



# HARVARD Debate Council High School Tournament

## Congressional Debate



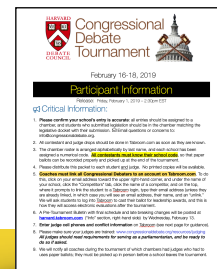
February 15-17, 2020

### Pre-Tournament Bulletin

Release: February 13, 2020 - 12:45 p.m. EST

**No Congress information is distributed at registration Fri. evening.**

- Please note subway alert on the next page for Porter Square/Univ. Hall.
- Please make sure you have a copy of the original information packet → (posted Feb. 2). NOTE: **schedule has been updated** in this packet, to clarify lunch details, including custom times by chamber to stagger lines.



- Complimentary breakfast snacks will be available Saturday and Sunday morning, from 7:30am - at both sites. Lunch on both days will be served at both Univ. Hall and Hilles; on **Sunday, please remain in your building and eat before heading to the Harvard Yard campus** (this is a change from the original packet).
- All **Congress judges** are must attend Saturday 8:15am meeting (assignments and materials will be distributed). **We will notify judges on Friday, Feb. 15 which site to report to.**
- Students attend assembly at 2 p.m. Sunday; all are *eligible* to win preliminary session Leadership Awards, even those who don't break to quarters. **There is limited room for adults (coaches, judges or parents), due to the number of contestants; however, all judges must report to a concurrent meeting. Students: do NOT congregate in Sci. Ctr. lobby/corridors - go directly into Hall B/A. (fire code issue)**
- Evaluation sheets (ballots) may be picked up in person, and will be available: two hours after quarterfinals begins (for prelims); one hour after semifinals begins (for quarters), etc.
- Emergency issue? Missing a judge in a chamber? Call our hotline: (617) 545-4TAB (4822)
- Important announcements/updates will be posted on Tabroom.com and emailed to the coaches of record for the tournament.






## Subway Alert

Due to construction and track work, the Red Line (subway “T”) will be closed between Harvard and Alewife — which includes the **Porter Square** station — Saturday and Sunday. The MBTA will run shuttle buses between Harvard-Porter-Davis-Alewife. Signs and MBTA personnel will direct riders towards the buses. **Please allow extra time if you plan to ride from Harvard to Porter (Univ. Hall).** All shuttle bus stops are fully accessible. For more information, you can visit the MBTA website at <https://www.mbta.com/schedules/Red/alerts>.








## Schedule

 Updated Feb. 12








### Saturday, February 15 Chambers at Lesley Univ. Hall (Porter Square) or Hilles

- 8:00 am  Breakfast snacks, **Univ. Hall, 3rd Floor, or Hilles, 1st Floor**
- 8:15 am  Mandatory judge briefing/materials distribution:  
Lesley-Univ. Hall 2-150 | Hilles- 105 Community Hall  
**Judges will be notified by Friday, which site to report to.**
- 9:20 am\*  Round 1 Begins \* times staggered to accommodate lunch
- Times (next page)  Complimentary Lunch, **Univ. Hall, 3rd Floor, or Hilles, 1st Floor**
- 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm\*\*  Round 2 Begins \* ending times staggered based on chamber size

### Sunday, February 16 A.M. Chambers at Lesley Univ. Hall (Porter Square) or Hilles

- 7:30 am  Breakfast snacks, **Univ. Hall 3rd Floor, or Hilles 1st Floor**
- 8:00 am  Round 3
- 11:00 am  Complimentary Lunch, **Univ. Hall 3rd Floor, or Hilles 1st Floor**
- 2:30 pm  Assembly: advancing quarterfinalists announced; prelim leadership awards, **contestants ONLY** Sci. Center Halls. B & A (via videocast)  
**Go directly into Halls B/A; do not congregate in Sci. Ctr. lobby!**
- 2:45 pm  Judge Pooling Meeting, Sci. Center Hall E (Basement)
- 3:30 pm - 6:45 pm  Quarterfinal Round. *Chambers at Harvard Yard Campus*
- 8:30 pm  Assembly: quarterfinal leadership awards, non-advancing quarterfinalists & semifinal qualifiers announced, Science Ctr, Aud. B

