



Lincoln Douglas Debate

Revised: December 4, 2008
Event Rules, Policies and Procedures
for The 2008 Princeton Classic

The resolution will be the November-December NFL Resolution.

Timings and Breaks

Both LD divisions will follow the 6-3- 7-3-4-6-3 format. Debaters will have 4 minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken based on record, adjusted points, total points, double-adjusted points, judge variance, opponents' record, and flip of a coin, in that order. The break will be to double-octafinals in Open and Novice LD debate.

Divisions

Students in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade with less than a year of debating experience, may enter Novice LD, but should also feel free to enter the Open Division. Students with more than two year's experience and those in 12th grade should enter Open Division LD. Any student who competed last year in JV or Novice LD last year should enter Open Division. We strongly encourage coaches to choose divisions with the educational purpose of debate in mind. That purpose is hurt if overqualified debaters compete in Novice. Students shouldn't enter Novice LD to "win trophies"; Novice LD is a learning division. To that purpose, Novice LD will not be counted toward Event or Grand Sweepstakes.

Speaker Points

Along with the decision, we also need Speaker Points for each debater. On a scale of 0-30): 30 (think of a grade point of A+) Best of the Day (given sparingly, if at all); 28-29 (grade point B) Good; 26-27 (grade point C) Average; 24-25 (grade point D) Improve. Half points are acceptable. Please give fewer points than these only in instances of improper behavior (which should be noted on the ballot).

Judging

Due to time constraints, we ask that no judges provide oral critique until the ballot has been returned to Tab. For the purpose of fairness, we ask that no judge disclose decisions until elimination rounds.

Judges in Open LD should be strongly qualified to judge Lincoln Douglas. There are a variety of approaches to LD, so we ask judges in Open LD to provide paradigms; schools may enter them on our website, under Event Rules. Please enter paradigms even if they are posted elsewhere. Paradigms will be made available on our website as we receive them. We want to ensure both the quality and quantity of our judging pool. The online system will explicitly ask you to request judge hires. Please request early; when our pool is exhausted, we will turn requests down. You may add judges to the tournament at any time, but judges dropped after registration is frozen, even if you have dropped students to compensate, will incur a fee. We'll also be asking for judge cell numbers on registration, if you have them. Please collect as many as you can from your judges. Princeton's campus is sprawling; being able to contact judges quickly and directly helps us stay on time. Schools whose judges fail to appear for an assigned round will be fined \$25 for a prelim or \$50 for an elim. Judges who are fined may work off the fine by judging rounds beyond their assignment. However, competitors from any school with outstanding fines will not advance to eliminations, nor may the school pick up awards or ballots.

Text us your round results!!!

We need your physical ballots back as quickly as possible after your rounds, but to keep the tournament moving quickly despite rounds taking place all over the campus, please text us your results in the following format to this number:

718.309.3609.

Format:

Aff code #pts
Neg code #pts
Winner (aff/neg)
LPW (if applicable)

Example 1:

Hogwarts HP 28
Wasilla SP 27
Aff

Example 2:

Bisonette TJ 30
Nighthen Day HB 27
Neg
LPW