



## MANCHESTER ESSEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE & SPEECH TEAM

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Dear Colleagues,

You and your debaters are cordially invited to the Tim Averill Invitational Debate Tournament, to be held at Manchester Essex Regional High School in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass., on 28-29 October 2011. We are making plans for this to be our best year ever, returning to fees charged in the twentieth-century and providing the amenities that made the tournament a strong event in New England. We want the tournament to be both competitive and accessible for all. Our tournament will feature high quality competition and judging in the following events:

**Open Public Forum Debate** - The Averill is a **TOC qualifying tournament in Public Forum at the Quarterfinal Level**, and we anticipate a large field. We are pleased to announce that our director of tabulation will again be our coach *emeritus*, Tim Averill. PFD will use the NFL October Topic.

### **Open and Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate**

- Varsity LD will use the NFL's November-December topic, to be announced on October 1.
- Novice LD will use "Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified."
- A Novice debater is a debater who is in their first year of high school debate (having competed in Speech in a previous year does not disqualify a debater as a novice in debate). Both members of a CX Team must be novices to qualify the team for Novice status. Competing in two or more High School tournaments in a previous school year removes a debater's novice status.

### **POLICY DEBATE (Saturday October 29 only):**

We are proud that our tournament will be the host to the first Greater Boston Policy Debate League (GBPDL) tournament of the year. The GBPDL provides an opportunity for new schools to compete in policy debate against beginner students from Boston and the suburbs. **And the tournaments this year are free!** For those interested, the Boston Debate League will host a free coach workshop on September 17th to provide support, resources, practice curriculum and lesson plans, and anything else coaches might need. Please contact Matt Grimes at [matt@bostondebate.org](mailto:matt@bostondebate.org) for more details.

We will be pleased to offer housing, food, and practice rounds on Friday for any policy debaters who accompany their teams to the tournament.

The tournament will host two divisions- novice and championship policy, debating the NFL resolution: Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its exploration and/or development of space beyond the Earth's mesosphere.

### **Novice Policy**

This division is for beginners to policy debate- students who have never debated policy prior to this year. The majority of the schools in this league will be participating in policy debate for the first time.

All students will use the novice evidence packet located on the Boston Debate League's website at <http://www.bostondebate.org/resources/for-coaches>. The focus for this first tournament is not on new research and complicated arguments- it is meant as an introduction to policy debate. All debaters must use the evidence in the novice packet. Those coaches that have students participate will together decide how to proceed during following tournaments in terms of adding new arguments and rules.

### **Championship policy**

While open to anyone, this division is meant for those who have some experience with policy debate. Students will be using the varsity evidence packet from the BDL's site, though we are exploring the idea of allowing students to research additional affirmatives and other arguments. If you are interested in sending students to compete in this division, please contact Matt Grimes at [matt@bostondebate.org](mailto:matt@bostondebate.org) to discuss this division.

### **Additional Tournament Information:**

Details for the Tournament can be found on the appropriate tabs at our tournament site on tabroom.com (registration can be done there or directly with Tim Averill), Further details will be added to the website ([http://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn\\_id=1105](http://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn_id=1105))

Important details:

- The tournament will begin at 4:00 PM on Friday with Round 1. Please be in the building by 3:30. In Policy debate, the tournament will begin at 9:00 AM, with all debaters and judges meeting at 8:30 AM. The full schedule will be on the website.
- 6 preliminary rounds in Public Forum Debate and five preliminary rounds in L-D. Four rounds in the Saturday GBPDL tournament.
- An appropriate number of elimination rounds will be scheduled in L-D. PFD will break to octofinals.
- We are lining up a well-qualified judging pool in all divisions. Students with 150+ NFL points may judge in the novice divisions. A judge is required for every 3 L-D debaters or fraction thereof, for every 2 PFD or Policy teams or fraction thereof. Hired judges will cost \$150 for each obligation. Save money by bringing your own judges.
- Our fees have been revised to reflect the challenges of this economy and to run the tournament on a "break-even" (subsidized) basis. **The flat rate will be \$15 per individual** in PFD and Lincoln-Douglas. That brings us back to twentieth-century pricing. Entry fees in all divisions include dinner Friday night, as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday. High quality food will be served! Snacks will be available for sale throughout the Tournament. Teams travelling more than 100 miles to the tournament should apply to Tim Averill ([timaverill@comcast.net](mailto:timaverill@comcast.net)) for a partial or full waiver of fees.
- Housing Slots are available for competitors as well as a limited number of college judges. All households will be CORI-checked per Massachusetts law.

We hope to see you on October 28th!

Timothy C. Averill  
Debate Coach Emeritus  
Cell phone: 978-578-0540

## Tentative Schedule

Friday, October 28, 2011

3:00 – 3:30	Registration in front hall. You must register by 3:00 to participate in round one. All debaters report to the cafeteria and adult coaches, chaperones, and hired judges all check in. <b>No housing without registration for it!!!</b>
3:30-3:40	Opening meeting in Cafeteria
3:45-5:30	Round One in L-D and PFD. Arriving Policy teams will be assigned practice rounds.
5:30-7:00	Round Two in L-D and PFD
7:00-8:00	Dinner in Cafeteria.
8:00-9:30	Round Three in L-D and PFD
9:30	Return to Cafeteria for housing

Saturday, October 29, 2011

7:30-8:30	Continental Breakfast in High School cafeteria. Schematics will be released.
8:00-9:30	Round Four in PFD and L-D
8:30	Meeting of Policy Debaters and judges.
9:00-10:45	Round 1 GBPDL
10:15-11:45	Round Five in PFD and L-D
10:45-12:30	Round 2 GBPDL
11:45-1:00	Lunch in Cafeteria (PFD and L-D followed by GBPDL).
12:30-2:00	Round 6 in PFD. Elimination rounds in L-D.
1:00-2:45	Round 3 GBPDL
2:00-3:00	Octofinals in PFD. Elimination rounds in L-D
3:00- 4:45	Round 4 GBPDL
3:30	Awards Ceremony for PFD and L-D. Subsequent elimination rounds in PFD announced.
5:00	Awards Ceremony for GBPDL.

All judges are reminded that you are obligated for one round beyond the elimination of your highest achieving team. Every judge is obligated for the first elimination round.

No packets or ballots will be released until the completion of the awards ceremony.

Hired judges will be paid at the end of the tournament.

**Remember: Teachers' desks are sacred objects!!!**

Registration form: Tim Averill Debate, October 28-29, 2011 at Manchester Essex Regional HS.

We would prefer that you register online at this address –

[http://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn\\_id=1105](http://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn_id=1105)

but if you prefer to send the information to Tim Averill via email, that is acceptable ([timaverill@comcast.net](mailto:timaverill@comcast.net)).

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach email: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Entries:

Public Forum Debate: Judge Names - \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Lincoln-Douglas Varsity: Judge Names - \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

Lincoln Douglas Novice: Judge Names - \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

Greater Boston Policy Varsity Debate (Saturday only): Judges \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Greater Boston Policy Novice Debate (Saturday only): Judges \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

To indicate a request for housing, place an (H) and note gender next to the name.

Total fees = \_\_\_\_\_ students x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that there are NO FEES in Policy debate, but names are still required.

Total hired Judges: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$150 = \_\_\_\_\_

For directions and the full schedule, please visit the [tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com) website.