October 13, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

Concordia College is pleased to invite you to the 74th Annual W.E. Lillo Invitational Debate Tournament. In the seven decades since W.E. Lillo founded the tournament, Concordia has welcomed teams from across the upper Midwest to meet on our campus for quality debate competition. Once again, our team and coaching staff hope your experience here will be both enjoyable and educational.

This year’s Lillo will be held on Friday, November 3rd and Saturday, November 4th. While we are aware that this date conflicts with some other forensics events we are constrained by both the general Concordia calendar and our schedule of collegiate tournaments when picking a date. We hope that despite such conflicts you choose to send some teams to Moorhead to compete.

We would like to host three divisions of policy debate and two divisions of Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas. Despite our desire to support all three of these debate formats, it has been some time since we have had sufficient entries for a viable field in PF or LD. If you are interested in entering public forum or LD debaters, please send an email message to [olek@cord.edu](mailto:olek@cord.edu) before Tuesday, October 26th so we can formally confirm our ability to offer these divisions.

We hope you can join us for this fun and exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,

Najla Amundson, Director of Speech

Emily Bosch, Assistant Director of Debate

Zach Oehm, Assistant Director of Speech

Fred Sternhagen, Director of Debate

# POLICY DEBATE

**NOVICE POLICY**

Novice debate is open to any debater who has competed in less than 25 competition rounds of any debate format before the start of the 2017-2018 school year.  Please DO NOT place students in this division who do not meet this standard merely because you feel they are your most inexperienced debaters. Elimination rounds will be held depending on division size and judge availability.

We expect novice teams to abide by the Minnesota Debate Teachers Association case limits and utilize the novice evidence packet. But, as always, decisions about procedural issues must be made by the person judging the round. While we support the use of novice case limits, we will honor the decision rendered by the judge.

**JUNIOR VARSITY POLICY**

Open to any debater.

Elimination rounds will be held depending on division size and judge availability. If entries do not warrant a separate division, we will collapse the junior varsity and varsity divisions.

**VARSITY POLICY**

Open to any debater.

Quarter-finals will be offered if entries reach 24 teams; octo-finals will be considered if there are 48 teams. Rounds 1 and 2 will be paired randomly. Rounds 3-5 will be paired high/low within brackets.

**DEBATE FORMAT**

8-minute constructives  
5-minute rebuttals   
3-minute cross-examination periods

8-minutes of preparation time per team

**ENTRY LIMITATIONS**

We will count three, two-person teams for calculation of the overall sweepstakes award. You do not need to designate teams for sweepstakes consideration. We will count your best three entries in each division. We will attempt to accommodate entries larger than five teams but please realize that we do face limitations upon our ability to hire judges—particularly with limited lead time! If you anticipate needing hired judges, please provide us with ample lead time. Additionally, we will assume that by entering more than five teams in a division, you have given permission that entries beyond the limit stated above may be scheduled against each other. We *clearly* regard such scheduling as undesirable and will certainly work very hard to avoid it. We have been able to avoid that eventuality for several years. However, we do feel an obligation to provide diversity in competition for students. That is, we do not want someone to debate four of five rounds against one school.

# PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE

**NOVICE PF**

Novice debate is open to any debater who has competed in less than 25 competition rounds of any debate format before the start of the 2017-2018 school year.  Semi-finals or finals will be offered, depending upon size of the division and judging available.

**OPEN PF**

Any debater can participate. Semi-finals or finals will be offered, as size and judging allow.

**DEBATE FORMAT**

We will follow the MDTA suggestions. Students will alternate pro and con rounds.

We will use the November 2017 topic.

**ENTRY LIMITATIONS**

As with the policy divisions, we will count three entries per division toward the sweepstakes award. Please review the entry policy detailed under policy debate.

# LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

**NOVICE LD**

Novice debate is open to any debater who has competed in less than 25 competition rounds of any debate format before the start of the 2017-2018 school year.  Semi-finals or finals will be offered, size and judging permitted.

**OPEN LD**

Any debater can participate. Semi-finals or finals will be offered, size and judging permitted.

**DEBATE FORMAT**

We will use the November/December 2017 topic.

**ENTRY LIMITATIONS**

As with the policy and public forum divisions, we guarantee three entries per division, please review the entry policy detailed under policy debate.

**JUDGING and ENTRY INFORMATION**

**JUDGING RESPONSIBILITIES**

*Number of Judges:* Each school is to provide one judge for every two debate teams or fraction thereof. For example, if you have 3 teams, you need to provide 2 judges. High school students are not eligible to judge novice at the W.E. Lillo unless approved by the tournament director.

*Hiring Judges:* We will have a limited number of judges available to hire for $70 per entry or $140 for a full commitment as long as your request is in by the entry deadline. We will do our best to fill hired judge requests made after the entry deadline—but we don’t have magical powers….. Any request for judges after the entry deadline will be assessed at the rate of $80 per single entry or $160 for a full judge commitment. Teams that arrive without a full judging commitment will be charged at $30 per round of judging provided.

*Head Coach Rule:* In an effort to provide strong panels for the initial elimination rounds, we ask that all head coaches be available to judge the first elimination rounds (if your team is in an elimination round in any division). This rule is not met by having a hired judge available to fulfill your judging obligation.

