

Debate Colleagues,

On behalf of the Illinois State Forensics Union, I cordially invite you to participate in the 1st Annual Lincoln-Douglas Redbird Debate Swing, to be held on the Illinois State University Campus November 8th and 9th, 2014. The weekend will be comprised of two tournaments with 4 preliminary rounds each in both a Novice and Open division. For the purpose of this tournament, novice will be designated as a student that does not have 2 semesters of debate experience in college or high school.

Programs are welcome to participate in a one or two day schedule. Each program must cover at least 50% of their entry to ensure that the judging pool is diverse and qualified. Additionally, in an effort to increase the quality of the judging pool we are offering one free slot per clean judge above a team’s commitment (this must be a judge that can judge your students). We recognize that there is a lot of talent in the MidWest that we do not have contact information for; therefore, we will pay that judge if you assist in getting them hired above your commitment in addition to offering your team a free entry slot.

The top 5 speakers will be awarded each half of the swing. Furthermore, the top 3 speakers of the swing will be awarded. The overall speaker awards are named after Howard C. Nelson, a member of the Illinois State University debate team in the 1920s. Mr. Nelson was a committed member of the team, and the speaker awards are awarded in his honor and to continue the legacy of competitive debate at Illinois State University.

Furthermore, we will offer awards for all advancing debaters at each half of the swing. The tournament will break all winning records to corresponding out-rounds. The novice division will be collapsed into open division if there are fewer than 7 entries. However, the top novice speaker and top novice will be recognized at awards for each half of the tournament.

FEES

$35 per covered LD entry (1 judge covers 2 debaters) per tournament

$100 per uncovered LD entry (This is the $35 entry fee + $65 uncovered fee) per tournament

ENTRIES DUE:

5:00 pm (CST) Monday, November 3, 2014. Mark your calendars!

Any adds or drops after Wednesday, November 5th will be assessed a $10 additional fee.

Please send all entries to sjcarl3@ilstu.edu

MEALS:

There is plenty of food available on and around campus. There will be a listing of restaurants available at the tournament.

Please direct any questions and entries to sjcarl3@ilstu.edu

Looking forward to seeing you in November,

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