



**Invitation  
The West Texas Dustup 2018**

Hi folks!

Texas Tech Debate invites you and yours to the West Texas Dustup, a parliamentary debate tournament held on campus at Texas Tech University. The tournament will be held Friday, January 19 through Sunday, January 21. Registration and various other information is available through [Tabroom.com](http://Tabroom.com)

We are experimenting with a unique feature at the tournament this year, backside rebuttals. We hope the opportunity to try out a different setup sounds fun.

We are committed to putting on a first-class tournament. We provide dinner on Friday from one of the premier BBQ restaurants in Texas.

Get your crew ready for a dustup!

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## Schedule

### Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

1:00pm Registration

2:00 – 4:00 Round 1

4:00 – 6:00 Round 2

6:00 – 7:00 **BBQ Dinner – Provided by Tournament**

7:00 – 9:00 Round 3

### Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 **Light Refreshments – Provided by Tournament**

8:30 – 10:30 Round 4

10:30 – 12:30 Round 5

12:30-1:30 Lunch Break **(On Your Own)**

1:30 – 3:30 Round 6

3:30- 5:30 Elim 1

5:30- 7:30 Elim 2

### Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00 **Light Refreshments – Provided by Tournament**

8:30 – 10:30 Elim 3

10:30 – 12:30 Elim 4

12:30 – 2:30 Elim 5 (If necessary)

## **Tournament Features**

Dinner is provided on day 1 of the tournament (Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup>). Coffee and light refreshments provided Saturday/Sunday. All other meals are on your own.

Backside Rebuttals. Speech times are as follows:

PMC- 7 minutes  
LOC- 8 minutes  
MGC- 8 minutes  
MOC- 8 minutes  
LOR- 4 minutes  
PMR- 5 minutes  
MOR- 5 minutes  
MGR- 5 minutes

No topic areas.

90 seconds of CX after each constructive speech (After the PMC, After the LOC, After the MGC, After the MOC). No flex time. No prep time.

## **Fees**

\$75 / Covered Team

\$175 / Uncovered Team

1 Judge = 2 teams covered

**\*\*PLEASE** bring judges, if possible. Recruiting judges is uniquely challenging for us.

## **Entry Information**

Registration available through Tabroom.com

Deadline for Registration is Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at midnight

\*No refunds for drops will be issued after Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Logistics and Parking**

All rounds will be held in the Media and Communication building on the campus of TTU. You will have to pay for parking on Friday until 6:00PM. There are pay lots across the street from our building and on the top level of the Flint Avenue Parking Garage, which you can view on the campus map (<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/parking/images/Maps/VisitorDaytimeParking.jpg>). Parking is free and readily available on Saturday/Sunday.

There are a number of restaurants in close proximity to campus for meals on your own (Torchy's, Chilis, Bar PM (21+), One Guy Pizza, and Raising Cane's among others) and we are happy to offer suggestions for dinner around town.

We will establish a Facebook page for the tournament after registration closes on the prior Tuesday. Information for that page will be sent out with information about strikes etc. The Facebook page will be used for tournament announcements, judge changes, and topic announce.

Various logistics like strikes, judge philosophies, and entries will be through Tabroom.com

## **Judging Policy**

All judges are committed through the second elimination round and then one round after the elimination of your last team.

Judges should forfeit teams showing up to their rounds after prep time has expired.

Judges should constrain themselves from teams they are incapable of evaluating fairly/objectively.

Judges should show respect for student-competitors. Even when they do things that run counter to your vision of "good" debate. We want to cultivate an atmosphere of respect and learning. If you or your judges treat people in ways that run counter to that mission, we reserve the right to remove you from the tournament and charge you for uncovered teams. Surely this won't happen. We just ask you to be respectful and constructive.

### **Student-Run Programs**

We want as many folks to attend our tournament as possible. If you operate a student-run program, or otherwise unable to attend our tournament due to financial constraints, please contact Adam at your earliest convenience to see if we can work something out.

### **Non-Parli (traditionally) Programs**

We think parliamentary debate is awesome. If you run a program that has not traditionally participated in parliamentary debate, we'd love to give you a chance to see what it is all about. We are willing to offer discounts to programs that do not traditionally engage in national circuit parliamentary debate. Please contact Adam at your earliest convenience to discuss options.

### **Anti-Harassment Policy**

If, at any point in time, behavior is reported that is antithetical to a positive learning environment for any other tournament participants, we will ask you to leave without discussion or delay. We do not have a prescribed process for adjudicating "punishment" for harassment during the tournament. If we hear that anyone has been harassed, offending parties will be asked to leave our campus immediately. We are happy to host our guests, but you do not have a *right* to compete at a tournament hosted on our campus.

We cannot know the history of every judge or competitor. If you believe that there is a person that will attend this tournament who we should not welcome onto our campus (or might interfere with your feeling safe attending the tournament) please contact Adam at your earliest convenience. Directors, please remember, you are *responsible* for the people that you bring to our campus.