolution to Ban All Foreign Lobbyist Groups in The United States
	K	A Resolution Affirming that the United States Will Not Oppose Taiwanese Self-Determination
SESSION 3	J	A Resolution to Federally Declare Education a Fundamental Right
	B	A Bill to Require the Pentagon to Pass an Audit
	E	A Bill to Reestablish the Civilian Conservation Corps
	F	A Resolution to Seek a Definition of AI Consciousness
SUPERS	BB	A Bill to Modernize and Extend AGOA to Increase Trade Between the United States and Africa
	DD	A Bill to Restrict the Levying of Tariffs on Canada
	CC	A Bill to Reinstate the Federal Assault Weapons Ban of 1994
	AA	A Resolution to Punish Crimes Against Humanity
	EE	A Bill to Lower the Federal Corporate Tax Rate to 15% for Domestic Manufacturers

A copy of the legislative packet is available on Tabroom.

Congress will coincide with Debate. Rules will incorporate the newly adopted NSDA Congress rulings on Direct Questioning (pg. 27). There will be **NO** student choice. Best Presiding Officer **(PO)** will be chosen by the parliamentarian.

WORLD SCHOOLS DEBATE

WSD will debate these prepared motions. The WSFA has provided an overview of the prepared topics for the year.

This House believes democratic elections are better served by public financing than by privately funded campaigns.

> *Info Slide: A publicly financed election is one in which candidates' campaigns are funded by the state through public funds, such as tax revenues, rather than through private donations, corporate contributions, or candidates' personal wealth.*

This House welcomes climate pessimism.

> *Info slide: Climate pessimism is the viewpoint that catastrophic global heating and severe ecological breakdown cannot be fully prevented and we should make decisions based on this fact.*

If there are fewer than eight (8) entries in WSD, the tournament will adapt to a round-robin format. The tournament director may also collapse Novice and Open divisions. We're excited to have a growing World Schools Debate competition in our League! These teams will be composed of three to five (3-5) students that must all be from the same high school. For every two entries, schools should provide one judge. Judges for World Schools debate will be cross-entered with Congress. We request that your judge take the NSDA accreditation course for World Schools, but we understand our judges are just as novice as we are.

There will be two prepared topics, The rest of the topics will be impromptu and prepared one hour before the round begins. During impromptu prep, students may **only** access an almanac and a dictionary. **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE ALLOWED IN WORLD SCHOOLS.** The only exception is that a phone may be used as a timer only, and must be on airplane mode the entire time.

Debate Format:

1st Proposition Substantive Speech (8 minutes) - Present first and second main arguments

1st Opposition Substantive Speech (8 minutes) - Present first and second main arguments

2nd Proposition Substantive Speech (8 minutes) - Present third main argument

2nd Opposition Substantive Speech (8 minutes) - Present third main argument

3rd Proposition Substantive Speech (8 minutes)

3rd Opposition Substantive Speech (8 minutes)

Opposition Reply Speech (4 minutes) - Must be delivered by 1st or 2nd Speaker

Proposition Reply Speech (4 minutes) - Must be delivered by 1st or 2nd Speaker.

[There is no prep time during the round]

Points of Information (POIs): During each substantive speech, the opposing team is permitted to request Points of Information (POIs) during the middle 6 minutes of each speech (not the first or last minute). It's expected each team will recognize 2-3 POIs per speech, but they will be recognized at the discretion and timing of the speaker. There are no POIs during the reply speech.

The NSDA provides a simple overview of the event here. This playlist offers a walkthrough of each speech role and motions. For judges, this video shows a walkthrough for filling out the ballot.

Idaho World Schools Champions coach Jett Smith provides helpful teaching resources and videos through Youtube.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Divisions

- **Novice Division**: Open to all students who have no debate experience prior to the 2024-25 school year, and who have not placed first through fourth in any debate division at two invitational tournaments with 15 or more schools.
- **Open Division:** Open to any debater regardless of experience or class standing.

Finals: The tournament directors reserve the right to determine winners of one-panel events based on preliminary round results due to limited entries in a division or event.

Double-entry: Time constraints make double or triple entering challenging. Students may double enter at their own risk.

The Timberwolf Invitational will offer **Novice** and **Open** divisions in these events:

Extemporaneous
Original Oratory
Informational Speaking
Humorous Interpretation
Dramatic Interpretation

Program Oral Interpretation
Duo Interpretation
Impromptu
Editorial Commentary
Spoken Word Poetry
Tall Tales (Open/Novice combined)

Rules and descriptions for these events are available through the Tabroom posting of this tournament.

The tournament director reserves the right to collapse Novice/Open divisions due to limited numbers of entries. Our goal should be to preserve competition while maximizing opportunities for students to compete, receive feedback, and learn from each other.

Extemporaneous Speaking will draw from two (2) foreign/international and two (2) domestic topics from the NFHS postings.