*Judge Registration:* We ask that all head coaches, when registering, provide call phone numbers for **ALL** the judges from your school. Please remember that this includes the head coach. Not supplying this information will result in an assessment of a $25.00 penalty. This is not a bluff…. All judges could judge any division. Thus they are required to check all schedules. All judges are expected to standby. Please wait by the ballot table until you are excused by tournament staff.

**ENTRY DEADLINE**

**Entries are due Tuesday, October 31st at 4:30 p.m.**

* All entries should be submitted via tabroom.com.
* If you need to talk with someone directly about registration, please call Fred Sternhagen at 218-299-3731 or Emily Bosch as 218-299-3026. If you do not reach Fred or Emily, please call the C.S.T.A. Department office manager, Mary Olek at 218-299-3143.
* We understand that changes happen. However, we must make commitments concerning room reservations, food purchases, and hiring judges. Thus, all fees (entry and judge) will be assessed on Wednesday, November 1st at 4:45 p.m. We ask that if you drop entries after that time you pay the fees for the dropped entries.
* We would appreciate a confirmation on Friday, November 3rd by 10 a.m. indicating that you are on your way to the tournament and providing any entry changes or updates. Please call or text Chris McDonald at 651-283-5976. Again, please complete this call no later than 10 AM.

**ENTRY FEES**

Policy Debate; option A: $25 a team

This fee will be assessed if you have submitted your registration on time (October 29th at 4:30 p.m.), verified your registration on Thursday evening, and called prior to 10 a.m. on Friday morning to let us know that you are on your way to the tournament.

Policy Debate ; option B: $30 a team

This fee will be assessed if you do not follow registration procedures.

Public Forum Debate: $15 a team

Lincoln Douglas Debate: $15 per entry

**LOGISTICAL INFORMATION**

### AWARDS

*Trophies.* Trophies will be awarded to all debaters qualifying for elimination rounds. If there are divisions where elimination rounds are not held, awards will be presented to the top six finishers. Outstanding speakers in policy debate will also be recognized. The top three sweepstakes schools will receive school trophies as well as coaches awards.

*Scholarships.* As in previous years at Lillo, a scholarship will be awarded to a debater in his or her senior year of competition and a separate scholarship will be awarded to a debater in his or her junior year of competition. In order to manage the scholarship process, we need to have contact information for the students. Thus, you should enter that information for students ***before the tournament begins.***

### SWEEPSTAKES

Sweepstakes points will be awarded according to this formula:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Public Forum Debate | Lincoln-Douglas Debate | Policy Debate |
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| participation 2 points | participation 2 points | participation 3 points |
| prelim win 2 points | prelim win 2 points | prelim win 3 points |
| elim qualifier 3 points | elim qualifier 3 points | elim qalifier 4 points |
| win 1st elim 3 points | win 1st elim 3 points | win 1st elim 4 points |

**WHERE TO EAT**

The Concordia Campus offers students an inexpensive breakfast, lunch, or dinner at the Maize which is located in the basement of the Knutson Student Center.  You are also welcome in Anderson Commons cafeteria which is located at the west end of the Knutson Center. A few blocks north of campus on 8th street you’ll find McDonalds, Taco Bell, Taco Johns and KFC. South of campus you will find a Little Caesars, Qdoba, Dairy Queen, and Burger King.  Sit down dinners are a short drive away - ask for recommendations!

## PARKING

Please do not revert to parking practices from a few years ago or, more broadly, ignore these instructions. Parking in the wrong place could lead to hassles for you and it will quite likely be a problem for the tournament. On Friday before 4:00, ***PLEASE*** have buses park in the by the Concordia football stadium, east of 8th Street/Highway 75 (the SW lot on the campus map). After 4:00 on Friday, you may use the lot at the corner of 12th Avenue South and 8th Street (MH/O). This lot borders 8th Street. Please *do not* use the H or O lots between 6th and 7th Street.  While there are other lots on campus please do not park in them before 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Please do not park in handicapped spaces or fire lanes. Your vehicle could be towed and, frankly, you would deserve it. You can find a map at: [link to Concordia campus map](http://www.concordiacollege.edu/admission-aid/visit-campus/campus-map/)

## HOUSING

#### If you would like help making hotel reservations, please feel free to contact us.Welcome to the 74thAnnual W. E. Lillo Invitational!

**November 3-4, 2017**

#### SCHEDULE

### Friday, November 3rd

10:00-11:00 a.m. Registration confirmation:

Contact Chris McDonald at 651-283-5976

2:00 – 2:45 p.m. Registration: Centrum in the Knutson Center

3:00 p.m. General announcements: Centrum

3:15 p.m. Pairings Released for Round 1, 2 and 3: Centrum

3:45 p.m. Dismissal from Centrum

4:00 p.m. Round 1 all debate divisions

6:00 p.m. Round 2 all debate divisions

8:00 p.m. Dinner Break

We are negotiating to provide food on site at cost. This would allow for supper without substantially delaying round 3.

8:30 p.m. Round 3 all debate divisions

### Saturday, November 4th

7:15 a.m. Pairings posted

8:00 a.m. Round 4 all divisions

10:15 a.m. Pairings for round 5 will be released *as soon as powermatching is finished.* Please do not wander off.

10:30 a.m. Round 5 all divisions

**12:30 p.m. Lunch Break**

1:00 p.m. First elimination round Policy Debate

3:30 p.m. Awards: Centrum

as soon Remaining elimination rounds

as possible!