

BIG APPLE IPDA DEBATE TOURNAMENT AT QUEENS COLLEGE

*Saturday, 14 September &
Sunday, 15 September 2019*

*Registration at [Speechwire.com](https://www.speechwire.com)
Deadline to Register: Wednesday,
11 September 2019 @ 5PM EST*





Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Queens College, the City University of New York (CUNY) and the Queens College Speech Society, I would like to cordially extend an invitation for you to attend our inaugural 2019 “Big Apple Tournament at Queens College” in Flushing, NY on **September 14-15, 2019**.

The competition will feature IPDA Debate for both Novice and Varsity Divisions in a single kickoff weekend. Competitors will compete in FOUR preliminary rounds of individual competition both on Saturday, September 14th and Sunday, September 15th.

All entries must be received by Wednesday, September 11th, 2019, at 5:00 pm EST. You must register at the Speechwire.com website which provides all of our tournament information. **Emailed entries will not be accepted.** Changes will be accepted without charge until Thursday, September 12th, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. EST at which point fees will be set. Late fees will be charged for any changes after the 12th at noon (in addition to any fees associated with the entry).

We'll be serving complimentary pizza on Saturday, available between rounds III and IV, and we believe the schedule will permit you all to have a reasonable end time that evening. My hope is that this will be an excellent opportunity for new debaters to have their first tournament experience and for returning varsity competitors within our district to get into their groove for the 2019-2020 competition season. Pre-tournament updates will be distributed via the Speechwire website.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Cordially,

Randy Perez

Tournament Director, Queens College



SCHEDULE

Registration will commence each morning at 7:30AM EST on Saturday and Sunday to permit the initial debate draw at 8PM EST. Please note that every preliminary round will start with debate draw, followed by a 30-minute preparation period upon the first negative strike. We anticipate debate rounds to be “flighted” so that everyone will be accommodated with minimal delays.

Saturday, Sept. 14th

7:30 - 8:00AM	Registration	1:30	Round 4, Pattern A
8:30	Round 1, Pattern A	2:00	Round 4, Pattern B
9:00	Round 1, Pattern B	2:30 – 3:00	Coaches Review
10:00	Round 2, Pattern A	3:00	IPDA Quarterfinals Draw
10:30	Round 2, Pattern B	3:30	Quarterfinal Rounds Begin
11:15	Round 3, Pattern A	4:15	IPDA Semifinals Draw
11:45	Round 3, Pattern B	4:45	Semifinal Rounds Begin
12:30 – 1:30PM	Lunch Break	5:30	IPDA Finals Draw
		6:00	Final Rounds Begin
		7:00 – 7:30PM	Awards

Sunday, Sept. 15th

7:30 - 8:00AM Registration

8:30 Round 1, Pattern A

9:00 Round 1, Pattern B

10:00 Round 2, Pattern A

10:30 Round 2, Pattern B

11:15 Round 3, Pattern A

11:45 Round 3, Pattern B

12:30 – 1:30PM Lunch Break

1:30 Round 4, Pattern A

2:00 Round 4, Pattern B

2:30 – 3:00 Coaches Review

3:00 IPDA Quarterfinals Draw

3:30 Quarterfinal Rounds Begin

4:15 IPDA Semifinals Draw

4:45 Semifinal Rounds Begin

5:30 IPDA Finals Draw

6:00 Final Rounds Begin

7:00 – 7:30PM Awards

SCHEDULE NOTES

- The 15-minute forfeit rule will apply if a debater fails to appear at their designated room.
- We will serve lunch at the QC Cafeteria at lunch time on both days.
- Updates to the schedule will be posted on Speechwire if they occur. Please be vigilant!

ENTRY RULES

All entries are due by Wednesday, September 11th at 5pm EST here via Speechwire.

All debaters must be undergraduates enrolled at their respective institution.

It is up to your discretion to place and enter students in their proper division (novice or varsity).

FORMAT OF IPDA DEBATE DIVISIONS

We will be offering novice and varsity divisions of Individual IPDA Debate. (NOTE: A Novice debater is a student who has absolutely NO prior debate experience including high school. Please do not place experienced debaters in novice division of IPDA.) **Due to limited facilities available, we will NOT be offering Junior Varsity or Professional divisions of IPDA Debate.**

AWARDS

1. Awards will be presented to each finalist within both Novice and Varsity divisions.
2. In debate, there will be three elimination rounds (depending on number of entries): Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals. Debaters who advance to the final round receive Gold, while the semifinalist debaters will receive Silver and Quarterfinalists with Bronze.
3. Sweepstake points are awarded as follows:
 - a. 5 points for each preliminary win
 - b. 2 points for reaching Bronze Round
 - c. 2 points for reaching Gold Round
4. In addition, the top individual speakers and top debate schools within BOTH divisions will be recognized.

