

Thunderwolf Throwdowns

After School Tournaments

@ Oxbridge Academy

****2017-2018****

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Events:
PF, LD, Congress,
Extemp, HI/DI/DUO/OI

- October 18
- October 23
- November 8
- November 15
- January 17
- January 22
- February 1
- February 22
- February 28
- March 7
- April 4
- May 9

After School Tournaments (ASTs) will be held at Oxbridge Academy, under the direction of Oxbridge Debate Coach David Childree. We do our best to run organized, timely tournaments, with a consistent format, so general logistics will become familiar to the students, coaches and judges.

Listed below are AST details to help in your overall planning.

BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT:

Register your team's entries and judges on Tabroom.com. Online REGISTRATION is usually due by 5:00 pm on the TUESDAY one week before the tournament. Please try to minimize any changes after that, but if you do have changes after tabroom stops allowing them, please email or text them to me.

FINAL registration will be confirmed OVER THE PHONE VIA TEXT from 12:00 to 1:30pm the day of. Text David Childree at 770-361-7649 to confirm all entries.

When you arrive at Oxbridge the day of the tournament, arrive by 3:00pm.

Oxbridge is located at 3151 N Military Trail, West Palm Beach FL 33409.

When you enter the parking lot, turn right at the first stop sign, and then park as far north in the parking lot as possible. There are two buildings, and you will go in the NORTH building, entering at the traffic circle. This is not the building you see when you enter the parking lot. This is the building to the far right of that building. You'll come in the traffic circle entrance, and once you are inside, take the first left into the cafeteria. There, coaches will find David Childree and the Oxbridge bookkeeper on the cafeteria stage, to turn in the registration check, payable to Oxbridge Academy, and pick up a registration folder and receipt. All coaches, students, and judges should report directly to the cafeteria and stay there until the tournament begins.

The entry fee is **\$10** per student **and does include dinner and drinks.** Drop fees are the only way we can discourage drops. Any Drops after 1:30 on the day of the tournament will incur a fee of \$20. Drops before then, simply lose their registration fee of \$10. Schools with unpaid drop fees will not be invited to future AST's until all outstanding fees are paid. **Cash and checks are accepted. Checks should be made out to: Oxbridge Academy**

This packet of Information should be shared with all students and judges!

AT THE TOURNAMENT:

Coach and Students and judges will report to the cafeteria **immediately upon arrival.** **All schools, students, coaches, and judges, must arrive between 2:45 and 3pm, 3:00pm AT THE LATEST.** **Rounds will begin at staggered times, but most Round 1 rounds will have begun at or by 3:30.** **Students more than 5 minutes late to a round will forfeit.**

Before, between, and after rounds, students will wait in the cafeteria. Postings will be in the Cafeteria. Dinner and awards will be in the cafeteria.

STUDENTS MAY NOT ENTER A CLASSROOM UNTIL JUDGE IS PRESENT.

THE SCHEDULE- We move along as quickly as possible. There will be very little time between rounds. We have rounds from 3:15 to 7:15 approximately. We serve dinner at 7:15. Awards are at 7:45pm, and **parents pick up the students at 8:00pm.**

AFTER ROUNDS-- STUDENTS, COACHES AND JUDGES return every classroom back to its original condition, very neat and clean. Please erase chalkboards/whiteboards if students' codes were written on them. Please pick up any trash you see in the room.

JUDGES: Each school must provide judges for the tournament at the following ratio:

I for every 2 PF/LD entries OR I for every 5 IE entries.

Judge comments should be worded in a positive and constructive manner. Don't be too hard on kids. Be supportive! BE ENCOURAGING. Be fair.

Bring your ballots AT END OF EACH ROUND to cafeteria stage and pick up your next round ballot

IF YOU ARE A NEW, OR FIRST TIME JUDGE, Remember that ALL judges go through learning the process. Don't worry! WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK FOR HELP! There will be a number of experienced judges here, plus coaches and tournament staff. Feel free to ask us for help.

STUDENT JUDGES are not permitted.

Other reminders:

1. All coaches must make sure their students have left Oxbridge before he/she leaves campus.
2. Entries have a cap because of limited space/rooms at our school. So register ASAP to ensure your students get a spot at our AST.
3. NSDA rules are followed for PF, LD, Extemp, DI, HI, DUO, OO, OI. All hi/di/duos that are not memorized may have points deducted on the ballot by judges. Contest pieces may only be used for one year. A new cutting from the same piece may not be used in any other competitive year.

Remind students and judges about appropriate behavior, appropriate dress, no smoking, and tournament rules. Please respect the other students and the school, and behave accordingly.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please train your judges. Familiarize them with events and rules prior to the tournament.

- * Congressional debate Bill titles will be on tabroom.com prior to the tournament.
- * Note Card may be used in extemp
- * Judges may not switch assignments with anyone.

Thank you everyone, and please contact me with any questions:

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