

**NYCUDL Citywide MS Tournament #1**

PS 161 Pedro Albizu Campos / IN-Tech Academy

On behalf of the New York City Urban Debate League, PS 161 Pedro Albizu Campos and IN-Tech Academy, you are cordially invited to the NYCUDL Citywide Middle School Tournament #1 on September 29th for a day of exciting, fun and intense debate. We will offer two debate formats, Public Forum and Parliamentary Debate, featuring three rounds of debate for all formats and a tutorial on Congressional Debate.

Judges’ training will be available for individuals interested in judging Public Forum and Parliamentary Debate.

All questions, concerns and/or issues about the tournament should be directed to:

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Tournament Director: Tyler Beattie – tyler@debate.nyc

Looking forward to seeing you all,

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**Registration**

Registration will take place on Tabroom. We are listed as the NYC Urban Debate League circuit. If you do not have an account with Tabroom, you can easily set up through [tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com)

**Permission Slips:** One permission slip per year is legally required for each student. This permission slip protects and promotes our debaters – they enable us to track attendance and record accurate debate results which are necessary for National Speech & Debate Association points and qualification for competitive tournaments. We are requesting that coaches turn in all permission slips by **Friday, September 28 at 5:00pm**.

You can access the permission slip here: <https://go.debate.nyc/nycudl-student-permission-slip-ms-es>

**The NYCUDL will not accept any permission slips on the day of the tournament. Without a permission slip, a student cannot debate. No exceptions.**

**Judges**

Each school requires one judge for every two teams competing.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS 5PM on Monday, September 24th, 2018.**

Points will be on the scale of 30 points, within the range of 25-30 points. Mavericks will have their points averaged.

We will provide awards for top speakers, top teams and sweepstakes points for top schools.

We will be using NSDA rules for evidence in Public Forum. These rules can be found on their website.

There will be an automatic loss for all of your teams if a judge from your school does not show up for their round.

We will be offering Tabroom drop-in help hours during lunch on Saturday.

We will have a coach’s meeting during Round 3.

**Topics**

**Public Forum:**

NSDA September/October Topic: U.S. Foreign Policy

Resolution: The United States should accede to the United Nations Convention on the Law of The Sea without reservations.

**Parliamentary Debate:**

* This House believes video games do more harm than good.
* This House would grant prisoners the right to vote.
* This House believes single gender classrooms are better than coed classrooms.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**To submit teams into Tabroom:** Monday, September 24, 2018 by 5:00PM

**Check-in / Day of tournament registration**: Saturday September 29, 2018, by 9:00AM (latest)

**Once registration closes (at 9:00 AM) – those that are late will forfeit the first round and will debate rounds two and three – they can still observe and flow debates in round one.**

**WE MUST ENFORCE THIS RULE IN ORDER TO HAVE AN EFFICIENT, TIMELY AND WELL-MANAGED TOURNAMENT. PLEASE OBLIGE TO THIS REQUEST.**

**NYC UDL CODE OF CONDUCT**

In all personal contact with students, judges, tournament officials, activities directors, school administrators, other coaches, the media, and the public, coaches and any other representatives of their institutions shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct. Coaches shall respect and support tournament officials, coaches, students, staff, parents and volunteers. Coaches will not incite or encourage disrespectful or unlawful behavior. Public criticism of students, coaches, tournament officials, or others is unethical. Any concerns that coaches have related to tournament administration should be directly addressed to said officials. Coaches shall be expected to uphold their school’s/institution’s Conduct policy regarding all matters related to conduct at tournaments and abide by all local, state and federal laws, Coaches shall exert their influence to enhance sportsmanship and fair-play by competitors and other coaches. By participating in the NYCUDL or in activities associated with the NYCUDL, everyone shall be deemed to have agreed to comport themselves in accordance with this Policy. If Coaches fail to follow these guidelines, the institution they represent will be notified and they may be prohibited from participated in league activities and events.

**NYC UDL HARASSMENT / DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

The New York City Urban Debate League is committed to providing its participants, judges, coaches, and staff the opportunity to pursue excellence in their endeavors. This opportunity can exist only when each member of our community is assured an atmosphere of mutual respect. The NYC UDL is committed to maintaining an environment that is free from all forms of harassment and discrimination. Accordingly, all forms of harassment and discrimination are prohibited whether committed by participants, judges, coaches, or observers. The NYCUDL is committed to the enforcement of this policy. Individuals who are found to have violated this policy will be subject to the full range of sanctions, up to and including removal from the tournament premises and prosecution by authorities

**TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO THE TOURNAMENT**

**Parliamentary**

**Location:** PS 161 Pedro Albizu Campos

**Address:** 499 West 133rd Street, New York, NY 10027

**Trains**: B and C Trains to 135th Street and A and D Trains at 145th Street and 1 Train at 137th Street – City College of New York

**Buses**: Bx 15, Bx 33, M10, M100, M101, M104, M11, M2, M3, M4, M5, M60-SBS

**Public Forum**

**Location:** IN-Tech Academy

**Address:** 2975 Tibbett Avenue Bronx NY 10463

**Trains**: 1Train to Marble Hill-225th Street

**Buses**: Bx1, Bx10, Bx2, Bx20, Bx7, Bx9, M100

**TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY – September 29, 2018 (both locations)**

**8:00 AM** - Breakfast and Registration

**9:00 AM** - Registration Closes

**Parliamentary Debate (at PS 161 Pedro Albizu Campos)**

**9:40 AM –** Round 1 Motion Announced

**10:00 AM –** Round 1

**10:55 AM –** Round 2 Motion Announced

**11:15 AM –** Round 2

**12:00 PM** **–** Lunch

**12:55 PM** **–** Round 3 Motion Announced

**1:15 PM** **–** Round 3

**2:30 PM** **–** Awards

**3:30 PM** **–** Dismissal

**Public Forum (at IN-Tech Academy)**

**9:30 AM** – Round 1 (Flight 1)

**10:30 AM** – Round 1 (Flight 2)

**11:30 AM** – Round 2 (Flight 1)

**12:30 PM** – Round 2 (Flight 2)

**1:30 PM** – Lunch

**2:00 PM** – Round 3 (Flight 1)

**3:00 PM** – Round 3 (Flight 2)

**4:30 PM** – Awards

**5:00 PM** – Dismissal