

# SCISA STATE DEBATE Rules and Regulations

- Registration is limited to the first 16 teams per division.
- Each school may bring 2 teams per division
- “Teams” are PFD (Public Forum Debate) structure: 2-man team (names submitted at a later time).
- Each school may bring two teams per division: 2 middle school, 2 novice, 2 varsity
- Each school is required to bring a judge. For every two teams, the school must bring 1 additional judge.
- HS Only - Novice - For those who are new and/or have only competed in debate for one or two years(no more than 2). - Varsity - Any high school student that has been selected by the coach as ready to compete on the advanced level. MANDATED FOR ALL 3rd and 4th YEAR DEBATERS.
- The following will be sent to registered schools in January:
  - Judging Criteria
  - Ballots
  - Meal order forms
  - School code/ID number
  - Pre-order form of tournament t-shirts
- No coaches or observers allowed in room with debaters while competing.
- All debaters, coaches and judges must report back to designated area after debating.
- NO student, judge or coach (anyone affiliated with the debate) is allowed in the tabulation room AT ANY TIME due to possible compromise to the integrity of the tournament.
- No electronic devices allowed during this event.
- Cell phones are not to be used, seen or heard during the debate – any violation will result in immediate disqualification.
- Registration is from 8:00 – 8:30.
- Round 1 begins promptly at 9:00 – late team arrivals will not be allowed to participate.
- The Awards ceremony will be livestreamed on SCISATV.NET
- **There are no audiences for the debates.**

**Due to the immense amount of preparation behind hosting such a tournament with individual schools, students and rounds, we must implement fines:**

- Schools may not withdraw a team without a \$100.00 fine after \_\_\_\_\_.
- Should there be a change in the names of a team, that information may be altered without penalty until \_\_\_\_\_.
- Should there be an unexpected circumstance, unless the school brings a substitute team, the school will be fined the \$100.00 penalty.
- In the event that such an unfortunate situation arises and a sub-team is brought, the school’s coordinator MUST inform of this substitution AT REGISTRATION that morning.