### Monday, February 17 Harvard Campus; all locations to be posted on Tabroom.

- 7:45 am  Semifinal Judge Pooling Meeting, Sci. Ctr. Hall E (Basement)
- 8:00 am - 10:45 am  Semifinal Round  
 Lunch on own
- 12:00 pm  Final Session Breaks Posted, Sci. Ctr. Hall C
- 12:00 pm  Judge Pooling Meeting, Sci. Ctr. Hall C
- 12:15 pm - 3:45 pm  Final Round
- 4:30 pm  Congressional Debate Awards Ceremony, Sci. Ctr. Hall C

## Chamber Dismissal Times

Students may report to any room as early as 9 am. The table below shows when students will have lunch for each chamber. Round 2 begins Saturday at 2 pm in all chambers; Round 3 begins Sunday at 8 am in all chambers. **Lunch is served on-site both days. Contestants and judges should remain in their building following round 3 for lunch, then leave.** When arriving at the Science Center, students should go directly to Halls B/A (do not congregate in lobby/corridors).

	Saturday			Sunday
Prelim Chamber / Room	Round 1 Start	Round 1 End	Round 2 End	Round 3 End
01. Univ 2-078	9:20 AM	12:30 PM	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
02. Univ 3-092	9:30 AM	12:40 PM	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
03. Univ 2-141	9:30 AM	12:40 PM	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
04. Univ 3-094	9:40 AM	12:50 PM	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
05. Univ 3-097	9:30 AM	12:10 PM	4:30 PM	10:30 AM
06. Univ 3-098	9:40 AM	12:50 PM	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
07. Univ 2-150	9:40 AM	1:00 PM	5:10 PM	11:10 AM
08. Univ 3-100	9:30 AM	12:20 PM	4:40 PM	10:40 AM
09. Univ 3-101	9:30 AM	12:20 PM	4:40 PM	10:40 AM
10. Univ 3-103	9:40 AM	12:40 PM	4:50 PM	10:50 AM
11. Univ 4-023	9:40 AM	12:10 PM	4:20 PM	10:20 AM
12. Univ 4-033	9:40 AM	12:50 PM	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
13. Univ 3-076	9:40 AM	12:50 PM	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
14. Univ 4-034	9:50 AM	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
15. Univ 4-037	9:30 AM	12:20 PM	4:40 PM	10:40 AM
16. Univ 3-086	9:50 AM	1:10 PM	5:10 PM	11:10 AM
17. Univ 4-040	9:40 AM	1:00 PM	5:10 PM	11:10 AM
18. Hilles 104/Event Hall	9:50 AM	12:40 PM	4:40 PM	10:40 AM
19. Univ 3-087	9:40 AM	12:40 PM	4:50 PM	10:50 AM
20. Hilles 105/Comm. Hall	9:20 AM	12:20 PM	4:50 PM	10:50 AM
21. Hilles 106	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	4:50 PM	10:50 AM
22. Hilles 200 North Collabor	9:20 AM	12:30 PM	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
23. Hilles 200 South Collabor	9:20 AM	12:40 PM	5:10 PM	11:10 AM
24. Hilles 300 North Collabor	9:40 AM	12:40 PM	4:50 PM	10:50 AM
25. Hilles 300 South Collabor	9:40 AM	12:30 PM	4:40 PM	10:40 AM
26. Hilles P00 Coffee Bar	9:40 AM	12:50 PM	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
27. Hilles P02	9:50 AM	12:50 PM	4:50 PM	10:50 AM
28. Hilles P14	9:50 AM	12:50 PM	4:50 PM	10:50 AM
29. Univ 3-089	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	4:50 PM	10:50 AM

## Sensitive Topics

Students always have the prerogative to not speak on a particular item they are uncomfortable with; they can wait to speak on the next item on the agenda, particularly because the tournament provided additional legislation for each chamber to choose from this year for the agenda. Students also may exercise their advocacy by voting for a different agenda order that places certain bills as fourth/last for a particular session.

