

**2019 California Invitational  
Hosted by the University of California, Berkeley  
February 16-18, 2019**

Greetings,

This is the formal invitation to the 2019 Cal High School Speech and Debate Tournament, the 46th year we have hosted this event.

Please visit **calinvitational.com** to find hotel, schedule, registration and all other information.

All events will be held on the UC, Berkeley campus for all three days of competition.

**ALL ENTRIES ON TABROOM WILL START OFF ON THE WAITLIST UNTIL WE RECEIVE YOUR INVOICE AND PAYMENT. TEAMS WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE TOURNAMENT OR PLACED ON THE WAITLIST IN THE ORDER THAT THEY COMPLETE ALL REGISTRATION STEPS THERE IS A THREE STEP REGISTRATION PROCESS. YOU MUST COMPLETE ALL THREE STEPS TO REGISTER BEFORE JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> OR INCUR LATE FEES:**

- 1) Go to tabroom.com, find "The Cal Invitational – UC Berkeley" on the list of upcoming tournaments, and then enter your teams, judges, hired judges needed, and parking passes needed. All entries will start off on the waitlist and then be taken off when we receive your forms and payment.
- 2) Print out your invoice from the tabroom.com website. Go to your registration information page for the Cal Invitational at tabroom.com. You will see a link on the right side of the page that says "Print Tournament Invoice." Print that invoice and send it in along with your payment.
- 3) Mail the invoice along with a check made out to UC Regents to the following address:

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Cal Debate  
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Every year we have a waitlist in all events. You will not be guaranteed a spot until you complete all three of the registration steps and receive a confirmation e-mail from me. To reduce your chance of being placed on the waitlist I strongly recommend that you complete all three registration steps before January 10th. **Do not make any non-refundable travel arrangements until you have received a confirmation e-mail from Cal Invitational staff that your invoice and payment have been received and your students have been moved off of the waitlist.**

All entries, accompanied by fees, must be received by January 10th in order to avoid late fee's. Please allow additional time for your entry to navigate the Berkeley mail system. Any entries received after the January 10th deadline will be assessed a \$25 late fee. Any entries received after February 1 will be assessed a \$50 late fee. It is also VERY possible that we will have to turn away late entries due to space limitations.

**The drop deadline is also January 10th. You will not be refunded for drops subsequent to this date**

Hired judging is available for all events. Rounds that you are short of your judging commitment will be automatically added to your invoice on tabroom. Once we receive payment for your judging we will take care of covering that for you, no further action is required.

All judges are committed through the double-octafinals or one round beyond the elimination of your teams, whichever is later. Even if your school doesn't have any teams in elimination rounds, your judges are still committed through the double-octafinals. Elim judging commitments also apply in all divisions of an event so if you have a JV team in your Varsity judges are still committed and vice versa.

Decision times will be strictly enforced. Policy rounds must be decided two hours after the announced start time, and LD/PF rounds must be decided fifty five minutes after the announced start time.

If you have judges who can only come for certain days/rounds there is a way to indicate that on the tabroom website. After you have entered the judge there will be a link for "availability." When you click on that link you will be able to turn off judges for particular round/days. It's very important that you enter that information into the website to avoid missed judging fees.

All other information is available on the calinvitational.com website. Please e-mail [jonahfeldman@berkeley.edu](mailto:jonahfeldman@berkeley.edu) if you have questions or require assistance.

Sincerely,  
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