

# TEACHING TOURNAMENT?

## FAQ

### WHY WE ARE STARTING IT:

We understand how hard it is to be an expert in every event, get the year started, and coach each individual student. That's why we put our heads together and stole an invaluable idea commonly used by the most dominant schools of collegiate forensics- teaching tournaments!

### HOW IT WORKS:

Instead of students running from round to round and then sitting long periods of time during tabulation, we offer everyone a round off and workshops from experts in each event. Students are highly encouraged (in fact, we recommend you make it mandatory as their coach) to use their round off to visit new events, and attend at least one workshop instead of waiting around during awards tabulation.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- State finalist alumni, collegiate state/national-champions, coaches, and communication professionals offering workshops to jump-start or enhance student's ability.
- A "red carpet" photo-booth with silly props and professional dress tips and an award going to best-dressed male and female at the end of the day.
- Trophies that are custom-designed and laser-cut at a local maker space creative lab (Katapult Engineering of Dillsburg, PA)
- Pot-luck style breakfast and lunch for all coaches and volunteers
- Local law offices, STEM employers, communications companies, and universities are sponsoring this event and are excellent future connections for students interested in taking their skills to the professional world.

### WHO WE ARE:

The West Shore Christian Academy team is growing fast. At a highschool with only about 100 students, we have about 25 students involved this year! Last year we had several state awards and hope to improve each year. We want other schools in the area to grow with us and share with each other best practices, strengthening the community through better communication.