

Membership Packet

STRADA ■■■



Membership Registration

Family Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Family E-Mail _____

Years Family Associated with the NCFCA _____

Student #1 Name _____ **Student#1 Age** _____

Student #2 Name _____ **Student #2 Age** _____

Student #3 Name _____ **Student #3 Age** _____

Date _____

All Members must fill out this form and sign the following commitments. Any questions or concerns should be directed to club officers or members of the board of STRADA Debate Club.



Conflict Resolution

STRADA's philosophy requires all members to behave in a manner that is respectful and considerate towards other students and parents in the club. STRADA stresses the importance of unity and hopes to minimize any conflict that would distract from the professional, educational and positive environment that STRADA strives to maintain.

Granted that conflict is often inevitable, we – as a debate club – and you – as a member – agree that conflict will be resolved in a manner that glorifies Christ. If the conflict is a personal matter that involves two members of STRADA but does not involve debate or STRADA as a whole, we ask that the disagreement not be discussed with other club members and be resolved outside of club. Should the conflict arise with another STRADA member due to actions or inaction within club or tournament settings, we ask that the members work out the issue with the goal of long-term friendship. If necessary, club conflict will be referred to the student board which includes the three highest club officers or three other members as selected by the president. If the problem persists and cannot be solved among the students, the executive board of STRADA will be called upon to assist. This board consists of: Jeff Craig Sr., Dwight Ray and Mark Toppert. Their ruling is final.

If a conflict involves member(s) of another club and escalates to the point of being a distraction or problem for any NCFCA competitor, the executive board will be called upon immediately.

As a member of STRADA, it is your responsibility and obligation to uphold the above standards at all times.

Student Name

X -----
Student Signature

Date

STANDARDS Of Evidence

The use of evidence is an Integral part of policy debate. While opinions and logic are both important parts of debate, nothing trumps proof. At STRADA, we hold firm to the belief that numbers and facts are the key to persuasion in all aspects of life, not just debate! That is why standards are so important!

Each year a Secretary of Evidence will be elected or appointed to oversee evidential assignments in the club. The Secretary of evidence will use his or her own discretion in determining the size and contents of flow assignments based on the relative difficulty and necessity of the topic assigned.

STRADA Debate Club has made a list of Standards which hold firm unless otherwise stated by the Secretary.

A: All assignments are to be turned in on time: Punctuality is important in all life not just debate, and thus assignments not turned in will not be excepted (With the exception of certain circumstances vacation, illness, etc...busy-ness with school work is not cause for an extension of time allocated for evidence to be turned in)

B: Turning in evidence is not mandatory, but strongly advised. Those who do not turn in assignments will not be allowed to receive or use club assignment evidence from that week.

The actual evidence itself must have standards as well. Remember that this evidence will be used by your fellow club members who use the evidence trusting that the author has taken all precautions and included all necessary information.

Evidence shall:

A: Contain no ellipses, and shall contain the quote in its entirety not just parts of a sentence.

B: Not be from obviously un-credible sources, for example: anti-america.com or blogs

C: Always include the full URL (When Cache is used the cached words are not a necessary part of the URL)

D: Always be formatted into briefs in standards set by the Secretary or President and Vice-President.

If you agree to meet these standards please sign below.

Student Name

X -----
Student Signature

Date

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

The most important part of Team Policy Debate is your partner, so building lasting relationship is a key ingredient for a successful team. There are numerous aspects involved in being a good partner, here are just a few:

- First and foremost, your partner is another human being, and deserves to be treated with respect
- This is Team Policy Debate, each partner should pull his weight.. Leaving all of the work up to your partner is not fair to you, or the other person involved
- Research is a major part of Team policy debate and is absolutely necessary. Each partner should equally carry the research load. Each partner should do at least 50 % of the work. Research should not just be done at the beginning of the year, it needs to be continual throughout the year so that you have up to date evidence. Partners equally sharing the load results in a team that is prepared, and that knows what they are talking about
- Losing is not the end of the world, so do not blame your partner.
- Everyone's ideas are valid, it is important to remember that this is team policy debate, working together as a team produces a successful team
- Before the debate season starts, it would be a good idea to sit down and discuss the level of commitment you have towards debate (I.e. how many hours a week you want to put into it, how many tournaments you think you can go to) it is important to be on the same page as your partner, it eliminates disappointment throughout the year.
- At tournaments, socializing is fun, but it is important that you get plenty of sleep and stay focused on debate. Your partner is counting on you, so it is important to be well rested.
- During rounds if your partner needs help, it is your job as the partner to help your partner in that situation(be it finding evidence, or help writing arguments)

It is fun to win. However, winning a round will not matter in the end, but the relationship you build with your partner does. By treating your partner respectfully, and working together as a team, you can build a life-long friendship that will long surpass winning a round.

Unfortunately through the years debate partners have become steppingstones to individual success. The last "A" in STRADA means altruistically, or in other words, selflessness. STRADA has a commitment to keeping the "team" in team policy! Conflicts between partners should be attempted to be resolved between the partners and their families.

Discuss these standards with your partner and sign please sign below!

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

DEBATE EXPENSES

Strada Debate Club would like to provide you with estimates of the cost that are normally incurred during a debate season. We hope that this information will help you and your families as you make plans for the upcoming year.

Club Fee _____ \$50.00

We ask all members to donate \$50 per semester to cover club expenses. This money will be used toward snacks during tournaments, club decorations, thank you notes, and any other debate tools that the club deems necessary.

Debate Supplies _____ \$200.00

Throughout the year, debaters are required to purchase necessary items for debate rounds. These items include; a business suit, business shoes, an evidence box, binders, file dividers, sticky notes, pens, highlighters, legal notepads, printer paper, printer ink, and Internet access. If you already have these supplies then your yearly supply total will be less. You are not required to give this amount to the club – this is an estimate of what you will probably spend on supplies during the year.

Debate Tournaments _____ \$700 - \$800

There are 6-10 debate tournaments in Region IV each year. Tournaments last 3 days and families are required to take care of food and sleeping arrangements during that time. How many of the tournaments you attend is up to each individual family. Here are the expenses that you can expect:

\$25 - \$50	Tournament Registration per child (speech events are extra)
\$18	Tournament Food per child
\$300	Hotel Room (1) At \$65 per night with 6% occupancy tax and sales tax
\$100	Gas for Car
\$200	Food for Family (4 people)

TIME COMMITMENTS

Club Time

10am -4PM plus travel time (1-2 ½ hours average)
Every other Friday

Email Time

Everyday

Research Time

1-3 hours per day

Registering for Tournaments

Registration
Hotel Reservations

Extra Debate practice

Talking in a mirror
Meeting with other debaters as often as desired but usually opportunities present themselves for the Fridays we're not having club.

Shopping

For suits
For supplies

Tournaments

Go down Wednesday afternoon and return Sunday evening.