



**NYSDCA State Tournament
April 1 and 2, 2011**

Brooklyn Technical High School

The New York State Debate Coaches Association will host its 2011 State Tournament on April 1 and 2, 2011 at Brooklyn Technical High School. We hope that our member schools will join us as we crown State Champions in a variety of debate events.

HOST SCHOOL. The host school for State in 2011 is **Brooklyn Technical High School**. The NYSDCA thanks Adam Stevens, director of debate at Brooklyn Tech, for serving as tournament host this season.

Brooklyn Tech is located at: 29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn, NY 11217

The school is a short walking distance from several subway stations and iconic eateries, including Junior's. Parking for buses is also available nearby.

POINTS OF CLARIFICATION. Jon Cruz, as President of the NYSDCA, will also serve as Tournament Director. Questions about State can be sent to joncruz1138@gmail.com.

QUALIFICATION TO STATE. To qualify, a student/team needs four points. For 2011, in the team debate activities, each member of the team must have four points, but not necessarily as that team. Points must be earned at a tournament physically in New York State or at a sanctioned out-of-state event.

Students may earn all four qualifying points if they advance into the elimination rounds at a tournament that breaks less than fifty percent of a division.

At tournaments without outrounds that feature a minimum of three rounds and five schools participating, students earn two points for placing in the top twenty-five percent of the field.

AT-LARGE ENTRIES. Regardless of the number of students qualified via the point system, each member school is permitted one at-large entry in each event. Please note that this does *not* mean one at-large entry in each level of each event. For example, a team is permitted an at-large entry in any of the three Policy Debate divisions, but not each of the three Policy Debate divisions.

TOURNAMENT FEES. A \$50 annual fee is owed by each member school. In addition, there is a \$20 fee per student competitor. This translates into the following fee schedule:

NYSDCA School Membership Fee	\$50.00
Congressional Debate	\$20.00 per one-person entry
Lincoln-Douglas Debate	\$20.00 per one-person entry
Policy Debate	\$40.00 per two-person entry
Public Forum Debate	\$40.00 per two-person entry

MEALS/CONCESSIONS. Meals, beverages, and general concessions will be available for purchase by students during the tournament. A hospitality lounge will be provided for coaches and judges.

SCHEDULE. Each division, except for Congressional Debate, will feature five preliminary rounds of competition; divisions will break to the appropriate number of elimination rounds. (The tournament reserves the right to add additional preliminary rounds in specific divisions if the number of entries warrants it.) Two preliminary debates will be held on the first day of competition; the remaining preliminary rounds, and the elimination rounds, will be held on the second day of competition.

The following schedule will be used for the 2011 NYSDCA State Tournament:

Friday	1:00 PM-2:00 PM	Registration
	2:30 PM	Opening Assembly
	3:45 PM	Preliminary rounds begin.
Saturday	8:00 AM	Preliminary rounds continue.
		Awards Ceremony
		Elimination rounds follow awards ceremony.

Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum rounds will be double-flighted. The schedule for Congressional Debate will be based on the number of entries registered. More information is forthcoming.

JUDGING REQUIREMENTS. Given the nature of this championship tournament, competing schools are expected to bring highly qualified critics to cover their obligations. All head coaches are required to provide at least one round of judging to the tournament. (Head coaches may, of course, also put themselves in for a full judging obligation as well.)

The following ratios are used to determine judging obligations:

Congressional Debate	1 judge per 5 entries
Lincoln-Douglas Debate	1 judge per 3 entries
Policy Debate	1 judge per 2 entries
Public Forum Debate	1 judge per 3 entries

Judges may be hired for \$150 per judge.

PREFERENCES AND STRIKES. A mutual preference system, with strikes, will be used for Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Policy Debate at NYSDCA State.

TOURNAMENT HONORS. The New York State Debate Coaches Association will present a number of honors over the weekend in addition to crowning State Champions.

Each individual debater or team advancing into the elimination rounds will receive an award; the top speakers in each division will also be presented with awards.

First, second, and third place school awards (“sweepstakes” trophies) will be presented, along with a first place “small school” award. To determine the top-placing schools, the tournament will calculate the top six entries across event from each school, awarding six points for a win and three points for a loss.

The Michael Bacon Service Award will be presented to an individual for outstanding service to the organization.

The highest honor the organization bestows on its member coaches induction into the NYSDCA Hall of Fame. Voting for Hall of Fame induction took place in February; the inductee for 2011 will be announced and celebrated at the State Tournament.

TOURNAMENT HOTEL. For those not commuting to the tournament, a discounted hotel block is available at the **Holiday Inn Express Brooklyn**. A \$129/night group rate is available under the name “New York State Debate Coaches Association” and is available until March 14, 2011.

The Holiday Inn Express Brooklyn is located at: 625 Union Street
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Please contact Katherine McCormack at the hotel to get your rooms booked. Her e-mail address is katherine.mccormack@expressbrooklyn.com. The hotel’s phone number is (718) 797.1133

ONLINE REGISTRATION. Registration for NYSDCA State will take place entirely through Tabroom.com.

DEADLINES. Please note carefully the following firm deadlines for State.

Entries due by	Monday, March 21, 2011 at 1:00 PM
Registration fees set on	Friday, March 25, 2011 at 8:00 AM
Judge names/contestant changes due by	Friday, March 25, 2011 at 8:00 AM
Nuisance fines in addition to registration fees for changes start on	Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 4:00 PM