

Special Accommodations

If you need special accommodations for students or judges, please e-mail tournament host, Doris Sexton ASAP, at dsexton@west-bend.k12.wi.us. Only when we're aware of these needs ahead of time can we make the necessary adjustments. If a student or judge requires special assistance, it is the responsibility of the school bringing/hiring the individual to provide the needed assistance.

Student Lunches

The West Bend Debate Team/The Wisconsin Debate Coaches' Association is offering improved lunches for students and judges on Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday, January 23, the tournament will offer a ticket for a build your own sub bar. Ham, Turkey, Egg Salad, and Tuna Salad subs will be offered with an extensive condiment bar. In addition to a sub of your choice you get chips, cookie, and drink - all for \$8.00. Additionally, pre-made salads will be available for \$4.00.

On Sunday, January 24 the tournament will offer a ticket to a Chinese cuisine and salad bar. The make-your-own plate stand comes with dessert, and drink. Items from the bar will be made available separately to accommodate vegetarians. The meal ticket is available for \$8.00.

The meals registration deadline is **Friday, January 8. All meals must be ordered through Tabroom.**

For your convenience, these costs will be included on your tournament invoice. If you choose not to purchase meal tickets, there will not be another alternative available at West Bend High School. Refreshments, but not full lunches, will be available for judges in the Judges Lounge. (Coaches, please consider purchasing meal tickets for your judges).

Judge Preferences

All Judges in Varsity Policy and Lincoln Douglas are required to submit a Judge Preference Form. Judges must complete and submit a narrative paradigm/philosophy/preference at a website that we have setup. **All judges must have their paradigm published on the WSDT Judges Wiki by Tuesday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m.**

West Bend has a wireless network that we will be utilizing during the tournament. Coaches will be able to access the wiki on their computers during the tournament. We will also post and publish a hard copy of the paradigms.

If you or a judge are having difficulties with the WSDT Judge Wiki please contact us to explore a solution.

Judge preference sheets will be handled through Tabroom. The preference sheet will be released on Wednesday morning, provided all entered schools' registrations are complete in that division. **THIS INCLUDES JUDGES HAVING PARADIGMS ON THE WIKI** Schools will have until Friday evening to rate their judges. After that, teams will not have an opportunity to preference judges. Please submit your information on time.

Please remember: Your team is NOT registered unless all judge information (including posting a preference form and the entry of the judge into Tabroom) has been provided with your registration. Entries without a judge or judge preference posting may be dropped from the tournament to allow for preferencing to take place. Please arrange for your judges as soon as possible to avoid having to tell your students that they cannot compete at the state tournament because of a registration issue

Qualified Teams

The WDCA is continuing the “Winning Record” qualification process. This process is aimed at leveling the playing field for four person teams, increasing the value and importance of WDCA sanctioned events, and encouraging local debate events. To gain state qualification, a debater must earn two bids. To earn a bid, a debater must be part of an entry (a four or two person team, PF team, or LD entry) that has a winning record (e.g. 4-2, 3-1) in preliminary rounds at a WDCA invitational, regardless of the number of entries, schools, or the format of the event. A single bid may be earned at local event (such as a conference tournament or an MDL tournament) but a second bid must also be earned at a WDCA invitational. In order to use a bid earned at a local or league event, Tim Scheffler must have received the results packet from that tournament before registration for the WSDT closes.

We are maintaining a list of qualified teams on a separate website. The website's address is <http://wdcastate.appspot.com>. This will allow coaches to quickly and easily check the status of their students'; qualification. Please direct any questions regarding eligibility to Tim Scheffler.

Schools who have not qualified at least one Public Forum team or a full four-person entry in Novice Policy, may qualify one entry in each division by having the entry they wish to enter obtain a .500 or better win/loss record at any two WDCA sanctioned tournaments in the entered division. Schools who have not qualified at least one Varsity Four team or two VSS teams for the WSTD may qualify one entry in Varsity Four or up to two VSS teams by having the entry/entries they wish to enter obtain a .500 or better win/loss record at any two WDCA sanctioned tournaments in the entered division. Schools who have not qualified at least two LD debaters for the WSTD may qualify one or two LD debaters by having the entries they wish to enter each obtain a .500 or better win/loss record at any two WDCA sanctioned tournaments.

