

BLUEBONNET WORLD SCHOOLS DEBATE INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT



Grand Oaks High School Spring, TEXAS

May 1-5, 2019

Join us for the second annual Bluebonnet World Schools Debate International Tournament in Houston, Texas! The Bluebonnet Tournament will be hosted by Audra Langston-Grand Oaks Debate coach and former coach of Team Kingwood, participant in the Pan-Am Championship, the EurOpen World Championship, and the National Speech and Debate Association National Tournaments. This international tournament will be an experience your team will not want to miss! Last years Bluebonnet Champion was Team Mexico.

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Team Cap: Member Countries are invited to register up to two teams (3-5 debaters, 1 judge per team, 1 coach per team). *Judges and coaches can be the same individual.*

Rounds: 6 Debate Rounds, quarters; semi-finals and finals.

Format: Debates will be in English in Worlds Schools Debate Format

Motions: Prepared Motions will be announced in February

Judges: Experienced Worlds Schools graduate debaters and trained judges per delegation.

Training will be mandatory prior to the first round. All delegations have to be accompanied by at least one person who is over 18 and will be judging at the tournament.

Workshop: Training and workshops will be provided throughout the tournament



CHIEF ADJUDICATORS PANEL: BOJANA SKRT AND MIHA ANDRIČ

Bojana Skrt, USA/Slovenia a director of national Slovenian debate organisation Za in proti, zavod za kulturo dialoga/Pro et Contra, Institute for culture of dialogue, a founder and director of Worlds Schools Debate Academy and International Debate Academy is professionally involved in debate for more than 20 years. Bojana was a successful coach of national teams competing at Worlds competitions, at both highschool and university level, which kept being placed among best English Second Language teams in the world. She has been Chief Adjudicator or Convenor at more

than 200 tournaments in different countries, including Worlds Schools Debate Championship and European University Championship, she has also been doing debate trainings and assisting new debate programs all over the world e.g. China, South Korea, Iraq, Qatar, Palestine, Italy ... Bojana currently lives in Vermont and is involved in USA debate circuit at highschool and university level.



Miha Andrič is an international debate teacher. He is currently serving as a Head of Education at the Slovenian national debate organization (ZIP) and as a Program Director or Chief Trainer of several international debate academies (Mediterranean Debate Academy, Moscow Debate Academy, ESU Turkey Debate Academy). As a guest lecturer he has been training students, teachers and debate judges all around the world from USA to Russia, Canada, India, Tunisia and European countries such as Finland, Italy, Germany, UK and many others. From 2015 he has been the Head Coach of the Slovenian national world schools team and from 2011 he has been team

manager and head coach of Bežigrad international debate club. Miha Andrič is also an experienced international debate judge, he served as Chief Adjudicator at many international debate tournaments (EurOpen, Finn-Britt, Bluebonnet, NSDC, Greenhill...) and was member of several motion committees (NSDA nationals, JSMU Pakistan...). Beside his debate work, Miha Andrič is a sociologist and a philosopher. As a national coordinator he works at International Philosophy Olympiad, as a national curator he coordinates work at the Community of European Philosophy teachers and in the past he also held extra curricular seminars on political and economic ideologies at University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts.

LOCATION: The Woodlands/Spring, TEXAS**<http://www.thewoodlands.com/>**

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Located about 30 minutes north of IAH airport/Houston

**REGISTRATION FEES and HOUSING****Participant Fee - \$60/per person register on tabroom.com****Teams will be waitlisted until approved by host****If you would like to have the host register your team send an email please****Housing Options:**

Accommodations Per Team (5 plus adult)	4 Nights	5 Nights	Lodging	Meals
Local Area Host Homes	\$400	\$500	Spring, Texas family homes Close to Grand Oaks High School	breakfast included and most meals also travel to and from venue and airport pick up and drop off
message for recommendations			hotel option will be paid directly by each team as needed-no need to send us this payment	

Additional Cost:

Excursions coming soon and will only be a nominal cost if interested

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**May 1, 2019** Wednesday Night – Meal and Prep for those arriving early**May 2, 2019** Thursday – workshop and Rounds 1, 2 and 3 starting at 3 pm**May 3, 2019** Friday – workshop and Grand Oaks HS school experience; Rounds 4-6;

Texas Cultural Night (each student bring a team or school tshirt for exchange)

May 4, 2019 Saturday – quarters; Semi-Finals and Finals**May 5, 2019** Sunday – Excursion or Released to Go Home**VISAS**

We strongly encourage early registration, especially for delegations that need visas.

HOW TO REGISTER

Request registration information and forms

by email: bluebonnetwsd@gmail.com

or register with tournament fees online at

tabroom.com Bluebonnet World Schools

QUESTIONS

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Convenor and Debate Coach, Audra Langston, at 832-226-1245;

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