



1AC-CESSIBILITY Exhibition Tournament for Inclusion

You are invited to participate in the 1AC-CESSIBILITY Exhibition Tournament for Inclusion! 1AC-CESSIBILITY is a community organization created by speech and debate alumni with the purpose of making the activity more accessible and equitable for disabled participants. This tournament is an incredibly unique opportunity to take part in an innovative experience that employs the changes our organization wants to see in the activity, and it is totally free to enter for all high schoolers and middle schoolers! You do not need to be disabled to participate.

Given that this tournament will operate fairly uniquely, we recommend reading the entirety of the invite.

Purpose

1AC-CESSIBILITY wants to see a lot of change from speech and debate organizations. We want to show them that the changes we want are not only possible, but provide a better experience for all participants. This exhibition tournament will hopefully catch the attention of governing organizations and prove to them that our vision for change is worth working towards.

When

August 7- August 8, 2021

Where

Online, NSDA Campus

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Events Offered

Original Oratory (Original Advocacy is welcome here as well)
Collapsed Interpretation (Humorous, Dramatic, Oratorical, Program, and Duo together)
Impromptu

Lincoln Douglas Debate (March-April topic, tournament-provided cases available, no prep necessary!)

Registration

Thanks to a grant from the Social Innovation and Public Service Fund, registration is free. You can register for the tournament at <http://1accessibilitytournament.tabroom.com> This is an event for high school students and middle school students. Each student is only allowed to register for one event maximum, there will be no double entries. Independent entries welcome.

All entries must fill out the [Media Release Form](#) and the [Participant Form](#) before competition.

Last day to register entries: 8/5
Last day to register judges: 8/5

Schedule

Speech

Day One

Round one- 11 am EST / 8 am PST
Round two- 3:30 pm EST / 12:30 pm PST

Day Two

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Round three- 1:30 pm EST / 10:30 am PST
Finals- 6 pm EST / 3 pm PST

Debate

Day One

Round one-1 pm EST / 10 am PST
 Flight one: 12 pm EST/ 9 am PST
 Flight two: 1 pm EST/ 10 am PST
Round two- 5 pm EST /2 pm PST
 Flight one: 3 pm EST/ 12 pm PST
 Flight two: 4 pm EST/ 1 pm PST

Day Two

Round three- 11 am EST / 8 am PST
 Flight one: 11 am EST/ 8 am PST
 Flight two: 12 pm EST/ 9 am PST
Round four- 3 pm EST / 12 pm PST
 Flight one: 3 pm EST/ 12 pm PST
 Flight two: 4 pm EST/ 1pm PST
Finals- 6 pm EST / 3 pm PST

Awards

As soon as possible. Note: we do not have trophies, but we will email certificates! Champions will receive a personalized letter of thanks.

Judging

For speech: To enter, you must provide one judge for every six entries. If you are registering less than six entries, you must provide one judge. For debate: To enter, you must provide one judge for every two entries. If you are registering less than six entries, you must provide one judge.

If you are unable to find a judge, email us at one.ac.cessible@gmail.com by 7/30.

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Judges must complete judge training by viewing the powerpoint [here](#).

Accommodations / Participant Form

Every entrant **MUST** fill out the Participant Form which asks about accommodations. That form can be found [here](#). Even if you do not believe you will need accommodations, you need to fill out the form.

Note on ASL interpreters: This tournament is funded through an extremely limited grant. ASL interpreters are expensive and we are in need of volunteers to interpret at this event. If you or someone you know is interested in helping 1AC-CESSIBILITY, please email one.ac.cessible@gmail.com. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to provide ASL interpreters if you need one, but we will try our best. Thank you.

Incident Reporting

We are taking incident reporting very seriously and will not tolerate statements, gestures, and other actions meant to foster any kind of inequity, harassment and/or harm.

To report an incident, [fill out this Google Form](#). You can report incidents anonymously. Remedies to incidents may include apology/mediation, written explanation of the incident forwarded to all responsible adults, expulsion, or something else. If you would feel more comfortable talking to someone in Tabroom, entries are allowed to enter the online meeting space to report an incident or request support this way as well. Upon entry, just alert tournament staff to your presence and two staff members will create a breakout room to talk about the problem.

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The process of reporting an incident is as follows: 1) submission of the form 2) receipt of the form by the tournament directors 3) contact of parties mentioned, if possible and necessary, for further information 4) discussion by tournament directors 5) dissemination of remedy 6) if you are unsatisfied with the remedy, feel free to reach out to Alanna at amc533@georgetown.edu for further discussion.

What Is Different About This Tournament

Cost

It is free to enter!

Accommodations

We have a standardized process for requesting, approving, and implementing accommodations. All entries will be *encouraged* to request accommodations if they feel they need them. All requests will be reviewed by the tournament directors and the entry (and parent of entry) will be notified of approval on a rolling basis and as soon as possible. No medical documentation will be required or submitted. Judges will be notified of a participant's accommodations via email, if necessary.

Spreading

Spreading will be allowed at this tournament, however, we ask that if you are going to spread, that you get permission from your opponent to spread before the round starts. With the understanding that several disabilities make spreading infeasible, we ask that all debate participants have a version of their case to read that is an appropriate length for non-spreading speeds. Spreading has the ability to provide an exciting challenge in some aspects which is why 1AC will not discourage the practice on the whole, we just want to acknowledge that non-spreading debates are equally competitively valuable and may be necessary.