Special Eligibility Issues In Policy Debate

Debaters may compete in a higher division than the division where they earned their qualification. This means that a debater that qualified in Novice could debate in Varsity, if they chose to do so.

Verification and Early Registration

Please pay attention, because this has changed from prior years.

Schools must verify their entries on Friday night in one of two ways. Either a school reports in person Friday Night at West Bend High School from 6:00 until 8:00 pm or a school calls to verify their entries between 6:00 and 8:00 pm.

For those schools who do not come in person, you must verify your registration on Friday night, by calling Tim Scheffler at 608-628-3114 during the same time period as registration (from 6:00

to 8:00 pm). **Schools who do not appear in person on Friday or do not verify their entries will be dropped from the tournament.**

Judging Obligations

The judge requirements for VSS and Lincoln-Douglas are as follows: 1 judge for 1 team, 2 judges for 2 or 3 teams, and 3 judges for 4 or 5 teams. The ratio in Public Forum is 1 judge for every two teams. Furthermore, VSS & NSS judges are committed to judge two rounds beyond the school's elimination. **All PF and LD judges are committed through the elimination round following Sunday's award ceremony.** Additionally, we will use a supplemental preferencing for elimination round judges in VSS.

Varsity 4 person judge requirements are as follows: 1.5 judge(s) for 1 qualified team, 3 judges for 2 qualified teams, 4 judges for 3 qualified teams. (Please contact Tim Scheffler if you have more than 3 qualified V4 Teams). A half judge is someone who is available for less than a six round commitment. If you have questions about this, please contact Tim

Novice policy has the following judge commitments: 1 judge for each four-speaker team or 1 judge for two NSS teams

Contingency Policies

The WDCA modified its contingency policy with respect to the Varsity-Four Person division at the 2014 Fall Meeting. It now reads:

In the event the Four-Person Varsity Division has insufficient entries to administer effectively or to ensure the eventual champion has been sufficiently tested by a diverse competition pool, the Tournament Director shall immediately notify affected parties that the Four-Person Varsity Division will not be offered at the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament for the affected year. The criteria for determining if the Division has sufficient entries shall be that the division has representation from at least eight (8) teams. The Tournament Director shall be responsible for notifying all affected schools that the potential exists for invoking the Contingency Policy at the time Registration opens and the affected schools shall be responsible for declaring their registration intentions to the Tournament Director one (1) week prior to the final registration deadline. If the number of schools entered is low enough to require it, the tournament director may, with the consent of the Executive Board, take additional steps needed to assure the competitive integrity of the division and judging pool.

We don't anticipate on needing to invoke this policy.

The following contingency policy is in place in order to make judge preferencing work. It reads when a school compromises 40% of the teams in any division and the tournament director determines that judge preferencing for that division to be unworkable, the tournament director, with the approval of the executive board, may replace judge preferencing with a judge strike system for that division at the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament

Other Information

Independent Judges – if you are bringing a judge that you believe can be considered by the tournament to be an independent judge, please indicate that information to Tim Scheffler with your registration. It is possible that the person may be deemed independent by the tournament. Please note, submitting a request is not a guarantee that it will be granted.

Twitter and Electronic Schedules

The Wisconsin State Debate Tournament is using Twitter to Communicate information. Please follow us for updates. Our name is @WiStateDebate. The feed is available here:

<https://twitter.com/WiStateDebate>

Also, schedules will be posted electronically to this website during the tournament. (See the Schematic tab

Tab Room

The following individuals are working in the 2013-14 WSDT Tab Room. (A list of individuals will be posted around January 3, 2016).

Schedule

Friday

All teams must call in to confirm judges and entries and report all changes between 6 and 8 p.m.
To Tim Scheffler @ 608-628-3114

Saturday

Registration 7:30-8:00

Judge & Student Meetings 8:20

All round times are estimates, we will push rounds earlier when possible and unexpected delays may occur.

Round 1 8:30

Round 2 10:30

Round 3 1:00

Round 4 3:30

Round 5 6:00

Sunday

Round 6 8 am

First Elim All events 10:30

Second Elim PF/LD 12:00

Awards 1:30

Elims finish after Awards