

Colleagues,

ASU Forensics cordially invites you to join us in Tempe, September 13-15, for policy debate competition in 3 divisions. We will do our best to keep all 3 separate, depending on entries. Our campus is beautiful, everything is in walking distance, and the local food options are fantastic. The tournament will be hosted on the Tempe Campus, at the Wexler Hall (WXLH) building. Below you will find all of the pertinent details.

Best,

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Deadlines:

All entries should be finalized 8pm Pacific time, Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Preferences will be turned on Tuesday night and will be due at noon on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Fees: Zero. Zip. Nada.

Hotels:

We went with courtesy agreement at The Graduate. This hotel is at the southwest corner of campus, and you can walk to campus. The hotel features 2 restaurants on site, and is half a mile from Mill/University where there's a ton of food options.

Graduate Tempe  
225 E Apache Boulevard  
Tempe, AZ 85281  
Rate: \$119  
**Reservations Due by August 14<sup>th</sup>**

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=77204&Chain=21643&arrive=9/11/2019&depart=9/17/2019&adult=1&child=0&group=200913SUND>

#### Hospitality:

We will provide breakfast and coffee during the tournament. We are pursuing student government funds to provide lunch on Saturday. In the event that we do not secure these funds, lunch will be on your own, we will provide an extensive list of options immediately surrounding campus. Our tentative schedule provides time for folks to eat on their own. If we secure lunch, we'll tighten up the gap between debates.

#### Judging:

Each judge will be required to declare one and only one and one and only one loser in each debate to which they are assigned by the tab room. Judges will also be required to assign speaker points to each participant in the debate. In each debate, speakers are rated on a scale of 1-30, including tenths of a point, with no ties. Judges are also required to render a decision in accordance with the aforementioned criteria **no more than 2 hours and 15 minutes** beyond the designated start time of any prelim debate that they are assigned by the tab room to adjudicate. **For elimination rounds**, the time is extended to 2 hours and 30 minutes. Judges are expected to disqualify themselves from hearing any team or school with which they may have a personal or professional conflict. Conflicts may be entered in the comments section of the judge entry section at tabroom.com. We urge judges to maintain a high standard of integrity on this question. The tab room reserves the right to restrict a judge's eligible team field based upon our understanding of a judge's past institutional affiliations. We will follow CEDA protocol for team initiation conflicts.

#### Tournament Logistics:

- WiFi – use the ASU Guest network, open a browser, at the bottom of the page use the link to submit your email and you're all set.
- Saturday preliminary debates will take place in the Wexler Building (WXMLR) in the North/East region of campus. This is south of University Ave, just east of Palm Walk.
- Elim debates in Farmer ED, just a few buildings north of the Graduate Hotel.
- Parking: FREE in the Fulton Structure, Stadium Structure (NORTH OF CAMPUS) 10<sup>th</sup> Street Structure (WEST OF CAMPUS), Apache Structure (SOUTH OF CAMPUS) both Saturday and Sunday.
- We're all in one building, but if you like maps, the ASU phone apps have a great map, with available GPS routes between buildings.
- We will highlight any gender neutral restrooms in the Wexler building in an updated invitation. In the meantime, a campus wide resource:  
<https://eoss.asu.edu/out/academic-campus-resources/restrooms>
- We will designate quiet room(s) check back for updated invitation.

#### Tournament Procedures:

- We will not break brackets.
- Hybrid teams are permitted.
- Prior to the tournament, maverick entries are NOT accepted. Once the tournament begins, maverick situations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- The tournament employs the 9-3-6 format with ten minutes of preparation time allocated to each team.

-We will employ a mutual preference judging (MPJ) placement system with ordinal rankings. Standard practice on judge placement: preference up to 60% for teams still eligible for elimination rounds, with a target mutuality 30% or below. In small divisions, preference % will likely be higher, with a greater emphasis on mutuality.

-ASU teams may compete in the tournament. If so, they are eligible to receive speaker awards and to compete in elimination rounds. We will enter via the web page and declare our participation publicly.

-We subscribe to all CEDA policies regarding racial discrimination and harassment and sexual discrimination and harassment.

-Flipping for sides in elimination rounds: at least one representative for both teams must be present to flip for sides and declare their decision at least 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time of an elimination debate or by a flip time published by the tabroom. If a representative is not present to flip and declare a side, that team forfeits their right to flip and the team that is present gets to declare sides for the debate.

Topic:

Students are required to debate the topic selected for the 2018-19 season by a vote of the Cross Examination Debate Association membership:

RESOLVED: The United States Federal Government should establish a national space policy substantially increasing its international space cooperation with the People's Republic of China and/or the Russian Federation in one or more of the following areas:

- arms control of space weapons;
- exchange and management of space situational awareness information;
- joint human spaceflight for deep space exploration;
- planetary defense;
- space traffic management;
- space-based solar power.

**Novice division is reserved for students in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> academic year of competition.**

Illness:

Please don't bring sick debaters to the tournament, as we'd like to avoid spreading illness across schools.

**Schedule, Fall 2019 Sun Devil Invitational (tentative)**

Friday, September 13 – Farmer Education (ED)

Pairings for Rounds 1 & 2 released

3:30pm – Round 1

6:00pm – Round 2

Saturday, September 14 – Wexler Hall (WXMLR)

8:00am – Round 3 & 4 pairings released and continental breakfast on campus

9:00am – Round 3

11:30am – Round 4

1:30pm – Lunch (on your own)

3:00pm – Round 5 pairings

3:30pm – Round 5

6:00pm – Round 6 pairings

6:30pm – Round 6

Sunday, September 15 – Farmer Education (ED)

8:00am – Breakfast and Elim pairings

9:00am – Elim 1

11:30am – Awards

12:30pm Elims continue