

January 2023

Greetings Illinois Coaches--

We are looking forward to connecting with you and your debaters for this year's **In-person IHSA State Debate Championships. March 16-18, 2022 at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois (Congressional, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum Debate)** and the **University of Chicago Laboratory School in Chicago, Illinois (Policy Debate only)**. Dates for the tournament shall be March 17-18, 2023. Team check-ins will take place online only via [ihsa.tabroom.com](http://ihsa.tabroom.com) on Thursday, March 16, 2022.



You can find important information about the IHSA State Championship Debate Tournament on the [IHSA website](#). Make sure to check out any changes in the [Terms and Conditions](#).

Here's a review of some important information:

- The tournament this school year will again be **in person**.
- We will be using Tabroom (<http://ihsa.tabroom.com>) for registration in all events. Make sure all participants--including judges--have Tabroom.com accounts.
- Schools may submit one bill in each category as noted in "Legislation Assignments." Please submit your legislation on [ihsa.tabroom.com](http://ihsa.tabroom.com) by the **end of the day on February 3, 2023**. Note that Tabroom requires there to be at least one Congress entry in order for you to submit legislation. (You can add a student, submit the legislation, and remove the student again if you want.) Please contact Peter Dong ([pdong@imsa.edu](mailto:pdong@imsa.edu)), Rachael Krulewich ([rkrulewich@d211.org](mailto:rkrulewich@d211.org)) or Tim Waters ([tim.waters@d214.org](mailto:tim.waters@d214.org)) with questions.
  - [Legislation Assignments](#)
  - [Resolution Template](#)
  - [Bill Template](#)
- Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas [topics](#) will be released by the National Speech and Debate Association on February 1, 2023 on NSDA's "Current Topics" page.
- As in previous years, first year out debaters can judge for your school in PF, LD, and Policy.
- All judges must be qualified per the [Terms and Conditions](#) to judge Varsity level Debate for their assigned divisions.
- The tournament does not offer hired judges to meet quotas. All entries must be covered by qualified judges provided by the competing school.
- Congress legislation will be posted on the IHSA website ASAP in early February.
- Registration opens on January 23rd at [ihsa.tabroom.com](http://ihsa.tabroom.com)
- Registration closes at midnight on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. No additions can be made and your school's entry fee obligations will be frozen after that date.
- You can make name changes on Tabroom through Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 11:00 AM.
- Make checks payable to IHSA. Please mail your checks to: Illinois High School Association (IHSA) 2715 McGraw Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704. Checks should be mailed as close to the tournament date as possible and may be received after the tournament.
- Tournament check-in will be on Thursday, March 16, from 6 to 9 p.m via [ihsa.tabroom.com](http://ihsa.tabroom.com) only. Please reach out to the State Final Manager if this is a concern.

If you have any other questions or concerns, contact Brenda Moreno and Martin Zacharia, IHSA State Final Managers, at [bmoreno@d211.org](mailto:bmoreno@d211.org) and [marzac@d219.org](mailto:marzac@d219.org).