September 11-12, 2015 in Mankato, Minnesota

Featuring...
- 6 preliminary rounds
- 2 divisions depending on entries
- Workshop for beginning debaters

Awards for...
- All breaking teams
- Top 5 speakers in each division
- Top three schools in each division
- Top school overall

Guidelines
The THBT Classic is a Parliamentary Debate tournament following NPDA guidelines, with some exceptions. As per traditional customs in the upper Midwest, all teams should agree to no coaching, consultation of material files, or group prep during the 15 minutes of prep time. A standard dictionary may be used. To encourage speakers to concentrate on future and not past performance, no “warm room” will be provided. Topics will be announced in the debate chamber. There will be no disclosure in rounds. All results will be disclosed at the end of the tournament. By entering this tournament, each school agrees to these guidelines.

Resolutions will be of a policy, value, or metaphorical nature. Round 3 and 4 will use case studies as resolutions.

Workshop
A workshop for new or beginning debaters will be held Friday morning, Sept. 11 starting at 9 am. The workshop is free and will cover:
- Parliamentary Debate basics
- Case construction
- Debate strategy
- Practice debates

Please indicate in your entry who will be attending the workshop.

Debate Divisions
If more than 32 debate teams enter, two divisions will be created, Novice and Open, by dividing all entries into two nearly-equal groups according to the level of experience of the most experienced debater on each team. Please indicate which division each team should be in: Open, Novice, or both (see “Entries”). Students with one year or less of college debate experience should be considered a novice. Some adjustments may be made at the dividing line between the two divisions to provide good matching in each.

Matching
If entries are few, round robins will be arranged in each division. With larger entries, power matching will begin with the third round.
Fees

- $30 for each team
- $45 for each uncovered team (each judge covers two teams)
- $5.75 for a meal ticket for Saturday lunch (see Food)

Entries are due **Tuesday, September 8** at noon. Fees are calculated as of 5 pm on Tuesday, September 8. Any changes after this time will incur a $20 fee.

Cash, checks, and major credit cards will be accepted. Please make checks payable to **Bethany Lutheran College**

Judging

Please bring judges to cover your entry. There will be a limited number of hired judges. Lay judges (non-coaches) are welcome – indeed, encouraged at the THBT. Lay judges highlight the public discourse nature of Parliamentary Debate. Bethany can provide instruction and materials for non-coach judges. All judges are considered clean for elimination rounds. All school judges should plan to remain through the final rounds. Each judge covers two teams.

Awards

Each debate division will break to quarter-finals as needed. All breaking teams receive awards. The top five speakers in each division calculated by preliminary round speaker points will receive speaker awards. If there is more than one division, an overall sweepstakes champion will be named.

**TENTATIVE Schedule**

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Food

A pizza dinner will be served between rounds 4 and 5 on Friday night. There will be a breakfast on Saturday morning for all participants. Both the pizza dinner and the breakfast are included in the entry fees. Lunch on Saturday will be in the Bethany Dining Center. Each meal ticket will cost $5.75 if paid with entry fees. Cost on Saturday is $7.50 at the door. A map with local restaurants will be provided to all teams.

Parking

Due to classes on Friday, parking will be limited. Further information will be sent once your entry has been received. All parking will be available on Saturday.
Deadlines
Entries due – Tuesday, September 8, 2015 – Noon
Fees assessed – Tuesday, September 8, 2015 – 5 pm

Entries
Please email, phone, or fax entries to:
Jon Loging
jon.loging@blc.edu
507-344-7420 (Voice mail and fax)
(Email preferred)

To enter, please send the following information:
School:
Coach:
Phone:
Email:

• For each debate team, please list the debaters’ names and which division the team should be placed in if entries warrant (Open or Novice)
• Indicate which debaters will be attending the morning workshop.
• Please list judges your school will bring.

For more information, please go to the Bethany Speech Team webpage

www.blc.edu/speech