We will remind judges that students do not need to speak on every bill, which is particularly relevant because we're using the NSDA pilot to limit debate to one hour on each legislation.

## Cumulative Sweepstakes Award

Schools (but not independent/unaffiliated entities nor clubs/educational consulting/tutoring companies) are eligible for the annual sweepstakes award (calculated automatically within Tabroom.com), as well at the Brent E. Pesola Cumulative Sweepstakes Award. In the interest of transparency and access, we have posted the cumulative sweepstakes tracking spreadsheet at: <https://www.congressionaldebate.org/harvard-cumulative-sweeps>. 2020 data will be added after the tournament (to keep this year's winner a surprise). Schools currently in the spreadsheet without zeroes for past years are new to the Congressional Debate Tournament this year.



# HARVARD

## Debate Council

### Summer Workshops



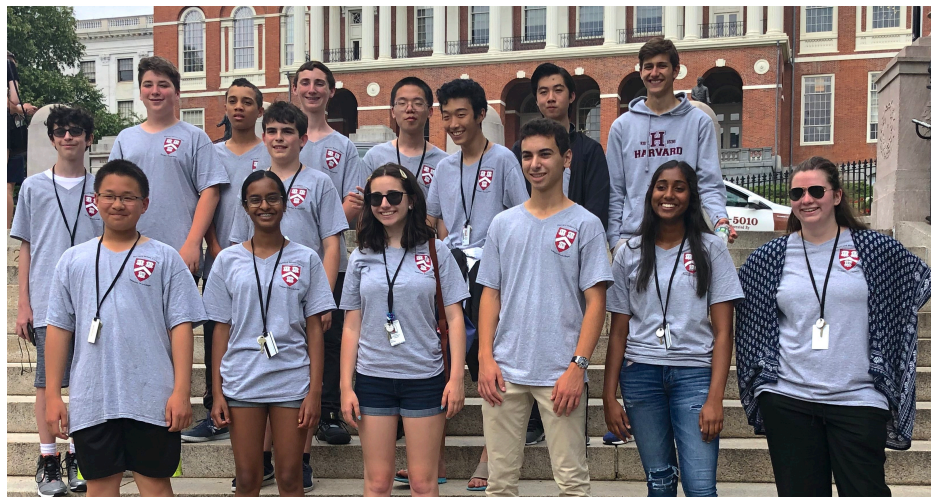
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We foster sustained growth in an innovative, fun, and safe atmosphere that encourages students to reach beyond their potential. Respected and experienced instructors employ layer-in skills methodically to ensure mastery, complemented by reflective learning, and personal goal setting. This is augmented with extensive use of technology, as well as individualized attention and personal development.

Learn about our curriculum, award-winning faculty, and immersive experiences at [hdcsw.org](http://hdcsw.org).

**Summer 2020 Session**  
June 28-July 10

- ♦ Extensive one-on-one coaching
- ♦ Targeted skill focus
- ♦ Simulated competition sessions
- ♦ Leadership training
- ♦ Engage with real lawmakers
- ♦ Discuss issues from multiple ideological perspectives in a supportive atmosphere
- ♦ Free time for dinners and to explore Harvard Square
- ♦ Network with students from around the United States and the world!



## Advanced Curriculum

For experienced students who have demonstrated considerable or consistent success in competition, and are looking to stand out with deeper content, stronger delivery, and more memorability each round. Focus will be on honing skills to research more efficiently, devise higher level argumentation, write speeches quicker, refute decisively, and stand out in a room as a leader. Practice will be intense, breaking bad habits and forging effective ones.

*Experience Harvard in the summer!*