

ARTICLE XXXVI Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Section 1. Entries.

Clause 1. Each school membership may enter six debaters.

Clause 2. The entry fee for Lincoln-Douglas Debate will be twenty dollars (\$20) per entry. If more than 85 entries are received in Lincoln-Douglas, it will be divided into two separate pods and they will be divided by the numbers of entries starting with the largest schools and then going down the list. When the pod is at half, then the second pod will start. This will happen after all entries are received. If a school enters late, their entry will be placed in the pod that is within their enrollment.

Section 2. Selections and Materials (Question for Debate). The State Office will mail the question for debate to entering schools upon receipt of registration materials. The January-February question from the NFL will be used.

Section 3. Length

Clause 1. The time limit and order of speaking will be as follows:

Affirmative	-----6 min. constructive
Negative	-----3 min. cross examination
Negative	-----7 min. constructive
Affirmative	-----3 min. cross examination
Affirmative	-----4 min. rebuttal
Negative	-----6 min. rebuttal
Affirmative	-----3 min. rebuttal

Clause 2. Each side will be allowed a total of four minutes preparation time during the debate. If either side goes over its allotted time of four minutes, the overtime will come out of the debater's next speech.

Section 4. Preparation and Presentation.

Clause 1. Each debater must be prepared to debate both sides of the question. No substitutions will be allowed after the tournament begins. If a debater becomes sick after the round has begun, the judge will allow a ten minute break before declaring the round a forfeit.

Clause 2. On-Line registration will be completed no later than Wednesday, three and one half weeks prior to the date of the tournament and the fees will be mailed to the State Office.

Clause 3. Dates and sites will be determined by the State Office. Pairings will be set by the Tournament Manager.

Clause 4. Each school must provide a qualified Lincoln-Douglas judge for every three (or part thereof) debaters entered. Judges must be available for a minimum of one round after all Lincoln-Douglas entries from that school have been eliminated. If a school cannot provide enough judges, the fee will be two hundred dollars (\$200) for each judge not provided. If deemed qualified by the Tournament Manager, judges furnished by the schools may be assigned to other areas of competition. Students who are first year judges just out of high school will be allowed to judge if deemed qualified by the tournament manager. These judges may represent their own school or the IHSSA as a hired judge. An individual must contact the division manager to get the approval for this judge before they are allowed to use the student. A judge experience/preference form will be required from each judge prior to judging the State Debate Tournament. These forms will be included in the State Entry Mailing.

Clause 5. The consolation match for 3rd and 4th place will no longer take place. The runner up in each semifinal match will be given 3rd place points.

Clause 6. All debaters will compete in five preliminary rounds. If there are sufficient numbers of entries, rounds 3, 4, and/or 5 may be power matched. After the 5th round, all debaters with a 5-0, 4-1, or 3-2 record could advance to elimination rounds. 20 - 32 entries = 8 teams advance to quarter finals, over 33 - 60 entries = 16 teams will advance to octo finals. 3 schools must be in the division to qualify for sweepstakes points. Pairings will be high versus low. If debaters from the same school are meeting, the coach from that school may have them debate or may (before the end of that round) tell the Tournament Manager which debater will advance. If a bye is necessary, the debater with the best record from the preliminary rounds will receive it. However, no debater may receive more than one bye during elimination rounds. Additional debaters may be added to elimination rounds at the discretion of the Tournament Manager. Elimination will have panels of three judges. L-D will use double-flight mode as long as deemed necessary by the division manager. No congress judges will be used in elimination round panels unless they have completed a judge experience form.

Clause 7. Results of the preliminary rounds will be posted before the elimination rounds are set. Ballots will be available after the results have been posted or announced. Oral disclosure of the winner in Policy and L-D will take place in all elimination rounds.

Clause 8. Appropriate awards will be given.

Clause 9. Falsification of evidence will be handled as follows: If evidence is questioned by the opposing debater, a protest must be filed with a member of the Debate Committee or the Executive Committee prior to the start of the next round. The debater protesting must document the protest by some original source (including handbooks). If the evidence is deemed false by those members present from the Debate Committee or the Executive Committee, the team which used the falsified evidence will lose the questioned round.

Clause 10. The IHSSA State Debate Tournament is a public event, governed by the rules and regulations of the IHSSA. All rounds and events are open to observers. Observers are allowed to flow or take notes during any event provided they are not disruptive.

Clause 11. Competitors may record during the rounds for use in that round. All recordings must be destroyed following the round.

Clause 12. Contestants may use electronic devices (including laptop computers, tablets, and/or cell phones) to access the internet during Lincoln-Douglas sessions with the following conditions:

- a. Computers or other electronic devices may not be used to receive information for competitive advantage from non-competitors (coaches, assistant coaches, other non-competing students) inside or outside of the room in which the competition occurs.
- b. Internet access may be used to retrieve files, exchange evidence and/or arguments, research arguments, and communication with the other participant in the round. These electronic device guidelines do not limit communication between debate partners during the debate round.

Clause 13. If students are suspected of violating these rules a protest must be filed with the Contest Manager prior to the start of the next round. If the student is found in violation of the rule, they will lose the round in question.

Clause 14. Coaches and observers are not allowed to confront judges, but instead direct concerns to the designated Ombudsman of the Tournament.

CASEBOOK

Questions - Answers

1. Q. If our school has both a senior and junior membership, how many debaters may we enter?
A. You could enter 6 debaters. However, all of the debaters on the junior entry must be ninth graders and none of the debaters on the senior high entry may be ninth graders. Each membership will be treated as a separate school.
2. Q. Does each student debate both sides during the tournament?
A. Yes, this is switch-side debate.