CDA Novice Scrimmage

September 25, 2021

We will hold the Scrimmage entirely in Zoom. Attendance is small enough to fit in the available breakout rooms. This will allow Coaches to observe their Novice Debaters if they choose.

Parents may not attend the meeting simply to watch their children debate. Parents interested in learning how to judge are welcome to attend the demonstration debate in the morning but must leave the Zoom meeting before the practice debate rounds begin.

Tournament Procedure

Thursday and Friday Before the Tournament

All participants must (see below for technical details):
- have or install Zoom and update it to the latest version;
- have or create a Zoom ID;
- register for the Zoom meeting using their Zoom ID and the link below;
- have or create a Tabroom ID and be sure their Coach links that ID to their entry in the tournament.

We will check the Zoom registrations against the Tabroom registrations before approving them. Once approved, Zoom will send an email to the Zoom ID/email with a unique link giving that individual access to the Novice Scrimmage Zoom meeting on Saturday morning.

We will check Tabroom registrations to make sure students are linked properly. We will notify their Coach if they are not.

Saturday Tournament

- 8:30AM   Zoom meeting opens. Everyone should join before 9AM.
- 9:00AM   Tournament begins; resolution packet released.
- 9-9:30AM   Teams to breakout rooms to read and discuss the packet.
- 9:30-10:45AM   Demonstration debate.
- 10:45-11AM   Break
- 11-11:45AM   Teams to breakout room to finish case preparation. Judge workshop.
- 11:45-1:15PM   Practice Round 1
- 1:15-1:45PM   Lunch break
- 1:45-3:15PM   Practice Round 2
- 3:15-3:30PM   Closing comments

During case preparation (9-9:30AM and 11-11:45AM) each school will have access to a Zoom breakout room for all their debaters to read and discuss the packet, and to work on their cases. A school may use another facility if they choose.

The practice debates will be held in Zoom breakout room, one for each debate.

Technical Requirements

1. All participants--debaters, judges, coaches, observers-- will need Zoom installed on their device. See page 8 of the CDA Online Procedures Guide for information on how to install Zoom.
2. If Zoom is already installed, please be sure it is the latest version. Start Zoom, click on the user icon in the upper right corner, and select "Check for Updates".
3. All participants must have a Zoom id/email. See page 8-9 of the CDA Online Procedures Guide for information on how to create a Zoom id.
4. All participants must register for the Zoom meeting using their Zoom ID and the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIld-CorjIuHNwZ95l4i51a6WByOn2PBKxW Once they register and I approve their registration, they will receive an email with a unique link to the meeting on Saturday morning. This link cannot be shared or used by anyone other than the person who registered.
5. All debaters, student judges and coaches will need a Tabroom ID linked to their entry. See page 9 of the CDA Online Procedures Guide for information on how to install Google's Chrome browser and create Tabroom ID. (Even though we are not using Tabroom/Campus rooms to debate, they will need access to Tabroom to see their debating and judging assignments.)
6. Each debate team must have a "back channel" so they can communicate during the debate while the other team is speaking, unless the two debaters are in the same location sharing a connection. Communication can be though cell phones, a chat function, shared document, etc.

For a thorough discussion of online debate and useful technical information, see the CDA Online Procedures Guide . Due to the size of the tournament, we are using Zoom for all Scrimmage activities this year. The Guide explains how we will operate at our monthly tournaments starting in October.