

Dear Colleague,

You and your students are cordially invited to the **2017 Westside Warrior Debate Invitational Tournament** to be held on Friday - Saturday, **January 6th and 7th**. Registration for all divisions will be at Omaha Westside High School. The conclusion of Lincoln Douglas rounds and Policy rounds will all be held Saturday, January 7th at Omaha Westside High School. Last year we played host to high caliber debaters and speakers from several different states. We anticipate a similar diverse field of entrants this year. We have already sanctioned many states to compete at our tournament, if you are traveling from out of state please be sure to contact us to ensure that you are sanctioned. It is our goal to make this tournament as hospitable and accessible as possible. Please contact us if there is anything we can do to ensure everyone who wants to participate has the chance to do so. We look forward to seeing you in January for some intense competition!

We are pleased to announce that again this year the Tournament of Champions has designated the Warrior Invitational as a TOC Final Round Qualifier for Varsity Policy.

For inquiries please contact:

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Entry Fees

Schools who fail to pay entry fees upon registration will be assessed a \$25 late fee. Entries will only be accepted through Tabroom.com. We will be accepting entries until 5:00PM on Tuesday, January 5th.

- Varsity and Novice Policy Entry: \$30
- Varsity and Novice Lincoln-Douglas Entry: \$25
- Congressional Debate Entry: \$15
- Varsity and Novice Public Forum Entry: \$30

Judges

We request that all judges be open to listen to a variety of arguments and offer positive feedback. Judges are obligated one round beyond their team's elimination. Failure to meet this obligation will result in the school being charged for a hired judge to cover that round. For LD and Policy, for judges that have not already done so, please post your paradigms on the Judge Philosophies wiki.

We require teams to provide:

- One judge per two Policy teams
- One judge per two Public Forum teams
- One judge per two Lincoln Douglas entries
- One judge per six Congressional Debate entries

A limited number of judges are available for hire through the tournament.

- \$225.00 per Policy debate judge (to cover two entries or portion thereof)
- \$185.00 per LD debate judge (to cover three entries or portion thereof)
- \$175.00 per Public Forum judge (to cover two entries or portion thereof)
- \$15.00 per Congress judge per entry

If you wish to hire a judge through the tournament, it will be necessary to know this by Friday, January 1st. After that date, please contact us to see if we can make arrangements.

Payment of Fees:

Fees must be paid by time of registration on Friday, January 6th. If your district has difficulty processing checks, please submit check requests early.

Checks should be made out to:

Westside Debate
Westside High School
8701 Pacific Street
Omaha, NE 68114

Tournament Housing and Hotels

We will offer housing, especially to teams travelling from other states and competing both days. If we still have housing available, we will also offer this opportunity to some in-state competitors who will be competing at the tournament. If you need housing, please enter early (by December 11th) and notify Jeff Roberts at jroberts6212@gmail.com. Housing will be provided through Westside Debate parents, so please make all housing requests through Jeff or Sara at Westside.

Suggested Hotels:

The Regency Lodge

909 S 107th Ave

Omaha, NE 68114

Reservations: 800.617.8310 | Direct: 402.397.8000 | FAX: 402.926.4036

Email: info@regencylodge.com

Courtyard Omaha Aksarben Village

1625 S 67th Street

Omaha, Nebraska 68106

Reservations: 402.951.4300



Policy Schedule (Both Divisions)

Both divisions of Policy debate will use the 2016-2017 NSDCA Policy Debate Resolution. If they have not already done so, please have your judges update their philosophies at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/> in addition to their tabroom.com account.

Only teams with a winning record will break. We will be offering strikes in the Varsity division. The strike list will be released the Tuesday before the start of the tournament.

Thursday, January 5th

Registration (TBA) 7:30-9 PM

Friday, January 6th

Registration – Main Entrance 7:45 AM
Round One 8:30 AM
Round Two 10:15 AM
Round Three 12:30 PM
Round Four 2:15 PM
Round Five 4:00 PM

Saturday, January 7th

Round Five 8:00 AM
Round Six Varsity Policy---Quarterfinals in Novice Policy 9:45 AM
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Quarterfinals in Varsity Policy---Finals in Novice Policy 2:00 PM
Semifinals in Varsity Policy 4:00 PM
Awards 6:00 PM
Finals in Varsity Policy 6:45 PM

Strike lists for Varsity Policy debate will be released on the Tuesday before the tournament.

Lincoln Douglas Schedule (Both Divisions)

Both divisions of Lincoln-Douglas Debate will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format with 4 minutes of preparation time. Only debaters with a winning record will break. The resolution will be the NSDA topic for January/February.

Saturday, January 7th

Round One 8:30 AM
Round Two 9:30 AM
Round Three 10:45 AM
Lunch 12:00 PM
Round Four 12:30 PM
Round Five 1:45 PM
Quarter Finals 3:00 PM
Semifinals 4:30 PM
Finals 5:30 PM
Awards 7:00 PM

Public Forum Schedule (Both Divisions)

Both Public Forum divisions will follow the standard 4-4-3-4-4-3-2-2-3-2-2 time format and 2 minutes of preparation time standards will be followed. Each round will begin with a coin flip. Both divisions will use the January NSDCA resolution.

Saturday, January 7th

Round One	8:30 AM
Round Two	9:30 AM
Round Three	10:45 AM
Lunch	12:00 PM
Round Four	12:30 PM
Round Five	1:45 PM
Quarter Finals	3:00 PM
Semifinals	4:30 PM
Finals	5:30 PM
Awards	7:00 PM

A NOTE FOR BOTH LD AND PF: If entries warrant, we will modify the schedule(s) to accommodate for a partial double-octofinal round.

Congressional Debate

Our docket is posted on Tabroom.com.

SCHEDULE FOR BOTH DIVISIONS OF CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Saturday, January 7th

Committees	8:00 AM
Session One	8:30 AM
Break	10:00 AM
Session Two	10:15 AM
Lunch	11:30 AM
Session Three	12:30 PM
Break	2:00 PM
Session Four	2:15 PM
Voting	3:30 PM
Awards at Westside High School	ASAP