

2023 SMCHS/IVC Debate Invitational

May 13, 2023

Welcome to the 14th annual “**2023 SMCHS/IVC Debate Invitational.**” We wish to express our appreciation to our hosts: ***The Irvine Valley College Debate Team and Santa Margarita Catholic High School.*** As always, the purpose of this tournament is to provide students with an opportunity to debate with their peers on a topic, which is both significant and controversial.

- Events:** PF Debate: Open Public Forum (Elementary, Middle, and High School)
LD Debate: Open Lincoln Douglas (Middle, and High School)
- Divisions:** Elementary, Middle School, High School
- Topics:** NSDA PF Topic (April 2023) - ***Resolved: The United States federal government should ban the collection of personal data through biometric recognition technology.***
- NSDA LD Topic (March-April 2023) - ***Resolved: The Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ought to be term-limited.***

Tournament Information

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Date: May 13, 2023 (Saturday)

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| Schedule: | 08:00-08:30 am | Registration |
| | 08:10-08:30 am | Mandatory Orientation for Competitors (& Judges) |
| | 08:30-09:30 am | Debate Round 1 (PF, LD - Preset) |
| | 09:30-10:30 am | Debate Round 2 (PF, LD - Preset) |
| | 11:00-12:00 pm | Debate Round 3 (PF, LD – Power Matched) |
| | 12:00-12:40 pm | Lunch (Provided for Debaters and Judges only) |
| | | Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. |
| | 12:40-01:40 pm | Debate Round 4 (PF, LD - Power Matched) |
| | 02:20 pm | Award Ceremony |

Location: **Santa Margarita Catholic High School**
Address: 22062 Antonio Pkwy, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Fees: \$60 School Fee (includes judges)
\$50 per individual (includes lunch)
Please make checks payable to “MLA” (or Magnet Learning Academy)

Awards: 1st-8th place teams in each of the three divisions.
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Registration:

1. Enter your school's teams using <http://www.forensicstournament.net/>
2. Entries must be submitted by 5 pm, May 10, 2023. Any drops or substitutions must be submitted by 5 pm, May 11, 2023. All entries are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

NSDA RULES

NSDA Rules for Public Forum Debate will be followed, except for whatever has been contradicted in this invitation, the tournament website, or the information packet written for this tournament.

Debate Rules (NSDA Rules)

NSDA Rules for Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas Debate will be followed, except for whatever has been contradicted in this invitation, the tournament website, or the information packet written for this tournament.

Public Forum Debate:

We will follow NSDA rules: 4-4-3-4-4-3-2-2-3-2-2 with 2 minutes of preparation time.

Lincoln Douglas Debate:

We will follow the standard high school NSDA rules: 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 with 4 minutes of preparation time.

Eligibility

This tournament is unrestricted, so technically anyone of the appropriate grade level can enter the tournament regardless of experience; however, many of our competitors will have limited debate experience. In the future, we will attempt to separate by both grade level and experience. Currently, we do NOT offer a “novice” division. For this tournament, there will be three “open” debate completion levels: **Elementary Division** (grades 4-6), **Middle School Division** (grades 7-8), and **High School Division** (grades 9-12).

Evidence is encouraged!

Students can bring ANY research materials with them and are allowed to read from printed materials. As per the tournament invite, this is a tournament that uses the public forum topic and the public forum format but with a more academic focus than is typical. Thus, the expectation is that in-depth, evidence-based debates SHOULD occur, but teams are not encouraged to just read pages of evidence without providing some context or organization to their speeches.

No Electronic Retrieval or Coaching During Debate Rounds

Do not access the internet, nor accept coaching during the actual debate rounds (after and/or between debate rounds is perfectly acceptable). This includes the use of social media, calling coaches/friends, etc. Anyone caught using the internet or accepting coaching while the debate round is in progress will be severely reprimanded and may be ***dropped from the tournament without a refund***. If you observe anyone using the internet to do research or to solicit advice from friends (or coaches) while the debate is taking place, please report those individuals to your teacher/coach or to the tournament staff.

Changes to the Judging Form

The judge's ballot will be slightly altered so that each debater receives an individual score, in addition to the team score. We will be awarding speaker awards in addition to team awards, which would not be possible without modifying the ballot. This is a minor change, which will not directly impact the students' actual debating.