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International Club Debate Championship

December Invitational

2024

Greetings Debate Club Directors,

We are excited to invite your debate club to the first annual ICDC December Invitational! This tournament will be hosted virtually using NSDA campus.

Our tournament will offer 5 divisions of Public Forum Debate (Middle School Novice, Middle School Experienced, High School Novice, High School JV, High School Varsity).

We look forward to hosting you in December!

Tom Evnen, National Symposium for Debate Executive Director
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Contact Information

Tournament Website: nsdebatecamp.com/icdc

Official Tournament Tabroom: icdcdecember.tabroom.com

All questions should be directed to: icdc@nsdebatecamp.com

Key Dates & Deadlines

Tabroom.com Registration Opens	Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Tabroom.com Registration Deadline Fees & Judge Obligations Frozen	Monday, December 9, 2024
Varsity Debate Strikes Open	Wednesday, December 11, 2024
Varsity Debate Strikes Close	Friday, December 13, 2024
2024 ICDC December Invitational	Friday, December 13-15, 2024

Requirements for Competition

All clubs entering the tournament must meet the following requirements:

1. Illustrate a record of competition (you can simply share a Tabroom link to the entry page of a tournament in which your club has competed and your entries are displayed).
2. Must illustrate a record of the club being established (acceptable examples include a link to the club website, an EIN, or other similar record of establishment).
3. Must pay in advance.
4. Must have an adult on site and be the primary point of contact for the duration of the tournament.
5. Must provide at least one judge and must fill 75% of your judging obligation

Entry Fees

Charge	Cost
Public Forum Entry	\$100
Missing Judge Fee	\$350

Payment Instructions

You may pay online here.

Failure to pay your invoice by Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 will result in a 20% additional charge to your invoice.

Topics, Format, & Divisions

Topic

Will use the NSDA November/December topic.

Format

4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-2-2 Speech Times | 3 Minute of Preparation Time per Team

Elimination Procedures

We will advance all 4-2s in all events. And acknowledge the top 10 speakers in all divisions.

Division	Eligibility
Middle School Novice	Students may compete in Middle School Novice if they are in their first year of middle school competition.
Middle School Experienced	All middle school students are eligible.
High School Novice	This division is for high school students in their first year of competition who have no middle school experience.
High School JV	This division is for high school students who have middle school or high school novice experience
High School Varsity	All high school students are eligible.

Judge Obligations

We believe that every judge you provide regardless of division should be **highly qualified**. Highly qualified means your judge is a trained individual who will actively listen to each debater's arguments and carefully decide the round, assigning proper speaker points and writing a decision. Judges should give an oral decision where at a minimum, they tell the debaters in the round who they voted for.

The tournament has the right to remove any judge from the pool that tournament staff defines as unqualified at any time during the tournament. If removals are made, club personnel will be contacted. Schools will be charged a full judge hire cost for replacement.

Judging obligations will be based on how many entries you have in each event. We require 1 judge for every 2 entries or fraction thereof.

All judges are obligated to judge through the first full elimination round in the event they are entered OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.

You will be charged **\$250 per uncovered judge**. Schools, at a minimum, must enter one judge into the pool and cover 75% of their judge obligation. Hired judge requests are due November 15th at 5:00pm. Any requests after that time will not be accepted. We have a limited pool of potential hired judges – requests are not approved until finalized by the tournament.

If your judge does not show for a debate, your school will be assessed a missed round fee. This fee will be **\$50** for your school's first missed round and **\$75** for each round that follows.

All judges in all divisions must have posted paradigms on Tabroom by November 15th at 5:00pm. **Any judge found without a paradigm after this deadline will not count towards your obligation, will be marked as a free strike on preference sheets and your school will be charged for a hired judge fee for any rounds they were entered for.**

Any judge changes after the deadline will be assessed a penalty. You may not substitute any judge in a varsity debate judge pool. Schools that change their judges after strikes have opened will be subject to losing strikes for their teams.

Finally, it is our intention to offer teams in the varsity division access to strikes. Teams will be able to strike up to 15% of the judge pool.

Schedule

This schedule is tentative and will be updated based on entries once registration is frozen. Prelim rounds will be double flighted. We will expedite the schedule where possible. Students missing 10 minutes after the assigned start time of a round will be forfeited. Tab declares and enters forfeits. If you think a team should be forfeited, you must talk to tab. You may not enter that result on your own. Judges missing at "In Room Time" will be replaced and fined.

Friday, December 13th

	Pairings Released (judges press start)	In Room Time (all in room, tech check, unassigned judges in judge lounge)	Start Time (should be underway!)
Round 1	4:00 pm	4:20 pm	4:30 pm
Round 2	6:30 pm	6:50 pm	7:00 pm

Saturday, December 14th

	Pairings Released (judges press start)	In Room Time (all in room, tech check, unassigned judges in judge lounge)	Start Time (should be underway!)
Round 3	9:30 am	9:50 am	10:00 am
Round 4	11:45 am	12:05 pm	12:15 pm
Round 5	2:15 pm	2:35 pm	2:45 pm
Round 6	4:30 pm	4:50 pm	5:00 pm
Elim 1/Run Off	7:00 pm	7:20 pm	7:30 pm

Sunday, December 15th

	Pairings Released (judges press start)	In Room Time (all in room, unassigned judges in judge lounge)	Start Time (should be underway!)
Elim 2	9:30 am	9:50 am	10:00 am
Elim 3	12:15 pm	12:25 pm	12:35 pm
Elim 4	2:15 pm	2:35 pm	2:45 pm
Elim 5	4:15 pm	4:35 pm	4:45 pm