WARM ROOMS

Our tournament will not have "warm rooms." While we encourage cordial and constructive feedback between judges and debaters, judges should not be obliged to engage in conversation with students. Debaters should not pressure their judges for commentary after rounds. **JUDGES SHOULD NOT DISCLOSE THEIR REASON FOR DECISIONS (RFD) DURING OR AFTER ROUNDS!**

JUDGING

All schools should attempt to properly cover their entries. If you don't feel comfortable judging IPDA Debate, please note it here when you place your entry so that we can accommodate you. We are fortunate to be placed in a region of many highly qualified judges, educators, and former debaters!

TOURNAMENT FORFEIT RULE

Any debater who is more than 15 minutes late automatically forfeits their round, resulting in a "bye" or automatic win for the opposing debater. Please make every effort to have your debaters appear at their appointed rounds so that our tournament runs smoothly.

WI-FI

I will be working with my campus OIT dept to provide you free access to WiFi. You and your team will be given instructions on how to access the WiFi at Queens College within your registration packet. However, I strongly encourage you to have a backup plan in case you and your debaters encounter problems accessing our network during rounds.

DACA STATEMENT

New York City is a proud sanctuary city, and as such, we will uphold the City University of New York's (CUNY) mission of embracing all forms of diversity at our campus.

DISABILITY STATEMENT

Queens College is medium-sized campus and we will schedule our rounds in buildings that are close together, thereby reducing walking distances. If you encounter a coach, judge, or debater who requires special accommodations, please let me know as soon as possible!

ETHICS STANDARDS OF IPDA DEBATE

The Big Apple Invitational IPDA Debate Tournament will adhere to the rules prescribed by the International Public Debate Association. Before coming to the tournament, please take time to familiarize yourself and your team to the rules contained within the IPDA Constitution and its Bylaws.

PAIRINGS

All four preliminary rounds will be randomly paired. However, brackets will not be broken in elimination rounds.

COMPETITION RULES

It is my wish for everyone to have an enjoyable experience at the tournament. To ensure fairness, our tournament will follow IPDA rules found within the IPDA Constitution and Bylaws which were last updated on October 2018. To view the constitution, please visit the website at: <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>.

According to the IPDA Constitution, “IPDA” or the “International Public Debate Association” is an audience-friendly debate format with great emphasis on persuasion, rhetorical speaking abilities, and inclusivity of interested individuals who are encouraged to debate “regardless of educational background, prior experience, or any other demographics.” **The philosophic tenets of the IPDA Constitution are sevenfold, which are *inclusivity, lay judging, limited preparation, extemporaneous delivery, rhetorical delivery, and ethos.***

It is important to note that IPDA Debate differs from other collegiate debate formats since it encourages *lay judging* – judges with limited debate experience and training to ensure fairness within debate rounds. **Therefore, handouts of the IPDA debate format will be distributed at check-in to all lay judges who request a copy of the IPDA Debate rules.**

The IPDA Debate format are as follows:

- A. Topics will be announced in-round with 5 topics (2 value, 2 policy, 1 metaphor) provided for strikes. Negative strikes first, and then turns are taken until one topic remains to be debated.
- B. Debaters will not be allowed to consult any other person during prep time. Prep IPDA rules, they will be allowed paper and/or electronic research material, which may be quoted or paraphrased from notes during the round, but not read directly, as extemporaneous delivery is required.
- C. Time limits:

Affirmative Constructive	5 minutes
Cross Examination	2 minutes
Negative Constructive	6 minutes
Cross Examination	2 minutes
First Affirmative Rebuttal	3 minutes
First Negative Rebuttal	5 minutes
Second Affirmative Rebuttal	3 minutes

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON THE IPDA DEBATE FORMAT

- Competitors will receive their topics at their designated competition room 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE ACTUAL ROUND BEGINS. (Example: if the first round starts at 8:30AM, then competitors MUST be at their designated rooms **no later** than 8:00AM).
- Judges are expected to keep time during preparation time. Competitors will have exactly 30 minutes of preparation time following the first negative strike.
- Strike sheets will contain a variety of topics ranging from domestic, economic, social, international events to NYC-themed issues.
- Everyone will have access to Wi-Fi via the QC Guest account. More detailed instructions will be issued on the SpeechWire website within the coming weeks leading up to the September 11th entry deadline.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Registration for the tournament will commence on-line at Speechwire on Tuesday, July 16th and will continue until the deadline on **Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 at 5PM**. As stated before, emailed entries will not be accepted. You will have an opportunity to confirm your entries **at check-in on Saturday and Sunday morning at 7:30am in the lobby of the Student Union Building**. It is the building closest to the school entrance located at Kissena Blvd and Melbourne Avenue (see attached map at page 13).

