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**When:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017

**Where:** Union 9th Grade Center

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**What:**  The “Angel” tournament is a novice practice debate tournament.

**What is an “angel”?** Each entry has a varsity debater from their squad (their “angel”) who will sit with them during the rounds to help them along. Please see the rules below for angels.

**Disclosure:** All LD and PF entries are required to submit by email before the end of the school day on Thursday, October 5th, the essence of their cases for the debates. This information will then be shared with all of the other entries on Friday so schools can prepare their debaters for what they will hear. At minimum, disclosure will consist of:

Policy – Arguments will be restricted to the Tulsa Debate League and NSDA Novice evidence packets. These packets can be found here <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/n4sbz5hrc9lw4ip/AAC7nfic6ORyJaCIZdOELSo0a?dl=0>

Lincoln Douglas – Value, criteria, and contention titles used on each side.

Public Forum – Contention titles and any observation/framework for the round on each side.

**Prep Time:** We will add 2 additional minutes of prep time for each event.

(Thus, Policy gets 10 minutes, Lincoln Douglas: 6 minutes, and Public Forum: 4 minutes)

**Topics:** We will use the current NSDA topics in all 3 divisions. We will ­not use the “novice” LD topic. The current topics are:

Policy – Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States.

Lincoln Douglas – Resolved: in the United States, national service ought to be compulsory.

Public Forum – Resolved: deployment of anti-missile systems is in South Korea’s best interest.

Please assign 1 angel for every 1 CX team, 2 LD debaters, and 2 PF teams. These groupings will debate in the same room during the tournament. Please email these to the director by Monday, October 16th.

**Entries:** Please enter your debaters and judges before Monday, October 16th at <http://angeltulsa.tabroom.com>

**Fees:** We will charge $20 per policy or public forum team and $10 for each Lincoln Douglas debater. This fee covers the entry fee and the cost of pizza and water during the dinner break. We will also feed your angels, judges, and coaches. Invoices can be printed at <http://angeltulsa.tabroom.com>

**Judges:** 1 judge per 2 CX teams or portion thereof; 1 per 4 LD and/or PF entries or portion thereof. Please have your judges read and abide by the special stipulations we make on judging for this event (see below). It is different from most tournaments, and we use a different ballot which will hopefully give coaches more feedback than the usual ballots.

**Schedule:**

12:30 pm Registration

1:00 pm Round 1

3:00 pm Round 2

5:00 pm Dinner

5:30 pm Round 3

7:30 pm Round 4

ASAP Awards (We expect to be totally done by 10 pm).

Rules for Angels:

Angels should sit with the debaters and assist the debaters in the round.

Angels should flow, suggest arguments and prep the speakers before their speech.

If a debater is floundering during their speech, the angel can call “Time Out”, whereupon the speech time pauses and prep time resumes. Once the Time Out is over, the speaker resumes their speech.

Angels may NOT participate directly in the round in any way; he/she may not make speeches or portions of speeches, ask or answer questions during cross-examination, or “prompt” the speaker(s) during speech time.

Angel help must occur during prep time or between speeches. This is NOT to become a case of “my Angel can beat up your Angel.”

Please help your debaters a little less each round; by the end of the day they should be doing most of it on their own with you there as a consultant only.

Do not give your teams any “off case” arguments that your coach did not report to the tournament earlier in the week; not much is learned by either team if an argument simply gets dropped.

After the round, set a good example for your debaters during the post-round discussion. Do not argue with the judge about his/her decision or comments. Make note of them and then talk with your debaters while you are alone with them if you disagree.

Rules for Judges:

Responsibility

Judging at the angel tournament is an important responsibility! Each judge’s actions during the tournament will influence the debaters’ perception of the activity. This event should be positive and educational.

Please interrupt if the Angel(s) in your room are violating the spirit of the event. Don’t let it become a case of “my Angel can beat up your Angel.”

It is entirely possible that you may wind up judging debaters from your own school. You are on the “honor system” to do this fairly and objectively. Your debaters learn nothing (and thus don’t improve) if they win only because the judge gave them a win they did not deserve.

Oral Critiques

Judges should avoid behavior that distracts or interferes with the debaters; they are nervous enough and don’t need their judges playing games with their minds. Be mature.

If you do give an oral critique, it should last no longer than 5 minutes. Put a timer on yourself.

An oral critique does not replace the paper ballot. You must write suggestions for the debaters and your RFD on the ballot. This allows the coaches to know what happened too.

Confine your “oral critique” to things the debaters could conceivably work on today; save the rest for your written ballot. Thus “you need to tell me what argument you are responding to when you speak” would be an appropriate oral comment; “you need more evidence for your case” would not.

Filling out the Ballot

Notice that the ballot is a specific rubric for their debate performances; each debater is to be rated on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being best) in 12 different areas for a possible score of 60 per debater. It is important to our scoring/placing system that you use all of the 12 items and add the scores accurately.

Please rate the debaters in the context of the event. Remember this is the first tournament ever for these debaters. The score given to a debater in each area should be based on their performance in this context. Don’t be a “point fairy” and give all 5s to everyone, as that simply punishes the student who really did perform well. On the other hand, don’t be a “point Grinch” and give everyone low scores. Be realistic.

Judge the debate based on what the debaters said in their speeches; the Angel’s comments are not relevant to the debate.

EVERY debater should have at least one good thing said about them and/or their performance.

NO debater or team should be told more than three things they did wrong; beyond 3 most beginners simply stop listening anyway or get the impression that they will never learn how to do this. Pick the 3 most important things they need to work on and save the rest for another day.