

August 31, 2019



Dear Colleagues:

We cordially invite you to join us for the Fourth Annual **Dr. George W. Ziegelmueller Invitational Tournament (AKA "The Ziggy") at Wayne State University** in Midtown Detroit, MI. This year's tournament will be held on Friday-Sunday, October 25-27, 2019.

We will offer three divisions of policy debate with six rounds of preliminary debates, followed by an appropriate number of elimination debates, in each division. Please manage tournament entry through Tabroom.com, from September 1st until October 18th at 11:59 PM EST. Dropped entries or participants after October 18th at 11:59pm EST are subject to a drop fee (equal to the participant fee per individual).

All debates will occur in Manoogian Hall: 906 W. Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201.

Please take note of a special **George Ziegelmueller Memorial Brunch**, in honor of our Late and Great Director of Forensics. The brunch will take place at 11:00am on Sunday, and will be run in conjunction with our award ceremony.

Fees are **\$65 per person** (debater, coach, judge, observer, or hired judge not covered by another team). We will provide every meal from Friday Dinner through Sunday Brunch. If entry fees or hotel costs are prohibitive for your program, or you are a new program, please contact us and we will assist as much as possible.

We look forward to hosting you in the Motor City this October!

Sincerely,

[Ronald Stevenson](#), Director of Forensics

[Sydney Pasquinelli](#), Director of Debate

[Brad Meloche](#), Associate Debate Coach

Matthew Rosenblum, Graduate Assistant Debate Coach

Sarah Walker, Graduate Assistant Debate Coach

& The Wayne State Warrior Debaters

FORMAT

Topic: The tournament will employ the 2019-2020 CEDA national debate topic.

Sanctioning: Our tournament is sanctioned for ADA, CEDA and NDT, and teams competing here will earn sweepstakes points as per the standard league rules. We will offer policy debate competition in three divisions: varsity, junior varsity, and novice. We will adhere to the latest ADA rules regarding competition, student eligibility for divisions, and tournament administration. ADA rules will be enforced by the tournament director. In compliance with ADA rules, results of the tournament will be submitted to the ADA Vice President within two weeks of the conclusion of the tournament. Current ADA rules may be found [here](#).

Preliminary Rounds: Six preliminary rounds will be offered in all divisions (2 rounds on Friday, 4 rounds on Saturday)

Elimination Rounds: An appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered in accordance with ADA rules, room availability, and time availability (all elimination rounds will conclude on Sunday). Tab **will not break brackets**.

Novice Evidence: The novice division will use only the **ADA-restricted set of novice evidence**. The evidence packet can be found [here](#).

Harassment: The Wayne State Debate Team has a no tolerance policy for sexual harassment and discrimination. The tournament agrees to comply with the underlying principles of CEDA's Statement on Sexual Harassment and Discrimination and the Statement of Ethical Principles.

ENTRIES

Eligibility: Participant eligibility in each division is governed by ADA and CEDA rules.

Hybrid Entries: Hybrid teams may compete in preliminary rounds and are eligible to clear to elimination debates and receive speaker awards.

Mavericks/Sick Debater: Mavericks are not eligible to enter the tournament. Should one debater from a team become ill or unable to debate in any given round, that round will be forfeited.

Entry Deadline: Please enter using Tabroom.com by October 18, 2019 by 11:59 EST. After that deadline, please email entry changes to [Ron Stevenson](#).

Drops: Teams dropped after October 22, 2019 @ 6:00 pm will be responsible for all participant fees.

Tournament Arrival/Registration: Please confirm the arrival of all your entries when by emailing [Brad Meloche](#) on Thursday and/or Friday. Registration will open Friday at 2:45pm on the 1st floor of Manoogian Hall.

JUDGING

Commitment: Each school must provide **3 rounds** of qualified judging for each team entered in the tournament. All judges will be required to judge: through the first elimination debate on Sunday morning; or one round after your last team is eliminated; whichever occurs later.

Hired Judging: A very limited number of judges will be available for hire at \$30 per round (\$90 per uncovered team). If you need to hire judges, we strongly encourage you to use the hired judge exchange on tabroom.com first but please let us know earlier if we might need to offer you hired judges. Please don't assume that they will be available at the last minute.

Placement: Judges will be placed using mutual preference in all divisions.

Speaker Points: We will use a 30-point scale with .1 increments. No ties are allowed.

FEES

Entry fees are **\$65 per participant**. A participant is defined as a debater, coach, judge, observer, or hired judge not covered by another team. Fees cover caffeine, water, and 5 meals for each participant.

Please make checks payable to **Ron Stevenson**.

We currently do not have the framework for credit card payment options, but if this is absolutely necessary, please email Ron and we can likely set something up.