TAB ROOM

The tournament tab room will be located in **Kiely Hall (the precise room will be announced at tournament check-in first thing on Saturday morning, Sept 14th)**. Campus maps of Queens College will also be available at check-in on Saturday morning. Any questions about schematics can be directed to the tab-room staff. However, judges may direct all complaints, grievances, and all serious matters to me. You will find me either at the tab room or at registration.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

IF YOU ARE MAKING A PAYMENT BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

QUEENS COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

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ALL FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO OR AT REGISTRATION, UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

1. The following entry fees shall be assessed:
 - School fee \$40 per school, per day
 - IPDA slot \$25 per debater, per day
2. Fees for uncovered debaters will be assessed as follows:
 - Every uncovered debater = \$40 per debater, per day
3. Fees will initially be calculated on Wednesday, September 11th at 5PM EST. Late adds/drops will be as follows:
 - Add/drops on Thursday, Sept 12th: \$15 per change, plus entry fee
 - **NO MORE ADDS ALLOWED ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH !!!!**
 - Drops on Friday, Sept 13th: \$30 per drop, plus entry fee
 - Drops at registration on Saturday, Sept 14th: \$75 per drop, plus original entry fee
 - Drops at registration on Sunday, Sept 15th: \$100 per drop, plus original entry fee
 - **ABSOLUTELY NO ADDS ALLOWED ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY!!!**
4. Each judge covers 2 debaters. Therefore, teams with excess debaters will be charged "uncovered slots" for every debater that is not covered by a judge. So please make every effort to cover your entry. Schools are responsible for entering their judges as the right judge type when calculating fees.
5. Judges who fail to pick their ballots will render their students ineligible for elimination rounds.

JUDGES (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!)

To encourage fairness to our competitors – and if you're a coach – I ask that you bring as many of your judges as possible. **For our tournament, a judge who is available for all of the preliminary rounds and one elimination round will cover two IPDA debaters.** IPDA Debate encourages a broad range of lay judges which includes coaches, forensics alumni, students (ONLY IF THEY AREN'T COMPETITORS), fellow parents, educators, and members of the academic community.

Since the team has a very small budget, we are only able to hire judges on a **very limited basis.** Nevertheless, if you would like to hire a judge, please contact me at Randy.Perez44@gmail.cuny.edu as soon as possible. We are very fortunate to have a supportive and thriving pool of qualified hired judges within our Northeastern district/NYC metro area.

TRAVEL & HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Queens College is ideally located within a 10-15 minute drive from LaGuardia, a 15 - 20 minute drive from JFK Int'l Airport, 2 hrs from Islip Airport in Suffolk County in Long Island, and about 1hr to 90 mins from Newark Airport (depending on traffic conditions). Hotels within NYC can be quite expensive. We have not selected an official tournament hotel, so each team is responsible for making their own reservations. However, I recommend contacting Mr. James Woods at Travel Advocates. In the past, he has helped many of our neighboring teams within our region by securing good rates for teams traveling to tournaments. He can be reached at Jason@TravelAdvocates.com.

Local Hotel Rates:

HYATT PLACE FLUSHING / LA GUARDIA AIRPORT

133-42 39th Ave. Flushing, NY 11354, USA

RATE: \$199 (single or double/double bedded,
1-2ppl)

TAX: 14.75% plus \$3.50

BREAKFAST: included in the rate

Courtyard by Marriott New York Queens/Fresh Meadows

183-15 Horace Harding Expressway, Fresh Meadows,
NY 11365

RATE: \$159 (single or double/double bedded,
1-2ppl)

TAX: 14.75% plus \$3.50

BREAKFAST: none offered

TOURNAMENT LOCATION DETAILS

Queens College is located right off of Exit 24 on the I-495 Long Island Expressway ("the L.I.E.") on Kissena Blvd. It is also easily accessible if you're traveling on the Grand Central Parkway going north or south of Flushing Meadows Park, the I-295 Clearview Expwy, the Cross-Island Pkwy, and the I-678 Van Wyck Expwy if you're coming from JFK Airport.

Although registration will be located in the Student Union Building, tabulation, postings, and awards will take place in nearby Kiely Hall. There is campus parking available near the Rosenthal Library and street parking available on Melbourne Avenue.

I hope to see you all on September 14-15 in the GREATEST CITY IN THE WORLD! We're going to have a blast.



Building Abbreviations

Alumni Hall AE
Campbell Dome DM
Colden Auditorium CA
Colwin Hall CH
Continuing Ed I CI
Delany Hall DY

Dining Hall
FitzGerald Gym
Frese Hall
G Building
Gertz Center
Goldstein Theatre
Honors Hall
I Building

DH
FG
FH
GB
GC
GT
HH
IB

Jefferson Hall
Kiely Hall
King Hall
Kissena Hall
Klapper Hall
Music Building
Powdermaker Hall
Queens Hall

JH
KY
KG
KS
KP
MU
PH
QH

Rathaus Hall
Razran Hall
Remsen Hall
Rosenthal Library
Science Building
Student Union
Tech Incubator
The Summit

RA
RZ
RE
RO
SB
SU
C2

Key

