

Colleagues,

ASU Forensics cordially invites you to join us in Tempe, September 15-17, for policy debate competition in 2 divisions. Our campus is beautiful, everything is in walking distance, and the local food options are fantastic. The tournament will be hosted on the Tempe Campus, at the Durham Language & Literature Building (LL). Below you will find all of the pertinent details.

Best,

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Deadlines:

All entries should be finalized 8pm Pacific time, Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Preferences will be turned on Tuesday night and will be due at 7pm on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Fees: Zero. Zip. Nada.

Hotels:

Since we've never hosted this event before, we went with courtesy agreements rather than a full block. Both hotels will expand the blocks as they fill up. I recommend reserving now and if rooms are not available, send me a text/email and we'll get them expanded.

Springhill Suites Phoenix/Tempe Airport

[http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=ASU%20-%20College%20Debates%5Ephxsl%60ASUASUA%7CASUASUB%60105.00%60USD%60false%605%609/14/18%609/17/18%608/14/18&app=resvlink&stop\\_mobi=yes](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=ASU%20-%20College%20Debates%5Ephxsl%60ASUASUA%7CASUASUB%60105.00%60USD%60false%605%609/14/18%609/17/18%608/14/18&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)

Address: 1601 W Rio Salado Pkwy, Tempe, AZ 85281

Phone: (480) 968-8222

**\$105 a night** (ASU - College Debates)

Expires August 14<sup>th</sup>

A couple miles west of campus.

PO Box 871205, Tempe, AZ 85287-1205

480-965-5095 Fax: 480-965-4291

[www.humancommunication.clas.asu.edu](http://www.humancommunication.clas.asu.edu)

For those that would like to stay in walking distance and are not put-off by the much higher rate:

Courtyard Marriott Tempe Downtown

[http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=ASU%20Debate%20Room%20Block%5EPHXTE%60AASAB%60129.00%60USD%60false%604%609/14/18%609/17/18%608/9/18&app=resvlink&stop\\_mobi=yes](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=ASU%20Debate%20Room%20Block%5EPHXTE%60AASAB%60129.00%60USD%60false%604%609/14/18%609/17/18%608/9/18&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)

Address: 601 S Ash Ave, Tempe, AZ 85281

Phone: (480) 966-2800

**\$129 a night** (ASU Debate)

Expires August 9th

.8 miles from tournament HQ (there is a nightly charge for parking)

#### Hospitality:

We will provide breakfast and coffee during the tournament. We are pursuing student government funds to provide lunch on Saturday and Sunday. In the event that we do not secure these funds, lunch will be on your own, we will provide an extensive list of options immediately surrounding campus. Our tentative schedule provides time for folks to eat on their own. If we secure lunch, we'll tighten up the gap between debates.

#### Judging:

Each judge will be required to declare one and only one and one and only one loser in each debate to which they are assigned by the tab room. Judges will also be required to assign speaker points to each participant in the debate. In each debate, speakers are rated on a scale of 1-30, including tenths of a point, with no ties. Judges are also required to render a decision in accordance with the aforementioned criteria **no more than 2 hours and 30 minutes** beyond the designated start time of any prelim debate that they are assigned by the tab room to adjudicate. **For elimination rounds**, the time is extended to 2 hours and 45 minutes. Judges are expected to disqualify themselves from hearing any team or school with which they may have a personal or professional conflict. Conflicts may be entered in the comments section of the judge entry section at tabroom.com. We urge judges to maintain a high standard of integrity on this question. The tab room reserves the right to restrict a judge's eligible team field based upon our understanding of a judge's past institutional affiliations. We will follow CEDA protocol for team initiation conflicts.

#### Tournament Logistics:

-WiFi – use the ASU Guest network, open a browser, at the bottom of the page use the link to submit your email and you're all set.

-All preliminary debates will take place in the Durham Language and Literature Building (LL) in the North/Central region of campus. This is immediately south of the College Ave/University Ave intersection.

-Elim debates will take place in the Memorial Union on the Second Floor.

-Parking: FREE in the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Structure both Saturday and Sunday. This is located on the East side of S Myrtle Ave. For elim debates on Monday, the closest available parking

is in the Apache Boulevard Structure, 1 building south of the MU. Pay at the machine or via the ParkMobile app.

-We're all in one building, but if you like maps, the ASU phone apps have a great map, with available GPS routes between buildings.

-There are 2 all gender bathrooms on the first floor of LL, in the north hall. This link has locations across the rest of the campus: <https://eoss.asu.edu/out/academic-campus-resources/restrooms>

-We will designate quiet rooms on all 3 floors of the LL competition building, check back for updated invitation.

#### Tournament Procedures:

-We will not break brackets.

-Hybrid teams are permitted.

-Prior to the tournament, maverick entries are NOT accepted. Once the tournament begins, maverick situations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

-The tournament employs the 9-3-6 format with ten minutes of preparation time allocated to each team.

-We will employ a mutual preference judging (MPJ) placement system with ordinal rankings. Standard practice on judge placement: preference up to 60% for teams still eligible for elimination rounds, with a target mutuality 30% or below.

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-ASU teams may compete in the tournament. If so, they are eligible to receive speaker awards and to compete in elimination rounds. We will enter via the web page and declare our participation publicly.

-We subscribe to all CEDA policies regarding racial discrimination and harassment and sexual discrimination and harassment.

-Flipping for sides in elimination rounds: at least one representative for both teams must be present to flip for sides and declare their decision at least 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time of an elimination debate or by a flip time published by the tabroom. If a representative is not present to flip and declare a side, that team forfeits their right to flip and the team that is present gets to declare sides for the debate.

#### Topic:

Students are required to debate the topic selected for the 2018-19 season by a vote of the Cross Examination Debate Association membership:

Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase statutory and/or judicial restrictions on the executive power of the President of the United States in one or more of the following areas:

- authority to conduct first-use nuclear strikes;
- congressionally delegated trade power;
- exit from congressional-executive agreements and Article II treaties;
- judicial deference to all or nearly all federal administrative agency interpretations of statutes and/or regulations;
- the bulk incidental collection of all or nearly all foreign intelligence information on United States persons without a warrant.

**Novice division is reserved for students in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> academic year of competition.**

Illness:

Please don't bring sick debaters to the tournament, as we'd like to avoid spreading illness across schools.

**Schedule, Fall 2018 Sun Devil Invitational (tentative, depending on entries)**

Friday, September 14

Registration online at [Tabroom.com](http://Tabroom.com).

Saturday, September 15 – LL Building

7:30am – Round 1 & 2 pairings released and continental breakfast on campus

8:00am – Round 1

10:30am – Round 2

12:30-2:30pm – Lunch (on your own)

2:30pm – Round 3 pairings

3:00pm – Round 3

5:45pm – Round 4 pairings

6:15pm – Round 4

Sunday, September 16 – LL Building

8:00am – Breakfast and Round 5 pairings

9:00am – Round 5

11:00am-1pm – Lunch (on your own)

1pm – Round 6 pairings

1:30pm – Round 6

4:15pm – Awards

4:45pm – Elim 1

Monday, September 17 – Memorial Union

7:00am pairings

8am – Elim 2

11am – Awards

Elims 3-4 follow