

February 22, 2019

The Barking Bulldogs Debate Team and the Department of Communication at Fresno State invite you to participate in the 2019 Western Policy Debate Championship Tournament held between Friday, March 2 and Sunday, March 4. We are excited to accommodate the many requests for an open division in this tournament. We will have six preliminary rounds of policy debate in Novice, and JV with appropriate elimination rounds. Given that this has traditionally been a novice and JV championship tournament, we will NOT collapse the divisions.

The tournament hotel is at walking distance of the university.

University Square Hotel  
4961 N Cedar Ave, Fresno, CA 93726  
Tel: 559-224-4200 ext. 1405  
Fax: 559-227-2382

A block of 20 rooms with 2 queen beds each have been created. Group code is CSUF Debate # 1520. Unused rooms will be released on 3/6/19. The cost is \$79 plus tax per night.

You may contact Minh Tran to reserve the rooms. Minh's email is [hminhus@yahoo.com](mailto:hminhus@yahoo.com).

**You have until Wednesday, March 6 (4:45 PM) to finalize all entries and judging obligations. We will charge you all fees based on your entries on March 6 (4:45 PM). You must pay all the fees even if you drop participants from your roster because our food and facility charges are calculated and paid to the university on 3/6/2019. There are no exceptions to this policy so please don't ask for one.**

Feel free to email me (Tom Boroujeni) at [tboroujeni@csufresno.edu](mailto:tboroujeni@csufresno.edu) if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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### Entry Info and registration:

Everything is handled through tabroom.com. You have until Wednesday, March 6 (4:45 PM) to finalize all entries and judging obligations. You will be charged based on your entries on March 6 (4:45 PM). You must pay all the fees even if you drop participants from your roster because our food and facility charges are calculated and paid to the university on that date. There are no exceptions to this policy so please don't ask.

### Tournament Procedures:

We will use the 2018-19 CEDA/NDT topic with 9-3-6 speaking times. We will adhere to CEDA guidelines for Novice and JV eligibility. Divisions will not be collapsed because this is a championship tournament. There will be no breaking of brackets in elimination rounds. Speaker points are awarded in one-tenth increments and no ties are allowed.

### Fees:

The tournament fee is \$60 per person, which includes full breakfast and Lunch on Saturday and Sunday. We accept cash, checks, and Venmo. Checks should be made to "Fresno State."

Each school is expected to provide one full judge commitment (6 rounds) for every two teams entered. The uncovered team fee will be \$180.00.

### Judging:

We will use MPJ to the best of our ability based on the number of judges available.

Each school is expected to provide qualified judges for 3 rounds of judging for every one team entered. **All judges** are committed through the first elimination round in open or one round past their teams' elimination, whichever occurs last. If you do need to hire a judge, the fee will be \$180.00 per uncovered team. Please give us plenty of notice if you need to hire someone. If you are bringing extra judges, let us know how many rounds they would like to be hired for. Judges **MUST** render a decision by marking a loser and a winner of each debate. Only one team can win and only one can lose. Judges not following this will have their ballot changed with a coin toss and have their best team's record altered by forfeiting a win at the conclusion of prelims. Anyone interested in being a hired judge should contact Tom Boroujeni. The tournament will hire judges at \$30 per judged round.

### Tournament Schedule

#### Friday, March 8

- 2 pm – 2:55 pm: Registration on campus
- 03:00 pm: Pairings for rounds 1 and 2 is released
- 04:00 pm: Round 1
- 06:30 pm: Round 2

#### Saturday, March 9

- 08:00 am: Pairings & breakfast
- 09:00 am: Round 3
- 12:00 am: Round 4
- 2:15 pm: Lunch on campus (provided)
- 03:15 pm: Round 5
- 06:15 pm: Round 6

#### Sunday, March 10

- 08:00 am: Pairings & breakfast
- 09:00 am: Elimination round 1
- 11:30 am: Awards Ceremony
- Subsequent elimination rounds as needed.

Location:

Fresno State is Located at 5241 N Maple Ave, Fresno, CA 93740.

Transportation:

The Fresno Yosemite Airport is about a 10 to 15 minute drive from campus. There are plenty of rental car companies in the airport. To get to campus or the hotel from the airport, exit the airport (there is only one exit) and make a left into Clinton Way. Continue on that road as it turns and you will arrive at McKinley Ave. Continue going straight, pass Olive Ave, and take the on-ramp into Highway 180 East. Merge into the on-ramp for Highway 168 East. Take the Shaw exit and turn left on the light. The university will be on your right side. Continue on Shaw Ave and make a right on Cedar Ave. Continue on Cedar Ave and make a right into Campus Drive. The closest Lot to location of the tournament are P-22, P-23, and P-24.

Parking:

If you have a California Exempt license, you can park on campus for free except in “disabled”, metered, and reserved parking spots. Campus parking is free in all zones except “disabled”, metered, and reserved parking spots after 4 pm on Friday, as well as Saturday and Sunday. If you get to campus before 4 PM on Friday, you need to purchase a daily permit. Daily parking permit dispensers are located at the entrances to the campus, and in various parking lots. Dispensers only accept VISA and Master Card payments. Daily parking permits cost is \$4.00. You do not need a pass to park on campus on Saturday and Sunday. Daily permits are only valid in Green parking lots between 8 AM and 4 PM on Friday. After 4 PM parking is free.

**The map is on the next page**