JUDGES

Please register judges to cover all your entries by **November 5nd, 7 pm.** Please email any judging changes after that time to cdrechsel@cdaschools.org as soon as possible. As coaches, it is our responsibility to recruit, train, and provide qualified and eligible judges for our entries.

To help with this, the tournament will post judging resources to Tabroom. We recommend and direct judges to the judging accreditation tools available through the National Speech and Debate Association website. Judges can create a free account, take the short courses and quizzes, and connect their endorsements to their Tabroom account. There are many resources available for training judges, but we would direct coaches and judges to this website maintained by Donald Drobny, former Idaho State Debate Commissioner (ISATA). https://sites.google.com/boiseschools.org/idahodebatejudging/judging-debate?authuser=0

Judges should bring a wifi-enabled laptop or chromebook to complete and submit ballots. Please remind them to bring their chargers, or provide your judges with a device for the tournament. We have a ***limited*** number of chromebooks available to check out in case of emergencies.

In the past, district settings and firewalls on School-issued devices have created problems with accessing the guest network. **We advise competitors to sync their drives to offline-access.** Hotspot/reception in the building is spotty.

If you have extra judges, consider offering them for hire from other teams and coaches. Judges can do this through Tabroom, or you can contact the tournament manager.

Please bring competent judges and review the Important Policies with them. Encourage judges to make professional decisions regarding their behavior and language. They play a bigger role with our kids than they may sometimes realize.

1. Schools are required to provide one judge for every two (2) WSD/CX, four (4) Public Forum teams, every four (4) LD debaters, or for every **Five (5) Student** Congress entries. This is to ensure we have a pool of judges to get sessions going quickly.
2. One judge is required for every **five (5)** IE entries.
3. Failure to cover your entry or failure of your judges to pick up ballots will mean that we have to drop some of your entries.
4. High school students may not judge.
5. Judges are welcome to indicate all events and levels for which they would like to judge, but you must bring judges to cover the division and event entries on your registration. (For example, if you bring Varsity Policy teams, be sure you have judges competent in judging Varsity Policy.)
6. Teams must provide judging coverage for at least one round after the team is eliminated from debate. **Your team's fee may be increased if your entries are not covered.** We do our best to accommodate, but we cannot have rounds without judges!
7. Please indicate judges who are one year out because they are only allowed to judge novice debates and I.E.s, as well as any other conflicts. **The tournament cannot accommodate conflicts we are not aware of.**

All judges are encouraged to attend the brief judges' meeting at the beginning of the tournament. We will use this time to clarify our tournament procedures. Furthermore:

1. Judges need to remember that state rules prohibit the reading of evidence at the end of the round, unless the evidence was directly challenged during the debate. Debaters must have copies of their evidence in its original context.
2. **We also want to make clear to judges that the time schedule does not allow for oral critiques.** Please be detailed in your RFDs on the online ballots.

Judging commitments may be in half day commitments; however, we cannot accept them round by round as it is a logistical nightmare. For example: a Saturday am judge through round 5 and a Saturday pm judge after round 5 would be acceptable.

Scouting

We would ask that students and coaches refrain from watching prelim rounds in which a competitor from their school is not participating. Many students are nervous and uncomfortable, so please respect their feelings. Observers must be affiliated with one of the participating schools or obtain permission from the tournament manager."

Washington State's Supervision Requirement

The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) requires, and we must enforce, the presence at all times of a certificated staff member from the same school or school district, supervising your participants. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in school forfeiture and dismissal from the tournament.

Food

We will **not** offer food concessions. There is a Mavericks gas station, Pokeworks, coffee shop, and frozen yogurt shop across the street. **We will also have local food and coffee trucks on site.**

IMPORTANT!

Please review the Important Policies sheet with your entire team. We cannot hold these tournaments without procedures that ensure our school and staff that diligent care will be taken to protect their property and our school.

AWARDS AND SWEEPSTAKES

Debate: Awards will be made to the quarter finalists and above in each division of debate. The top 5 speakers in Policy, Lincoln Douglas, and Public Forum at each level will receive awards with the top 10 being recognized. The Top Presiding Officer in both divisions will receive an award, as well as the top three congresspersons.

Individual Events: Trophies will be awarded to the top three speakers in each event and division. Finalists will also receive recognition but no award.

Sweepstakes: We will award sweepstakes to large- and small-squad divisions.

Large and Small Squads will be determined at the tournament based on total entries. We will award Sweepstakes to the top two Large Squad teams and the top Small Squad team.

Sweepstakes Point Values									
Congress					IE's			LD/CX/PF/WSD	
1st			15		1st	10		1st LD/PF/CX	20
2nd			7		2nd	7		2nd LD/PF/CX	15
3rd			5		3rd	5		Semis LD/PF/CX	10
4th - 6th	3	Top PO	5		Finalist	3		QF LD/PF/CX	7

NOTE: If a debate event has fewer than three (3) entries from three (3) different schools, the tournament will not award Sweepstakes points. IE events with fewer than three (3) entries from three (3) different schools will not count for Sweepstakes points. Tall Tales will not be counted for Sweepstakes points.

