

Virtual Debate League
Sundays, 11am – 1pm

When: Sundays, 11:00 am – 1:00pm

Where: Discord & Zoom

Price: FREE! (Thanks to our partners at The Richmond Forum)

Parent FAQs

My child couldn't log on last weekend, can we still join this weekend?

Yes! Students will have access to our resources on Discord to pick up where they left off. Our coaches will be online to help them catch up.

We had technical issues logging on or communicating through Discord. What do we do?

School affiliated laptops may not be compatible with Discord. To log on, please use a laptop or tablet that is not school affiliated. Students can also join our Discord server through their phones! If they do not have the invitation link, please email us.

We can't make it on Sundays at 11:00am. Is there any way to change the time?

Our programs run from 11:00am to 1:00pm. If students cannot join us at 11:00am, they are free to join us anytime during that 2-hour period.

How does the program work? What are students expected to do?

Students start off their Sundays by reading through announcements and updates on our Discord channels. A Zoom or Meets link may be sent out for live lessons, as well as Google Doc links for collaborative work. The goal for all students is to construct an affirmative and a negative case of the assigned topic so that they can participate in our virtual tournaments.

Can you tell me more about the tournaments?

Our virtual tournaments make debate a competitive e-sport. Students will face off in teams of two in multiple rounds to win the judges' votes as the most persuasive. Students from across the state will participate, and tournaments will be curated based on experience levels.

Can you tell me more about the coaches and instructors?

Our coaches are a hand-picked group of recent high school graduates and tenured debaters. You can find the list of our mentors and instructors on our website's About Us page.

Will there be tests or homework? How do you keep students accountable?

There will not be formal tests, but students will be tracked informally by our coaches. Assessment will take place in the form of their debates, leveraging verbal feedback and competitive drive for growth.

Contact us for further questions!

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