Damien Big Questions Debate

Friday, November 10, 2017

On behalf of Damien Debate, we would like to invite you to Damien Big Questions Debate tournament on Friday, November 10, 2017. This is an open tournament, thus all competitors both Middle School and High School may attend. You do not need to be a member of NSDA to attend the tournament. We strongly encourage all high school and middle school students to attend (even if you do not have a regular speech and debate team). We are following the NSDA guidelines. If you have questions about the tournament please contact me. If you have questions about the format please review the documents posted on Tabroom.com and that are on the NSDA website.

Thanks,

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We will offer 3 prelim debates and appropriate number of elimination rounds. In addition to plaques the first place team and first place speaker will receive prizes to be announced at least a week prior to the tournament.

Teams: 2 person teams (1 person or maverick team may be accepted on a case to case basis)

Judges: 1 judge per 2 entries

Fees: $20 per covered team. $10 additional fee for entries without judges.

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, October 7, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Drop Deadline: Thursday October 9, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Resolution**: Resolved: Humans are fundamentally different from other animals.**

**Format**

Affirmative Constructive – 5 minutes

 Negative Constructive – 5 minutes

Question Segment – 3 minutes

Affirmative Rebuttal – 4 minutes

Negative Rebuttal – 4 minutes

Question Segment – 3 minutes

Affirmative Consolidation – 3 minutes

 Negative Consolidation – 3 minutes

Affirmative Rationale – 3 minutes

Negative Rationale – 3 minutes

Prep time: 5 minutes per team

**From the NSDA**

“Entries from participating schools and any judges they provide consent to the rules of the Big Questions event, including the format and topicality guidelines. Schools should provide their judges with access to the National Speech & Debate Association’s judge training resources prior to the tournament. Event resources for students and coaches are provided by the NSDA. Judges and competitors will also be asked to complete a brief survey before leaving the tournament site.”

**Schedule**

1:00-1:30 Registration

1:30 pairings released

2:00-2:45 Round 1

3:00-3:45 Round 2

4:00-4:45 Round 3

4:45-5:15 Dinner- for purchase (free for judges)

5:15 Announcement of first elimination round

5:30-6:15 First elimination Round

6:30-7:15 Second elimination round

7:30-8:15 Third elimination round (if needed)

Awards will be approximately 10-15 minutes after last elimination round