



FEBRUARY TOURNAMENT INVITATION

You and your team are cordially invited to attend the Wilson Wyatt Debate League February Tournament, to be held virtually on February 12, 2022 via NSDA Campus.

Wilson Wyatt Debate League Tournaments are open to all school-aged individuals in 6th grade or higher at accredited public, private, or parochial institutions, or to students being homeschooled.

The tournament will begin with registration from 7:00AM-7:45AM with the first round of competition starting at 8:00AM.

Registration:

Registration will be handled solely through Tabroom.com. Registration is now open and will remain open until **Tuesday, Feb 8** at 5pm EST. At that time all new entries must be registered. Only designated adult coaches may register entries.

You may drop teams and judges from, as well as continue to add judges to, your registration until **Thursday, Feb 10** at 5:00PM without penalty. After that time, each registration change will be assessed a \$25 penalty. Additionally, you will be assessed a \$100 hired judge fine for any missing judges.

Entry Fees:

Registration is free for members of the Wilson Wyatt Debate League. Please visit [our website](#) for more information on membership.

Entry fees are \$5 per student for non-members. All registration may be paid after the close of the tournament, along with any assessed nuisance fines or penalties, by check. Please see your Tabroom page for the invoice or contact the tournament director.

Events:

WWDL offers the following events and divisions: Novice, Junior Varsity, and Varsity Lincoln Douglas debate; Novice, Junior Varsity, and Varsity Public Forum debate; and

Congressional debate.

Novice is open to all debaters in their first academic year of debate. Eligibility is exhausted at the end of the year in which a debater has competed at three or more tournaments, regardless of the division(s) or event(s) in which they competed.

Junior Varsity is open to all debaters through their first three years of competition. In team events, to compete in novice or JV, both debaters of the partnership must meet the requirements.

In the event that a division of a debate event has fewer than six entries, that division may be collapsed into another division of the same event at the discretion of the tab room and tournament director.

Technology:

This tournament will use NSDA Campus integrated with Tabroom.com. As a result, **all coaches, judges, and competitors** must have a **linked** Tabroom account to compete or judge at this tournament. A Tabroom account is the only way to properly receive posting and ballots, enter the video conference room, and submit ballots after the round.

During the round, all competitors and judges are asked to keep video recording devices turned on. The tournament staff recognizes that there may be technological or personal reasons that interfere with this request, and as such it is not a requirement.

Competitors and judges must remain connected to the competition software for the entirety of the debate round and remain available for the entirety of the competition day. In the event of a technical problem mid-round that cannot be resolved, students should contact their coaches for assistance immediately. Judges must notify the Tabroom before making a forfeit decision due to technical mishap. **Ten Minutes per team** will be allowed for technical issues.

Failure to remain online may result in teams being assessed a \$50 fine for each missing competitor or judge, per instance.

Topics:

Wilson Wyatt Debate League tournaments utilize the current month NSDA topics for Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum debate. In NOVICE LINCOLN DOUGLAS ONLY, the September/October tournament will be debate the Modest Novice topic.

Congress will debate a combination of student-submitted legislation and the NSDA monthly legislation topic. Student legislation may be submitted via Tabroom.com or emailed to the tournament director. The deadline for legislation submission is Monday, Feb 7 at 5PM.

Judging:

Each school is required to fulfill its judging obligation by providing one judge for every two entries, or fraction thereof. Thus, one judge can cover between 1-2 entries, two judges for 3-4 entries, 3 judges for 5-6 entries, and so on. In Congressional debate, the requirement is one judge for every six entries, or fraction thereof.

If you cannot fulfill your entire obligation, there are a limited number of judges available for \$100 each. Please submit all hired judge requests on tabroom.com. If you are unable to meet your obligation, and there are insufficient hired judges available, you may be required to reduce the size of your entry. You will be notified prior to the date of the tournament if this is necessary.

Once the tournament has begun, judges are expected to remain available for the entirety of preliminary rounds and semi-finals and, if their school is represented in semi-finals, the final round. Judges who fail to appear for a round and need to be replaced will have a \$50 fine assessed to their school for each round missed. If a judge misses two rounds, they will be removed from the tournament and, in addition to the missing round fines, the school will be assessed a \$100 missing judge fine even if they are over their judging requirements.

Student Judges

Juniors or seniors, with at least 1 year of experience in varsity, may judge novice rounds only. This must be communicated to the tabroom during registration as a note in the judge's profile. It is also recommended that coaches contact the tabroom director **prior to the tournament date** with a list of all student judges to confirm successful registration.

Failure to communicate student judges may result in sanctions up to and including the disqualification of that school's teams from remaining preliminary and/or elimination rounds, the removal of the student judges from the judge pool, and/or the imposition of missing judge fines.

A school may not use more than 3 student judges, **AND** student judges may not compose more than 33% of their pool.

Congress/Debate Dual Judges:

Because only one chamber of Congress is typically run, judges entered in congress may also be applied for HALF CREDIT (covering 1 debater/team) towards your debate commitment. They will still count for the full commitment in Congress. If you choose to utilize this option, you MUST e-mail the tabroom director at woody.zorn@gmail.com, or league director at [WyattDebateLeague@gmail.com](mailto:w WyattDebateLeague@gmail.com), prior to the close of registration. We must account for this manually. Failure to notify us on time will result in a \$25 nuisance fine per judge.

NOTICE: While this option is being left in our invitation for the flexibility of teams and the tournament, technical limitations may make this impractical. The tournament director or Tabroom will notify coaches as soon as possible if their Congress judge is to be used.

Awards:

Awards will be given to each student reaching elimination rounds as well as the top ten speakers in each division. In Congress, the top ten students will be recognized.

Schedule:

The tournament will feature 5 preliminary rounds of competition, semifinals, and finals. The schedule below is tentative and subject to change: **CHECK IN BY 7:45 AM**

<i>Lincoln Douglas/Public Forum</i>	<i>Congress</i>
Round 1: 8:00 AM	Round 1: 8:00 AM
Round 2: 9:00 AM	
Round 3: 10:00 AM	
Lunch 11:00 AM	Lunch 11:00 AM
Round 4: 12:00PM	Round 2: 12:00PM
Round 5: 1:15PM	
Semis: 2:30 PM	
Finals: 3:45 PM	
Awards: 5:30 PM	Awards: 5:30 PM

Chaperones:

Each team must designate one adult who will be responsible for maintaining contact with students and judges throughout the entirety of the tournament. While the tournament appreciates contact information being provided for each competitor and judge, it remains the ultimate responsibility of the selected adult to contact competitors and judges if the Tabroom is unable to.

Judge Feedback:

We will allow and strongly encourage judges to provide oral feedback to students after the round. While we ask judges **not to disclose their decision**, we do ask that you provide some guidance as to what you thought each debater did well and what they could improve. Filling out the feedback segment of the online ballot is a requirement.

Photography/Videography:

By registering students to compete in this tournament, you affirm that you or your school district have obtained consent from the student(s) parent(s)/guardian(s) for their image and/or likeness to be used in promoting the Wilson Wyatt Debate League (League), and that their likeness may be used without compensation. Such images may be used on the League website or social media pages and will never include student names unless affirmative consent has been given directly to the League by the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s).

If you have any other questions please feel free to email the league director, Brian Huot, at wyattdebateleague@gmail.com, or the tabroom director, Woody Zorn, at woody.zorn@gmail.com. See you soon!!!