



Dear Debate Coach,

Wheeling High School would like to invite you to **ICDA V**, a **Tournament of Champions Qualifier and Invitational tournament**, on **January 25, 2020**.

ENTRIES: Registration is due at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17th. The only changes allowed after this date will be drops or substitutions.

Reminder: Subs may only fill a vacancy you have; and, this tournament is OPEN (NO JV/Varsity), which means that you may not sub a TOC debater for an Invitational one or vice versa.

The Oversight Committee will determine placement into either the TOC or invitational based upon number of nominations throughout the regular season for ICDA competitors. Out-of-State competitors and non-ICDA schools may enter 4 students into TOC chambers.

The TOC Chamber Qualifier list will be posted under "TOC Chamber Qualifiers."

Enter students as for a normal tournament - the Oversight Committee will automatically shift students into the TOC chambers, if they are eligible, after you commit to their registration.

Fees: Fees are \$9 per entry and will be based on your original registration numbers. Please make all checks payable to **Wheeling High School**. You will be charged this fee whether your students attend or not once the registration deadline (1/17/20 @ 5PM) occurs.

Judging: When registering your judges, please use judge names when possible. One judge is required for every 10 debaters. 11-20 debaters require 2 judges, etc.

SPECIAL TOC JUDGE REQUIREMENTS:

1. If you have at least one student who registers and qualified for a TOC Chamber, you must add one more judge to your total required number of judges.
2. Your TOC Judge (see above) must be an actual coach. TOC Judges must be entered to the Google doc by actual name (and add "TOC" in the Notes field).

Judges for the TOC will be assigned by name. Judges for the Invitational will be assigned by school. We will place specific judges into the TOC chambers. Due to the nature of the

dual tournament, judges may be assigned to both TOC and invitational. Please check both judging assignments to ascertain your responsibilities.

You will be assigned judges based upon these criteria, whether your students attend or not, once the registration deadline (1/17/20 @ 5PM) occurs.

Legislation: Legislation is posted on the ICDA web page (<http://icdadebate.org/leg/packets/ICDA%205%20legislation.pdf>); it was due with registration for the ICDA 4 tournament. TOC and Invitational participants will debate this legislation. TOC Final round participants will debate three pieces of legislation selected by the ICDA Oversight Committee. These three bills will be selected from the ICDA 5 legislation packet. They will be announced the morning of the tournament. They will only be debated in round 3 of TOC chambers (these three pieces of legislation may be debated in any round of the Open chambers). There are no authorship speeches in any session in the TOC division.

Chamber Pairings: As usual, all chamber assignments will be random. Debaters will be equally distributed. Approximately 60 debaters with the highest number of nominations at the previous four invitational ICDA tournaments will compete in the TOC chambers and any out-of-state entries that wish to enter into these chambers. Both TOC and Invitational Chambers will be paired randomly, but TOC chambers will be paired randomly by qualifiers only.

Food: Breakfast and lunch will be available. There will be no Captain's meeting. Pizza orders must be paid for on arrival Saturday morning. Please click the Pizza Order Link for more details. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase in the student cafeteria during the day. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided in the library for coaches and judges.

Student pizzas are 16", and will be cut into 8 slices for \$15 per pizza. Pizzas available are Cheese, Sausage, or Pepperoni. Pizza orders need to be submitted by Friday, January 17th at 5:00 PM. Payment for pizzas will be taken during registration on Saturday morning.

Location:

Wheeling High School
900 S. Elmhurst Rd.
Wheeling, IL 60090

Parking/Drop Off: Buses should park in the back lot and use Door #29 for entrance. Once in the building, the Cafeteria is on the right. Coaches should register their teams at the tables in the main lobby at Door #29. The coaches' lounge will be in the library.

- For questions regarding rules or the ICDA, please email Tim Waters - ICDA President at tim.waters@d214.org.
- For questions about this specific tournament, please email Adriana Soto - Tournament Host at adriana.soto@d214.org
- For questions regarding registration or technology, please email Peter Dong at pdong@imsa.edu

ICDA – Tournament of Champions Congressional Debate Qualifier Frequently Asked Questions

What is The Tournament of Champions?: The Tournament of Champions serves as a competitive forum for the nation’s very best Congressional, Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, and Policy debaters. A public service of the University of Kentucky Student Forum and Henry Clay Debate Council, the TOC strives to offer the national high school debate community the highest quality judging, impartial tournament officials, and a friendly, congenial atmosphere. The tournament will occur on April 27-29 on the University of Kentucky campus in Lexington, Kentucky.

What does an ICDA-TOC Qualifier earn?: The top six students at the qualifying portion of the ICDA-TOC qualifying tournament will receive one bid to the TOC in Kentucky. Debaters must have two bids to qualify for the TOC. If a debater or team has only one bid, they may submit an application for an at-large entry. Please find information regarding other qualifying tournaments and forms at: <http://ukdebate.wikispaces.com/Invitation>

Which ICDA Debaters are eligible?: The students who have accumulated the most number of nominations during the ICDA invitational season will automatically enter the TOC Qualifier. The ICDA Oversight Committee will make this determination as soon as registration is complete for the Wheeling ICDA 5 tournament. Students do not have the option of opting out of the TOC chambers if they are qualified.

What do the TOC Chambers look like?: Three chambers will be TOC Qualifier semi-final chambers. An attempt will be made to equally distribute students from the same school in semi-final chambers. ICDA invitational rules will apply in TOC Qualifier chambers. Three judges will score speeches in semi-final chambers. Seven (7) students per chamber will advance to the Final Chamber.

Who breaks to TOC Finals? At the end of the semi-final sessions the judges will rank the students by preferential ballot one through eight (1-8) with all others receiving a nine (9). That will provide six judges ballots. The students who break will be determined by a

numerical ranking of the debaters. Ties will be broken using average speaker score followed by number of sixes (6), fives (5).

What happens to a TOC Debater who does not advance to TOC Finals? Those debaters who do not break to the final chamber will be redistributed into two chambers to continue debating during the third session. The rules and point calculations will continue as per ICDA rules. Each new chamber will elect a presiding officer. These debaters are eligible to receive 1st, 2nd, 3rd place speaker awards. Their points will count towards a School Sweepstakes Award.

What does the TOC Final Chamber look like? The final chamber will consist of 21 students selected from the semi-final chambers. The posting of these students will be made as soon as possible after the conclusion of the second session. ICDA invitational rules apply to the final chamber. A coach will serve as presiding officer and choose speakers based on a pre-determined, randomized order of debaters. Three judges will be assigned to the chamber and will rank debaters during the session. The top six students will be determined by a numerical ranking of the students by the judges. Each of the top six qualifiers will receive one bid for the Tournament of Champions in May. They will be announced at the awards ceremony.

Who wins an award? All of the students who participate in the ICDA-TOC Final Chamber will earn an award. The top six students will receive an additional award to recognize their achievement. Debaters in TOC round 3 consolation chambers will receive awards for first, second, third place speaker based on judge preferential ballots from round three.

How does a school win a Sweepstakes Award?: Small team and large team Sweepstakes awards (1st-3rd) will be calculated for the ICDA 5 tournament as per ICDA Invitational Rules. Sweepstakes will be calculated across combined Invitational and TOC chambers, rounds 1-3.