



VHSL Region 5C 2018 Debate Tournament

Date:

Saturday — March 17, 2018

Schedule:

8:00—8:30 AM Registration
8:30—8:45 AM Coaches/Judges Meeting
9:15 AM Rounds/Sessions begin

Location:

[Broad Run High School](#)
21670 Ashburn Road
Ashburn, Virginia 20147

What to know—

- When and Where
- Deadlines
- Tabroom registration
- Judge Qualifications
- Judge Fees

DEADLINES

ENTRY FORM DUE
MARCH 9

TABROOM REGISTRATION
MARCH 9

CONGRESS LEGISLATION DUE
MARCH 9

Tournament Host & Directors:

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Director of Student Activities, Broad Run High School

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Coach, Broad Run High School Debate & Speech

Jim Dunning — james.dunning@lcps.org
Tournament Director

Entry Procedures:

- 1) [Region entry forms](#) must be completed and emailed to *both* Jim Dunning and Ryan Young no later than **8:00 pm on Friday, March 9.**
- 2) Competitors and judges must also be entered via the tournament [Tabroom website](#):
VHSL Region 5C Debate Tournament — <http://vhsl5cdebate.tabroom.com/>
Tabroom.com registration must also be completed by **Friday, March 9, 8:00 pm.**
- 3) Students are encouraged to create Tabroom.com accounts and link them to their team roster; this enables them to receive pairing via text and email, thus making for a speedier tournament.
- 4) Judges in Policy, LD, and Public Forum should also have Tabroom accounts linked to the team's Judge Roster. We will be using online balloting for those events — this fosters a smoother competition experience for all involved, as well as providing clearly formatted ballot feedback to your students. Please have them linked to your roster by **Friday, March 9, 8:00 pm.**

Please email Jim Dunning with any questions concerning Tabroom.com.

Events:

Student Congress:

Each student competing in Student Congress must submit a bill or resolution on one of the approved VHSL [Regional Congress Topics](#) (posted on the VHSL Congress website and here). This process must be done ONLINE, on the VHSL Student Congress website: http://www.instantaneous.com/VHSL_Congress/

The deadline for submission is Friday, 3/9/2018, 11:59:59 PM EST/EDT.

Regional Topics

- | <i>Domestic</i> | <i>International</i> | <i>Economic</i> | <i>Virginia</i> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DACA• Missile Defense | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S./Turkey Relations• U.S. Visa Process Reform | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eminent Domain• Pharmaceutical Regulations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vaccination Requirements• Taxes on items by classification |

Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, & Policy:

Topics used will be the standard March topics for each of the respective events.

Lincoln-Douglas: March/April topic:

Resolved: The United States ought to provide a universal basic income.

Public Forum: April topic:

Resolved: On balance, the current Authorization for Use of Military Force gives too much power to the president.

Policy: 2017-18 topic:

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

Eligibility:

Competitors must comply with VHSL eligibility requirements.

REMINDER: In order to participate each school must have a coach or school representative with the team during the tournament.

Judges:

Schools are required to bring at least one **qualified** judge for each event entered. Qualified judges are completely familiar with the goals and round format/structure of the event; judges in Policy and Lincoln-Douglas must have prior experience in the event being judged.

Judges are encouraged to use laptops for online ballots: this reduces delays and errors in rounds, as well as providing clearly formatted feedback to the students and coaches (phones should be used for timing).

Snacks and lunch will be provided to judges and coaches; a fee will be assessed to each school to cover the cost (amount to be determined once headcount is confirmed).

Student Concessions:

Lunch and snacks will be provided to students. We plan to provide pre-ordered catering and will communicate the process details in the next couple weeks.

Schedule/Rounds:

Registration is between 8:00–8:30 am. A Coaches & Judges meeting will occur around 8:45 am, and rounds/sessions should begin at 9:15. The number of competitors will determine the schedule and number of rounds/sessions. All determinations will be in accordance with the *VHSL Handbook and Regional Directors Kit*.

Awards:

Qualifications to Super-Regionals will be the top 3 Policy teams, top 3 Public Forum teams, top 4 Lincoln-Douglas debaters, and top 12 Student Congress representatives. The *VHSL Handbook and Regional Directors Kit* will be used in determining the top participants.

Team Champion:

For each event, teams are awarded sweepstakes points: 7 points for first place, 5 points for second place, 3 points for third place, 1 point for fourth place. The team with the greatest number of sweepstakes points in all events will be declared Region 5C Team Champion. If there is a tie, the number of firsts, seconds, and so forth will be used until the tie is broken.

Alternates/Substitutions:

One additional place beyond those qualified to the state tournament will be announced as an alternate for purposes of substitution (three in Congress). No additional alternates are allowed. Alternates are called-up in the event a qualifying competitor cannot attend the state tournament. A student should not participate if they cannot commit to going to the State Tournament.

Protests:

Protests must be filed on site within 60 minutes of the announced results. Schools that leave the site prior to the end of the review period forfeit the right to appeal the results (leaving behind a single adult representative fulfills this requirement).