HOTEL

We will be using the [Holiday Inn and Suites Downtown](#) for the tournament hotel. The rate is \$119.00 per night (two double beds). Parking is included. Use the hyper-link for booking: Once you populate the dates, the rate and room type will show. If you prefer to call and make reservations, the number is: 1-800-465-4329 or 313-887-7000; press 1 for reservations and ask for the WSU Debate block.

Please make your reservations by **October 3** to secure the group rate.

There are many additional hotel options in the city and nearby suburbs that are a short drive from the campus. Please reach out to Ron or Sydney if you would like help finding a different hotel.

TOURNAMENT LOCATION

Airport: The Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) is an outstanding hub for Delta Airlines (but all the major airlines come here as well). It is located approximately 20 minutes from campus; take I-94 East.

Tournament Site: Preliminary debates will occur in [Manoogian Hall](#) (906 W. Warren Avenue). Elimination debates will occur in our newly remodeled, on-campus [Student Center](#) (5221 Gullen Mall).

Click [here](#) to download a General Campus Map.

TOURNAMENT PARKING

Unlike in years past, we will not have free parking passes for our guests (sorry!) You will have to pay to park in a parking structure or lot – both are a short walk to Manoogian.

Warning: You will have to use **the same credit/debit card** to leave the parking garage/lot, that you used to enter the parking garage/lot.

Cars and Mini-Vans: Use [Structure 2](#)

To get into structure 2: Drop off your students at the Manoogian Building using the M10 Service Drive, and then continue on the service drive only a few hundred feet until you see one of the two entrances to your right. (This is different than in previous years because the front entrance is closed for construction).

Bigger Vans: Use [Lot 50](#)

Street parking is available but is only free on Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, you will have to pay meters frequently, and could end up with a ticket if you forget to move your car or repay the meter.

Please be advised that Detroit has a moderate problem with theft from cars. Please advise participants to keep valuables on their person, instead of leaving them in the car, during the tournament or while eating at restaurants. Please hide any valuables or change that are visible from your car windows.

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Various tournament information (e.g. ADA rules, maps, restaurant guides) can be found on our [website](#)

For further information and/or assistance, you may contact: Ron Stevenson, stevenson.ron@gmail.com or 313-333-6349; or Sydney Pasquinelli, sydneypasquinelli@gmail.com or 248-229-4165.

Wayne State is a smoke-free campus... kind of. The University technically implemented the policy this year, but enforcement has been very lax. If you smoke, your best bet is to stand near the M-10 Service Drive side of Manoogian Hall.

All rounds (debater speeches, CX, and judge RFD/feedback) are open to the public, including Wayne State University Employees and the student body. As a public activity, these debates may be electronically recorded, **for private educational use only**, by any tournament participant. Those who record are encouraged to ask and receive permission from participants before anything is posted to a public forum.

SCHEDULE

Please note that the schedule is subject to minor modifications as circumstances arise.

Thursday, October 24, 2019

3:00 pm Judge preference info due via Tabroom.com
All day Contact [Brad](#) to confirm when you have arrived

Friday, October 25, 2019 – Manoogian Hall

Morning Contact [Brad](#) to confirm when you have arrived (unless you already did Thurs.)
2:45pm Registration: First Floor of Manoogian Hall
3:15pm Pairings Released for Rounds 1 and 2

4:00pm	ROUND 1
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6:30pm Round 1 Decision Deadline
6:30pm Dinner

7:15pm	ROUND 2
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9:45pm Round 2 Decision Deadline

Saturday, October 26, 2018 – Manoogian Hall

7:00am Manoogian Hall Opens
7:30am Breakfast / Rd 3 and Rd 4 pairings

8:30am	ROUND 3
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11:00am Round 3 Decision Deadline
11:00am Lunch

11:45am	ROUND 4
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2:15pm Round 4 Decision Deadline
2:40pm Round 5 pairings

3:15pm	ROUND 5
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5:45pm Round 5 Decision Deadline
5:45pm Dinner
6:15pm Round 6 pairings

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9:15 pm Round 6 Decision Deadline
10:00pm Elim Participants and Judges will posted online

Sunday, October 27, 2019 – WSU Student Center

7:30am Elim panels released

7:35am Flip for Sides Due

8:00am	FIRST ELIM ROUND IN ALL DIVISIONS
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10:30am Decision Deadline

11:00am	GEORGE ZIEGELMUELLER MEMORIAL BRUNCH W/ AWARD CEREMONY
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All subsequent elimination rounds will follow as soon as possible.

If are done debating, we highly advise making some time to see the city. The downtown area has a wide selection of excellent restaurants, tourist attractions, and casinos (if you are feeling lucky)!

We look forward to hosting you in October!!