



2018-2019 New York City Urban Debate League HS Tournament #5 **Midwood High School**

On behalf of the New York City Urban Debate League and Midwood High School, you are cordially invited to the 2018-2019 New York City Urban Debate League HS Tournament #5 on Saturday, February 2, for a day of exciting, fun and intense debate. We will offer two debate formats, policy and public forum, featuring three rounds of debate in each.

Judges' training will be available for both formats.

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

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

Looking forward to seeing you all,

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

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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

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 **Wednesday, January 30, at 5:00 p.m.**

You can access the permission slip [here](#).

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 must bring one judge for every two teams competing in policy and one judge for every three teams competing in public forum.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28.

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.

We will be using NSDA rules for evidence in public forum and policy debate. 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 have a coaches' meeting during round three.

Topics

Public Forum:

Resolved: The United States should end its arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

Policy:

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce its restrictions on legal immigration to the United States.

Important Dates

To register on Tabroom: Monday, January 28, 5:00 p.m.

Check-in / Day of tournament registration: Saturday, February 2, 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

Midwood High School

Address: 2839 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11210

Trains: B/Q trains to Newkirk Plaza, Q train to Avenue H, 2/5 trains to Newkirk Avenue, 5 train to Flatbush Avenue

Buses: B41 bus to Flatbush Av./Glenwood Rd., B6/B11 buses to Bedford Av./Campus Rd.

Schedule

SATURDAY – February 2

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast and Registration

9:00 a.m. - Registration Closes

9:30 a.m. – Round 1 (Flight B begins approximately 1 hour after Flight A in PF)

11:30 a.m. – Round 2 (Flight B begins approximately 1 hour after Flight A in PF)

2:00 p.m. – Round 3 (Flight B begins approximately 1 hour after Flight A in PF)

4:30 p.m. – Awards

5:00 p.m. – Dismissal

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