



2018-2019 New York City Urban Debate League MS City Championship

PS 161 and The Hamilton Grange School

On behalf of the New York City Urban Debate League, PS 161 Pedro Albizu Campos and The Hamilton Grange School, you are cordially invited to the 2018-2019 New York City Urban Debate League MS City Championship on Saturday, March 15 and Sunday, March 16.

We will offer three debate formats – parliamentary, public forum and congress – with four preliminary rounds and quarterfinals, semifinals and finals in all formats. Public forum debates will take place at Hamilton Grange. Parliamentary and congress debates will take place at PS 161. Judges' training will be available for both formats.

Questions, concerns and/or issues about the tournament can be directed to:

Tournament Director (PF): Taylor Wofford – (214) 632-8480 / taylor@debate.nyc

Tournament Director (Parli): Tyler Beattie – (262) 227-8199 / tyler@debate.nyc

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Taylor Wofford – Program Manager, New York City Urban Debate League

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Important Information

Team Limits: Each school is allowed to bring a maximum of four teams, with no more than two teams in any division.

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

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 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 must bring one judge for every two teams competing in policy and one judge for every three teams competing in public forum. All judges are obligated through quarterfinals, then one round past their affiliated school's elimination. **No-show judges risk having their teams eliminated from the tournament.**

Deadlines: The registration deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11.

Speaker Points and Awards: Speaker points will be assigned on a scale of 25-30. Mavericks will receive averaged points. We will provide awards for top speakers, top teams and sweepstakes points for top schools.

Rules: We will be using NSDA rules for evidence. These rules can be found on their website.

Coaches' Meeting: We will have a coaches' meeting during round three.

Topics

Public Forum:

Resolved: The United States should promote the development of market rate housing in urban neighborhoods.

Parliamentary:

- Prelim Topics (Guaranteed):
 - This House would allow prayer in public schools.
 - This House supports military intervention in Venezuela.
 - This House would ban animal testing
- Elim Topic Pool:
 - This House believes video games do more harm than good.
 - This House would grant prisoners the right to vote.
 - This House believes nature has more influence than nurture.
 - This House supports Bill DeBlasio's SHSAT admissions proposal.
 - This House believes single gender classrooms are better than coed classrooms.
 - This House would grant adolescents the right to their own medical decisions.
 - This House would implement a carbon tax.
 - This House would increase funding for space exploration.
 - This House would close the Rikers Island Jail.
 - This House would implement open borders.

Congress:

Please click [this link](#) for the docket.

Important Dates

To register on Tabroom: Monday, March 11, 5:00 p.m.

Check-in / Day of tournament registration: Saturday, March 15, 9:00 a.m.

Once registration closes at 9:00 a.m. Those that are late will forfeit the first round, but may debate rounds two and three and can observe and flow debates in round one.

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

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

PS 161 Pedro Albizu Campos

Address: 499 W 133rd St, New York, NY 10027

Trains:  to 125 St.,   to 135 Street Station,     to 125 Street Station

Buses: M11/M100 to Amsterdam Av./W. 134 St., M101 to Amsterdam Av./W. 135 St.

The Hamilton Grange School

Address: 1830 Shore Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11235

Trains:   to Brighton Beach

Buses: B49/B1 to Oriental Blvd./MacKenzie St.

Schedule

SATURDAY, March 15

8:00 a.m. - Registration opens

9:00 a.m. - Registration closes

9:30 a.m. - Round 1

12:00 p.m. - Round 2

2:30 p.m. - Round 3

SUNDAY, March 16

9:00 a.m. - Round 4

11:15 a.m. - Awards

12:00 p.m. - Quarterfinals

2:30 p.m. - Semifinals

5:00 p.m. - Finals

Lunch will be served on a rolling basis starting at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. We encourage you to grab lunch when you're free. We reserve the right to accelerate the tournament schedule if we're able.