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# WELCOME TO NOTRE DAME

Welcome to the second Golden Dome Invitational! We are so excited to host you in South Bend! Here, you will find everything you need to know for the weekend. This includes parking, a schedule for the weekend, round locations, and contact information for the tournament administration team.

Before that, we would like to thank some people who have helped make this tournament possible.

Thank you to **the members of Notre Dame Mock Trial**, who set aside time to help with the planning of this tournament, especially our Executive Board.

Thank you to **Henry Leaman**, one of our fantastic coaches, who is always available and eager to help.

Thank you to **Kate Hayner-Slattery and Michael Walsh**, who are helping to run Tab this year.

Thank you to **all of our judges**.

Thank you to **the St. Joseph County Bar Foundation, 7Sage, Central Automotive, and Chips & Doodles** for their financial support.

And thank you to **Rita Lake, the Student Bar Association of Notre Dame Law School, and everyone at the Notre Dame Law School**.

Good luck to all competing! Enjoy Notre Dame, and have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Roy Bualuan and the Tournament Administration Team

# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

## OCTOBER 7, 2023

8:00 a.m.: Check In (Notre Dame Law School Archway)

8:15 a.m.: Opening Ceremonies / R1 Pairings (NDLS Courtroom)

9:00 a.m.: Round 1 Captains / Judges Orientation

**9:30 a.m.: Round 1**

12:30 p.m.: Lunch

2:00 p.m.: Round 2 Captains / Judges orientation

**2:30 p.m.: Round 2**

## OCTOBER 8, 2023

8:30 a.m.: Round 3 Captains / Judges Orientation

**9:00 a.m.: Round 3**

12:00 p.m.: Lunch

1:30 p.m.: Round 4 Captains / Judges Orientation

**2:00 p.m.: Round 4**

ASAP after R4 (approx. 5:45): Closing Ceremonies (Courtroom)

All times in EST.

# TOURNAMENT FIELD

**Case Western A**

**Case Western B**

**Illinois State A**

**Indiana A**

**Indiana B**

**IUPUI A**

**Juniata A**

**Juniata B**

**Loyola A**

**Michigan State A**

**Michigan State B**

**Mizzou A**

**Northern Illinois A**

**Northern Illinois B**

**Notre Dame A**

**Notre Dame B**

**Tennessee A**

**Due to the odd number of teams, a Bye-Bust  
WILL be assembled**

# CEREMONIES



Both the opening and closing ceremonies will be held in the ceremonial courtroom of the Notre Dame Law School. On Saturday morning, teams should proceed directly to the Law School for check-in under the archway pictured left. Signs will be posted and the entrance is marked on the map on page 11.

Because courtrooms are split between the Mendoza College of Business and the Law School, **we ask teams to be mindful of their courtroom location round to round to avoid unnecessary delays.**

**Closing ceremonies will be held as soon as possible after the conclusion of Round 4.** Teams in a Mendoza Courtroom for Round 4 should **proceed directly to the ceremonial courtroom in the Law School for closings.**

A survey will be sent out in the Tournament GroupMe prior to closing ceremonies. **Please complete this survey in order to receive your team's ballots at closings.**

**TLDR:** On Saturday morning, teams should proceed directly to the Law School for opening ceremonies and check-in. After Round 4, teams should proceed directly to the Law School for Closing Ceremonies.



# TOURNAMENT ROUNDS

## LOCATION



Tournament rounds will be split between the Law School and the Mendoza College of Business. The majority of the rounds, and the tab room, will be in the Mendoza College of Business, pictured left.

There is **common space in the Mendoza College of Business**, as well as the adjacent **Duncan Student Center**, that teams may use between rounds.

## RULES

- **Food is not permitted in courtrooms.**
- **Please be respectful of other students who will be using the spaces.**
- **Podiums in the law school are not to be moved.**
- **Anyone entering the law school must wear a tournament sticker.** Stickers will be given out at check-in. Please fill out the roster form prior to your arrival so we can provide enough stickers.

# LOGISTICS

## BUILDING ENTRANCES

Enter the Mendoza College of Business through the North entrances labeled McGlinn and Kelly Buildings.

Enter the Law School through the doors under the archway.

These will be the only available entrances for each building.

## CHALLENGE ORDER

Instead of randomly pairing teams at opening ceremonies teams will be asked to *choose* their opponent. If your team is challenged, you get to pick *what side of the case* you want.

*Ex.: Midlands State gets first choice / they challenge Morisot College / Morisot College chooses to go defense.*

GDI's **challenge order will be announced at opening ceremonies.** Teams will learn the challenge order, and have **10 seconds** to strategize with their teammates.