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Sitting

Participants may be seated while giving all speeches in both speech and debate. The chair is not to be used as a prop and should not be moved during the speech. The idea here is not to prioritize mobility in competitive success.

Memorization

Participants do not have to have their speeches memorized for Collapsed Interp, Original Oratory, or Impromptu. Judges will be instructed not to take off any points for not being memorized unless it significantly distracts from the performance. This makes this the perfect place to test out new speeches for the upcoming season!

Tournament Provided Cases

We want to make this tournament as stress-free and equitable as possible. We will be providing generic cases and evidence for all participants to use at our website here: <https://www.1ac-cessibility.com/tournament>

Scoring

Speech has a new scoring system to cut down on hyper competitive culture: performance points.

This is a new primary scoring system. The winners will primarily be decided on a scale of 1-10 performance points. These do not reflect entrants' worth as people, their intellect, or their potential as speechies. These are only a method of competitive scoring and nothing more.

Students in a round MAY tie for performance points. We want to decrease the direct comparison of competitors to avoid motivating people to believe others in-round are "doing poorly" in order to believe they themselves did a good job.

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Comparative rankings

Judges will assign ranks 1st-last for each round in case of a need for a secondary tiebreaker.

Ties

- 1-cumulative performance points for the highest total
- 2-cumulative comparative round rankings for the lowest total
- 3-who had the competitive edge earlier in the day
- 4-true tie

Breaks

We have designed the schedule intentionally to give all participants time in between rounds to rest.

Redo Rounds

The purpose of a redo round is to resolve equity concerns. It is common that competitors may suddenly feel extremely unwell during a round or an incident will occur that significantly affects their performance. If you had a round that you feel did not go well because of unexpected feelings of unwellness or discrimination, feel free to participate in redo rounds.

You will redo the round and Tabroom will disappear the round you want dropped to the best of our ability. A maximum of one round can be redone at this tournament. Let the tabroom know IMMEDIATELY if you feel you want a redo round. To request a redo round, email one.ac.cessible@gmail.com with the subject REDO ROUND [YOUR NAME] with a very brief explanation of why you need the redo round. *The latest a request for a redo round can be accommodated is thirty minutes after the round ended, with exception of the last round. The last round must be requested immediately due to elimination rounds. These will not be available for elimination rounds.*

If your event is a speech, you will be asked to upload a recording of your speech and we will have a judge assign you performance points. Since there will be no one to compare with, you will not have a comparative ranking. In

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the event of a tie, your ranking from the round you are redoing would be used.

If you are in debate, we will try our best to find another entry in the same event willing to do another round. If we cannot track down another person, you will submit a recording of the one speech (per partner if applicable) and you will receive new speaker points but keep your win/loss.

Good Citizen Awards

At this tournament, if you feel another competitor has been kind to you or had a particularly moving, thoughtful, and meaningful speech, fill out [this Google form](#), letting us know what they did. You cannot nominate people from your own team. The entry will receive a Good Citizen Award. The name of the person who nominates the Good Citizen will be kept private at awards.

The title of Honored Good Citizen will be given to the participant Tabroom votes to affirm had the most heartwarming act of kindness.

We feel this activity could benefit from more kindness. There are so many factors that encourage competition that can sometimes bring other people down. We hope that the Good Citizen Award Program will foster greater community and provide motivation for good acts.

TLDR: [fill out this form](#) if someone was nice to you and they will get an award.

Relax

In general, judges will be instructed to be forgiving. In regards to timekeeping and other sorts of norms, judges will be instructed to take it easy and be forgiving, which makes this tournament perfect for beginners!

Volunteer

1AC-CESSIBILITY is always looking for help! Email us at one.ac.cessible@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering at the tournament or working with us in any other capacity!

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- 1) [Sign our petition on Change.org](#) to show your support
- 2) [Visit our website](#) to read more about our vision for equity
- 3) [Check out our Instagram](#) at @ 1ac.cessibility

Post Tournament

Let us know how it went and [fill out this form](#).

Form Lookup

- 1) [Registration](#) * <http://1accessibilitytournament.tabroom.com>
- 2) [Participant Form](#) * <https://forms.gle/pwLWcRa99BKLci8a6>
- 3) [Media Release Form](#) *
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gVBTThRLrGZm53uxqeopIZg1wm089rGLa5jXaIbzfY/edit?usp=sharing>
- 4) [Judge Training Presentation](#) **
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1BceVDqaZVRaIbHeKgXgAMO DAcAdhDsA-IM3acBOlu6I/edit?usp=sharing>
- 5) [Incident Reporting Form](#) <https://forms.gle/8Rp6yTrCYBZ5cWKz7>
- 6) [Good Citizen Nomination Form](#)
<https://forms.gle/YBG2PC8S9QtgNDe29>
- 7) [Tournament Feedback form](#) <https://forms.gle/M7Pp97MtvpxiBtMd8>
- 8) [Free evidence/cases for Lincoln-Douglas Debate](#)
<https://www.1ac-cessibility.com/tournament>

*Required for participants

**Required for judges

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