



38th Annual William Fremd High School Debate Tournament November 5, 2016

Dear Coaches,

William Fremd High School would like to invite you to our annual Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum Debate Tournament on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Last year, we welcomed 429 competitors and 120 judges from 35 different schools from throughout the State of Illinois (and Indiana!)

Competitors will debate the NSDA November/December LD topic and NSDA November PF topic. Please visit the following link for the specific November 2016 topics: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/topics/>

We have been heartened by the large interest in our tournament, but even with strict entry caps, the tournament reached our building's 120 room capacity the last two years. As LD and PF Debate programs continue to grow in Illinois, it has become apparent that a restructuring of our tournament is needed. We are eager to continue to provide a high-quality experience for competitors and judges, while making the following changes to the tournament:

- 1) **Open (JV/V) Divisions Only.** This year, the tournament will only be open to debaters in at least their second season. While we will not actively exclude novices, the expectation is that debaters are coming to the tournament with experience. New debaters are welcome to attend the tournament as observers in any rounds where their school is competing or judging. All Novice and JV debaters will have an exclusive opportunity to debate the November topic at the Libertyville Tournament on November 19th.
- 2) **Online Balloting.** We will use fremd.tabroom.com for registration and tabulation of the tournament. This website has been used by many tournaments around the country over the last few years and we are confident it will in the long-run provide a much more efficient and educational tournament experience. Using the website, however, will require all judges to bring a laptop or mobile device to type out and submit ballots. If you have judges who cannot meet this expectation, please e-mail the tournament director with specific names. If you do not already have one, please set up a school account on www.tabroom.com ASAP and have your judges set up individual accounts as well. Further instructions will follow as we approach the tournament date.

Tournament Schedule

The tournament will once again have 5 rounds.

7:00-7:45 a.m.	Registration (Media Center/Library)
7:45	Tournament Announcements for All Debaters & Judges (Student Cafeteria)
8:30	Round One [preset]
9:30	Round Two [preset]
11:15	Round Three [power-matched based on 1 & 2]
12:00 p.m.	Lunch (Student Concessions, Pizza Delivery & Complimentary Judges Lounge)
1:00	Round Four [power-matched based on 3]
2:30	Round Five [power-matched based on 4]
4:00	Awards Ceremony (Student Cafeteria)

ALL JUDGES ARE REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE TO JUDGE ALL FIVE ROUNDS

Fees & Judges

Each Public Forum entry is \$25. Each Lincoln-Douglas entry is \$20.

One adult judge is required for every two Public Forum pairs/teams. One adult judge is required for every two Lincoln-Douglas entries.

Uncovered judges will incur a fee of \$180. We do not want to charge this fee, and since the judging burden should be lower without a Novice division, you are expected to hire trained and experienced judges. If you are in need of judges, please contact the Tournament Director ASAP.

No first year outs (e.g. college freshmen) are allowed to judge since they may have competed against competitors in the prior year.

Awards

Based on entry numbers, team and speaker awards will be given to the top competitors in each division.

Lunch

Adult judges will be served complimentary food for lunch. Breakfast snacks will be served and plenty of coffee will be available all day.

For students, breakfast items, snacks, and drinks will be sold in the Student Cafeteria, but ***pizza lunch orders must be made in advance*** by Wednesday, November 2nd at 9:00 AM. This can be done during registration on fremd.tabroom.com.

New judges should be trained by their head coaches before the tournament. New judges should be identified in the Judge Notes section on the registration page of Joy of Tournaments. We will do our best to pair them with an experienced judge during Round 1, but it cannot be guaranteed.

Deadlines

Monday, October 31, 2016	5:00 PM	Final Entries Due. All fees will be final. Money due at registration.
Wednesday, November 2, 2016	9:00 AM	Final Pizza Orders Due. Money due at Registration.
Friday, November 4, 2016	3:00 PM	Online changes/drops due. Later changes must be e-mailed to mzacharia@d211.org

Entry Caps/Waitlist

Since this is the first year we are doing this, we will tentatively cap entries in each division at 8. We are very likely able to accommodate more and all entries, but will not determine that until entries start coming in. Please register ASAP in order to get waitlist priority if your entries exceed 8 in each division.

NOTE: Please enter specific names. **No TBA entries for students or judges will be accepted.**

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