

October 15, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

Concordia College is pleased to invite you to the 73rd Annual W.E. Lillo Invitational Debate Tournament. In the seven decades since W.E. Lillo founded the tournament, Concordia has welcomed teams from across the upper Midwest to meet on our campus for quality debate competition. Once again, our team and coaching staff hope your experience here will be both enjoyable and educational.

This year's Lillo will be held on Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th. While we are aware that this date conflicts with some other forensics events we are constrained by both the general Concordia calendar and our schedule of collegiate tournaments when picking a date. We hope that despite such conflicts you choose to send some teams to Moorhead to compete.

We would take this opportunity to remind you that, despite the decision to eliminate speech events for our November date, Concordia continues to be very committed to speech competition. November is just too early to host a speech tournament. If, however, you work with students who are interested in college speech competition, *please* let us know about that interest! More information about the Concordia Forensics Program can be found at our web site:

[link to Concordia speech & debate webpage](#)

We would like to host three divisions of policy debate and two divisions of Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas. Despite our desire to support all three of these debate formats, it has been some time since we have had sufficient entries for a viable field in PF or LD. If you are interested in entering public forum or LD debaters, please send an email message to olek@cord.edu before Tuesday, October 25th so we can formally confirm our ability to offer these divisions.

We hope you can join us for this fun and exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,

Emily Bosch, Assistant Director of Forensics

Joe Kennedy, Speech Coach

Adam Knowlton, Assistant Director of Forensics

Teresa Oberdorfer, Assistant Director of Forensics

Fred Sternhagen, Director of Forensics

POLICY DEBATE

NOVICE POLICY

Novice debate is open to any debater who has competed in less than 25 competition rounds of any debate format before the start of the 2016-2017 school year. Please DO NOT place students in this division who do not meet this standard merely because you feel they are your most inexperienced debaters. Elimination rounds will be held depending on division size and judge availability.

We expect novice teams to abide by the Minnesota Debate Teachers Association case limits and utilize the novice evidence packet. But, as always, decisions about procedural issues must be made by the person judging the round. While we support the use of novice case limits, we will honor the decision rendered by the judge.

JUNIOR VARSITY POLICY

Open to any debater.

Elimination rounds will be held depending on division size and judge availability. If entries do not warrant a separate division, we will collapse the junior varsity and varsity divisions.

VARSITY POLICY

Open to any debater.

Quarter-finals will be offered if entries reach 24 teams; octo-finals will be considered if there are 48 teams. Rounds 1 and 2 will be paired randomly. Rounds 3-5 will be paired high/low within brackets.

DEBATE FORMAT

8-minute constructives

5-minute rebuttals

3-minute cross-examination periods

8-minutes of preparation time per team

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

We will count three, two-person teams for calculation of the overall sweepstakes award. You do not need to designate teams for sweepstakes consideration. We will count your best three entries in each division. We will attempt to accommodate entries larger than five teams but please realize that we do face limitations upon our ability to hire judges—particularly with limited lead time! If you anticipate needing hired judges, please provide us with ample lead time. Additionally, we will assume that by entering more than five teams in a division, you have given permission that entries beyond the limit stated above may be scheduled against each other. We *clearly* regard such scheduling as undesirable and will certainly work very hard to avoid it. We have been able to avoid that eventuality for several years. However, we do feel an obligation to provide diversity in competition for students. That is, we do not want someone to debate four of five rounds against one school.

PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE

NOVICE PF

Novice debate is open to any debater who has competed in less than 25 competition rounds of any debate format before the start of the 2016-2017 school year. Semi-finals or finals will be offered, depending upon size of the division and judging available.

OPEN PF

Any debater can participate. Semi-finals or finals will be offered, as size and judging allow.

DEBATE FORMAT

We will follow the MDTA suggestions. Students will alternate pro and con rounds.

We will use the November 2016 topic.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

As with the policy divisions, we will count three entries per division toward the sweepstakes award. Please review the entry policy detailed under policy debate.

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

NOVICE LD

Novice debate is open to any debater who has competed in less than 25 competition rounds of any debate format before the start of the 2016-2017 school year. Semi-finals or finals will be offered, size and judging permitted.

OPEN LD

Any debater can participate. Semi-finals or finals will be offered, size and judging permitted.

DEBATE FORMAT

We will use the November/December 2016 topic.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

As with the policy and public forum divisions, we guarantee three entries per division, please review the entry policy detailed under policy debate.

JUDGING and ENTRY INFORMATION

JUDGING RESPONSIBILITIES

Number of Judges: Each school is to provide one judge for every two debate teams or fraction thereof. For example, if you have 3 teams, you need to provide 2 judges. High school students are not eligible to judge novice at the W.E. Lillo unless approved by the tournament director.

Hiring Judges: We will have a limited number of judges available to hire for \$70 per entry or \$140 for a full commitment as long as your request is in by the entry deadline. We will do our best to fill hired judge requests made after the entry deadline—but we don't have magical powers..... Any request for judges after the entry deadline will be assessed at the rate of \$90 per single entry or \$180 for a full judge commitment. Teams that arrive without a full judging commitment will be charged at \$35 per round of judging provided.

