

One-Stop Shop Chicago Debates Volunteers

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Note: This document is a compilation of all resources and information provided for volunteers. By no means do you need to read everything linked here. This is meant to be a helpful and easy to navigate resource and will be continually updated with the most relevant information. Reach out to Lauren if any of the links are broken or restricted.

Resource Category	Resource Details and Additional Links
	Getting Started
Volunteer Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer Application must be completed every year before you can register for a tournament
Tournament Sign-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All tournaments will be listed on this page. If you do not see a tournament listed it the tournament is either full or yet to be posted. Reach out to Lauren if you don't see what you're looking for. When registering for the tournament you will do it on a per round basis. You will select how many rounds you'd like to judge when registering for a tournament. This will make up your volunteer shift. Rounds/shifts range from one to two hours.
Tournament Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tournament calendar for the 2022-23 season. Subject to change. Locations for in-person tournaments will be added as they are confirmed If a tournament will be entirely remote, the site will be listed as virtual
Background Check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To volunteer with Chicago Debates you must have an active background check on file. You can submit your background check for Chicago Debates through this link. Chicago Debates will cover the cost of the background check.
Payment Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W9: You must submit a W9 once per season in order to receive payment. This only needs to be sent in once a school year. Optional Direct Deposit: If you are over 18 and would like to receive direct deposit payment for your stipend, you will need to complete this authorization form Stipend Form: After a tournament is complete you will need

	to submit this form in order to receive payments. Stipends are opt in only. You will not automatically receive payment unless you request it via this form. Any stipend not collected is considered a donation back to the organization.
Code of Conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By volunteering with Chicago Debates, you agree to uphold the volunteer guidelines as outlined in the code of conduct.
Available Volunteer Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All available volunteer roles at Chicago Debates. Some require previous debate experience. Community Coach Application
Training Resources	
Google Classroom Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone new to judging policy debate (including current debaters) will need to complete our self-paced new volunteer training before they can officially volunteer. If you need a transcript of the materials or are having issues accessing the course, reach out to lhince@chicagodebates.org.
Tabroom Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navigating the online balloting platform we'll use on tournament day Set-up Guide E-Balloting Guide
Flowing Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flowing is a system of note-taking in debate. Learning this skill will help keep your notes organized and make decisions easier. Flowing Training Deck Flowing template for Policy Flowing template for Public Forum
Tournament Resources	
Virtual Tournament Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual tournaments are run on Zoom. This guide will show you how to navigate a virtual debate tournament.
2022-23 Policy Resolution Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview on the policy debate topic for the 2022-23 season. Note: there are variations on the resolution depending on the grade level.
Judges Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everything you need to know about being a good debate judge and volunteer. Reference this for material that was also covered in training.
FAQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common questions for new volunteers as well as common questions surrounding tournaments.
Tournament Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policies to be aware of as a judge that are specific to

	Chicago Debates.
Speech Order and Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guides for the order, times, and purpose of each speech in a debate round. Make sure you select the right guide. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High School Policy Speech Times Middle School Policy Speech Times Public Forum Speech Times
Policy Core Files	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A comprehensive evidence packet the students will use to debate. As a judge you do not need to have read the core files or come in with any outside knowledge on the topic. This is included for your reference. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Middle School High School
Policy Argument Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limitations on arguments and evidence students are able to use from the core files. Limits are determined by tournament are meant to help progress students through the material. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue and Silver Conference Red and Maroon Conference Grant Park Conference Lake Michigan and Chicago River Conference
Public Forum Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guide to Public Forum debate including speech order, times, and goals of the round. Note: We do not flip for sides in our league. Pro will always speak first and Con will always speak second.
Tournament Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A list of items you should remember to pack before the tournament.