Computer usage / AI policy

Use of generative AI and other Artificial Intelligence tools

Recently, the NSDA decided that "...generative artificial intelligence should not be cited as a source; while something like ChatGPT may be used to guide students to articles, ideas, and sources, the original source of any quoted or paraphrased evidence must be available if requested. Students are prohibited from quoting or paraphrasing text directly from generative AI sources like ChatGPT in events in which speeches must be the original created work of a competitor."

Computers are allowed in Policy Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate and Public Forum Debate. **Debaters must have a hard copy of any evidence provided, be able to share electronically, or an extra computer for their competitors to view evidence on**. Internet access is allowed during round.

Computers are allowed in Extemp prep. Students should bring their own laptops. Students should complete their prep inside the

Computers are allowed in Congressional Debate. Competitors are allowed to access the internet. It is advised that scorers sit in the back to help monitor computer use.

The use of computers is at the risk of the individual competitor. Power strips will not be provided for competitors and students may not rearrange the seating in order to allow access to power. Students are not allowed to use computers that are currently in the classroom. Competitors who unplug devices in a classroom will be disqualified from the tournament. The tournament will not be liable for any computer crashes or technological issues, and students should bring paper copies of evidence and speeches to be prepared for this occurrence.

Wifi will be available on campus to competitors and judges for the purpose of accessing Tabroom. We ask that users limit their use of this network. Any users logging onto this network accept and are subject to the Coeur d'Alene School District's acceptable use policy. Please consider that your district-issued devices may have protocols, firewalls, or guardian-software that may conflict with our guest network firewalls. We advise competitors to sync their files to offline-access when possible.

IMPORTANT POLICIES

We ask that everyone at the tournament—adults, judges, and students—respect the following rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification or dismissal from the tournament.

The Cafeteria is available for teams to gather. We ask that students should not congregate elsewhere throughout the building.

Each team is responsible for its own area. Please encourage your teams to be tidy and to clean up their garbage. Other people at the school who are not associated with speech and debate will develop a better perception of who we are. Secure valuables that belong to you; leave others' valuables alone.

NO ONE (student or adult) is permitted to sit at teachers' desks or to borrow materials (pens, etc.) from a teacher's supplies. Please do not bother decorative items or classroom displays.

Please only rearrange the furniture as necessary to hold the round.

STUDENTS ARE NEVER PERMITTED TO ENTER A ROOM WITHOUT A JUDGE.

SCHEDULE

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Friday 11/6	
Registration (Check-in at Tab Room)	3:00-3:20
Debate Round 1	3:30-5:15
Congressional Debate Session 1	3:30-5:30
Debate Round 2	5:30-7:15
Congressional Debate Session 2	6:30-8:30
Debate Round 3	7:30-9:15

We will strive to begin rounds as soon as possible. **This may mean that we can begin rounds early!**

By linking your Tabroom account to your judges and competitors, you will help make our tournament more efficient and responsive to changes.

Remind judges that they are obligated to judge one round after their team is eliminated. The tournament *will* run late if judges do not report to their rounds.

WIFI:

PASSWORD:

Saturday 11/7	
IE Only Schools Register	7:00
Extemp Prep	7:15
IE Round 1	7:30-8:30
Debate Round 4	8:45-10:30
Congress Session 3 (1 hours)	8:45-10:30
Extemp Prep	10:45
IE Round 2	11:00-12:00
Debate Round 5	12:15-1:45
Congress Session 3 (1 hours)	12:15-1:45
Extemp Prep	2:15
IE Round 3	2:30-3:30
Debate Quarterfinals Congress Supers A (1 hour)	3:45-5:45
Extemp Prep	5:45
IE Finals	6:00
Debate Semi-finals Congress Supers B (1 hour)	7:15-8:15
LD/PF Finals	8:15-9:30
Awards	8:30

Timberwolf Invitational Fee Sheet

Description	Fee	Quantity	Total
Team Fee - This defers the cost of using Tabroom.com to host and run the tournament.	$30/team	1	$30
Policy/WSD Entry (2 students)	$20/entry		
Public Forum Entry (2 students)	$15/entry		
LD Entry (1 student)	$15/Entry		
Congress (1 student)	$8/Entry		
Individual Event (by event)	$8/Entry		
TOTAL			

Our priority is to provide opportunities to our students to compete. If costs are a barrier for your team or student competitors, please contact the tournament host. We will do our best to accommodate and help you participate.

Make Checks Payable To:

Lake City High School

Attn: Caleb Drechsel, Debate

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Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 83815