Just like last year, **the challenge order will not be based on Mock Trial.**

Expect the unexpected.

## PAIRINGS

Pairings will be made **available on the [tournament website](#)**. QR codes will be posted around the Law School and Mendoza to provide access to the pairings. We will announce in the tournament GroupMe when pairings are posted.

# PARKING AND FOOD

## PARKING

At Notre Dame, the largest parking lot (B1, located directly south of Notre Dame Stadium) is free on weekends. It is a four minute walk from all rounds of the tournament. The Google Maps location for the parking lot can be found [here](#). The parking lot is gold on the map below.

## MAP AND FOOD OPTIONS

### KEY

**Gold:** Stadium Lot Parking

**Green:** Mendoza College of Business

**Purple Line:** Entrance to Mendoza College of Business

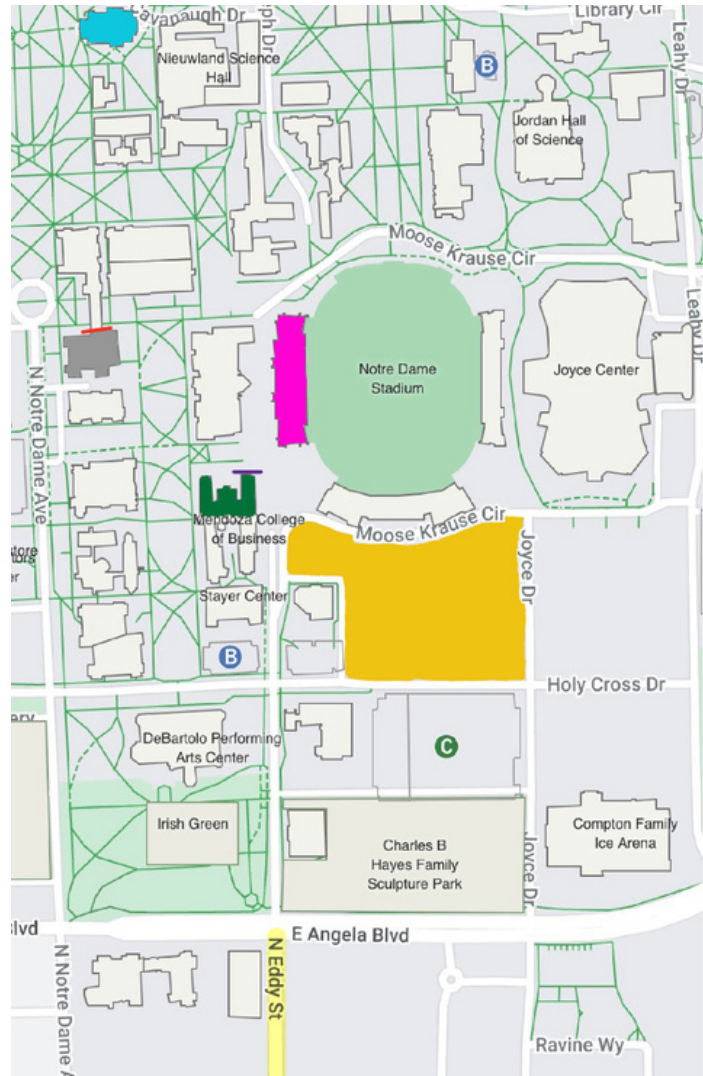
**Gray:** Notre Dame Law School

**Red Line:** Eck Hall Doors

**Teal:** LaFortune Student Center (Flip Kitchen, Starbucks)

**Yellow:** Eddy Street Commons (Five Guys, Chipotle, Blaze Pizza, Jimmy Johns)

**Pink:** Duncan Student Center (Chick-Fil-A, Modern Market)



# LAST STEPS

## ROSTER FORMS

**Please complete the roster form** (found [here](#)) for each team attending prior to Friday, October 7, 11:59 PM E.S.T.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

We are pleased to announce that we will again have student photographers taking photos of the competition. If your team would like action shots of your rounds, please sign the photography waiver found at the end of this packet. **Waivers are due at Opening Ceremonies.**

**Student photographers will be wearing yellow staff lanyards** and will be popping in and out of rounds to take photos of attorneys and witnesses competing. All photos will be made available after the tournament, and **the photographers are instructed not to take photos of demonstratives or props.**

# CONTACT INFORMATION AND GROUPME

## Tournament Commissioner

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**GroupMe**

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. We wish safe travels to all teams and we look forward to welcoming you to South Bend!

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