



OVERVIEW: 6 x 4

The 6 x 4 is a 2-day open invitational. This is a round robin tournament comprised of six pods with four teams per pod. Pods will be established based on NPDL rankings. Each team will debate every other team in its pod once on the affirmative and once on the negative. Teams from the same school will not be entered into the same pod. Brackets will not be broken in elimination rounds so coaches must be prepared for walkovers.

After six preliminary rounds there will be a break to quarterfinals. The elimination field will be comprised of the winning team of each pod seeded 1-6 and two wild-card teams seeded 7 and 8. The break to elimination rounds will be based on the following: ballot count, speaker points dropping 1x h/l, speaker points dropping 2x h/l, and total speaker points.

There will be two divisions at the 2019 6x4: Blue (Varsity) and Red (JV). The only qualification for competing in the Junior Varsity division is that both debaters must have less than two years of debate experience. This includes both high school and middle school debate experience.

The tournament will be hosted at Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland, California. The address is 9500 Stearns Avenue, Oakland, California 94605.

JUDGING

JUDGING OBLIGATION

Each judge covers two entries at the 6x4. Each judge is committed for quarterfinals and one elimination round past their last team's placement.

Each preliminary round of the 6x4 will use one judge, the tournament will prioritize using judges who coach or compete in debate (coaching judges) for all varsity preliminary debates (to the best of our ability). Each elimination round will use three judges with alternating ratios of coaching and volunteer judges: 2-1 and 1-2 per panel. Each school or organization must bring at least one judge. The cost for not providing a judge for the tournament will be \$325. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are planning on paying the tournament judge fee so we can allocate hires accordingly.

ONLINE BALLOTING

The 6x4 will use online balloting only. Judges will be required to create and link a Tabroom account to be entered into the judging pool.

DISCLOSURE

Judges may disclose their decision following the round however disclosure is optional. If judges choose to disclose the RFD should be limited to no more than 5 minutes. Results will be posted at the tournament's page on Tabroom.

TOPIC COMMITTEE

A topic committee will be formed by schools and organizations represented at the tournament as teams are entered to the tournament.

FOOD

The tournament will be supplying lunch and dinner for judges and coaches. However, in order to keep tournament costs manageable we request that debaters provide their own food for the day. Food will be provided for teams debating in the scheduled semifinal time (Sunday, 1:00 PM-2:30PM).

COST

The fee to compete at the 6x4 will be \$95/entry. Please make checks payable to "Club Parli".

ENTRIES

All entries will be automatically waitlisted. The tournament will move the top two teams from each school or organization into the pool until the 24 teams in each division are filled. After January 15, if the pools are not filled, entries will be moved from the waitlist with rotating one entry taken from each school or organization's waitlist until the 24 team pools are filled.

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019

8-830AM - Registration

9-1030AM - Round 1

1030AM-12PM - Round 2

12-1PM - Lunch

1-230PM - Round 3

230-4PM Round 4

4-530PM Round 5

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

9-1030AM Round 6

11-1130AM - Speaker Awards/Breaks

1130AM-1PM Quarters (1 Volunteer Judge, 2 Coaching Judges)

1 - 230PM Semis (1 Coaching Judge, 2 Volunteer Judges)

230 - 4PM - Finals (3 Coaching Judges, 2 Volunteer Judges)