Head Coach Rule: In an effort to provide strong panels for the initial elimination rounds, we ask that all head coaches be available to judge the first elimination rounds (if your team is in an elimination round in any division). This rule is not met by having a hired judge available to fulfill your judging obligation.

Judge Registration: We ask that all head coaches, when registering, provide call phone numbers for ALL the judges from your school. Please remember that this includes the head coach. All judges could judge any division. Thus they are required to check all schedules. All judges are expected to standby. Please wait by the ballot table until you are excused by tournament staff.

ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries are due Tuesday, November 1st at 4:30 p.m.

- All entries should be submitted via tabroom.com.
- If you need to talk with someone directly about registration, please call Fred Sternhagen at 218-299-3731 or Emily Bosch as 218-299-3026. If you do not reach Fred or Emily, please call the C.S.T.A. Department office manager, Mary Olek at 218-299-3143.
- We understand that changes happen. However, we must make commitments concerning room reservations, food purchases, and hiring judges. Thus, all fees (entry and judge) will be assessed on Tuesday, November 3rd at 4:45 p.m. We ask that if you drop entries after that time you pay the fees for the dropped entries. We would appreciate a call on Friday by 10 a.m. indicating that you are on your way to the tournament and providing any updates.
- On Friday November 4th please call Chris McDonald at 651-283-5976 to confirm your entry and/or make any changes. Please complete this call no later than 10 AM.

ENTRY FEES

Policy Debate; option A: \$25 a team

This fee will be assessed if you have submitted your registration on time (October 29th at 4:30 p.m.), verified your registration on Thursday evening, and called prior to 10 a.m. on Friday morning to let us know that you are on your way to the tournament.

Policy Debate ; option B: \$30 a team

This fee will be assessed if you do not follow registration procedures.

Public Forum Debate: \$15 a team

Lincoln Douglas Debate: \$15 per entry

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

AWARDS

Trophies. Trophies will be awarded to all debaters qualifying for elimination rounds. If there are divisions where elimination rounds are not held, awards will be presented to the top six finishers. Outstanding speakers in policy debate will also be recognized. The top three sweepstakes schools will receive school trophies as well as coaches awards.

Scholarships. As in previous years at Lillo, a scholarship will be awarded to a debater in his or her senior year of competition and a separate scholarship will be awarded to a debater in his or her junior year of competition. In order to manage the scholarship process, we need to have contact information for the students. Thus, you should enter that information for students ***before the tournament begins.***

SWEEPSTAKES

Sweepstakes points will be awarded according to this formula:

Public Forum Debate		Lincoln-Douglas Debate		Policy Debate	
participation	2 points	participation	2 points	participation	3 points
prelim win	2 points	prelim win	2 points	prelim win	3 points
elim qualifier	3 points	elim qualifier	3 points	elim qalifier	4 points
win 1 st elim	3 points	win 1 st elim	3 points	win 1 st elim	4 points

WHERE TO EAT

The Concordia Campus offers students an inexpensive breakfast, lunch, or dinner at the Maize which is located in the basement of the Knutson Student Center. You are also welcome in Anderson Commons cafeteria which is located at the west end of the Knutson Center. A few blocks north of campus on 8th street you'll find McDonalds, Taco Bell, Taco Johns and KFC. South of campus you will find a Little Caesars, Qdoba, Dairy Queen, and Burger King. Sit down dinners are a short drive away - ask for recommendations!

PARKING

We have a change in prior parking arrangements; the lot south of 12th Avenue that we have used recently has been reclassified. So, on Friday before 4:00, ***PLEASE*** have buses park in the by the Concordia football stadium, east of 8th Street/Highway 75 (the SW lot on the campus map). After 4:00 on Friday, you may use the lot at the corner of 12th Avenue South and 8th Street (MH/O). This is farther east (closer to 8th Street) than the lot we have used in the past. While there are other lots on campus please do not park in them before 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Concordia will not tow your bus—but is possible that Facilities Management would send a letter to your principal.... Please do not park in handicapped spaces or fire lanes. Your vehicle could be towed and, frankly, you would deserve it. You can find a map at: [link to Concordia campus map](#)

HOUSING

If you would like help making hotel reservations, please feel free to contact us.

Welcome to the 73rd Annual W. E. Lillo Invitational!
November 4-5, 2016

SCHEDULE

Friday, November 4th

10:00-11:00 a.m.	Phone Registration. Call 218-299-3731 to verify your entry.
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Registration: Centrum in the Knutson Center
3:00 p.m.	General announcements: Centrum
3:15 p.m.	Pairings Released for Round 1, 2 and 3: Centrum
3:45 p.m.	Dismissal from Centrum
4:00 p.m.	Round 1 all debate divisions
6:00 p.m.	Round 2 all debate divisions
8:00 p.m.	Dinner Break We are negotiating to provide food on site at cost. This would allow for supper without substantially delaying round 3.
8:30 p.m.	Round 3 all debate divisions

Saturday, November 5th

7:15 a.m.	Pairings posted
8:00 a.m.	Round 4 all divisions
10:15 a.m.	Pairings for round 5 will be released <i>as soon as powermatching is finished</i> . Please do not wander off.
10:30 a.m.	Round 5 all divisions
12:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m.	First elimination round Policy Debate
3:30 p.m.	Awards: Centrum
as soon as possible!	Remaining elimination rounds