Dear Friends,

The University of Rochester Debate Union is pleased to invite you to the 2019 Brad Smith Debate Tournament! The tournament will be held Saturday, October 12th and Sunday, October 13th on the gorgeous University of Rochester campus (maps will be available at registration). Our tournament is named in honor of H. Brad Smith, a longtime and invaluable supporter of the University of Rochester Debate Union. The tournament will be CEDA and SAMBA sanctioned.

**For Policy**:

We will offer 5 rounds of prelims in Novice and Open divisions. We will clear half of all teams entered, up to the limit of Octofinals. We will use the CEDA definition of "novice" and will use the 2019-2020 CEDA/NDT topic. The time limits will be 9-3-6 with 10 minutes of prep time.

**Please register your teams on** [**tabroom.com**](http://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Ftabroom.com%2F&h=6AQEGaNja&enc=AZP-jJDFXVA3SJL4KwqqEuVHisSq6dcs0GhqJuXlpegjDGKdfzXTSE_fGwsEjOT-h1s&s=1) **no later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 4th.** Last minute policy registration questions can be directed to Joe Schatz, your tab master for the weekend: debate@binghamton.edu.

NOTE: Please enter any dietary or accessibility concerns for your students here: <https://goo.gl/forms/Le7EAQYBLiauWDQp2>

General:

As is the longstanding tradition of our tournament, University of Rochester students may be entered, but they will not advance to elimination rounds. They will be eligible to receive speaking awards.

The remainder of this invitation includes all the necessary information for registration and lodging, as well as the schedule. We hope to see you at our tournament in September – please let me know if we can do anything to help make that happen. I can be reached at (585) 755-5156 for any last minute questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Brady Fletcher

Director, University of Rochester Debate Union

Registration

Entry fees will be $75 per two-person team. There is no participant fee. That fee will cover breakfast and lunch on both days.

Judging is n-1. There will be a $125 fee for each missing judge, but as hired judges are limited, we would rather have your judges than your money! If you have extra judging please make us aware when you register, as we may be willing to hire your extra critics.

Please make all checks payable to “University of Rochester.”

Lodging

Here are some hotel suggestions, but are by no means exhaustive:

Staybridge (by far the most geographically convenient): $116/night.

Holiday Inn Express (about a 10min drive): $101/night.

Hilton Garden Inn (about the same distance as Staybridge): $156/night

Sexual Harassment and Discrimination

The University of Rochester will uphold the principle of debate in the atmosphere of civility and mutual respect. All our guests should be treated fairly without regard to race, creed, age, gender identity, sex, national origin, and sexual preference. Any incidences of harassment or discrimination should be reported to the tournament staff immediately.

Tournament Schedule (tentative)

**Policy**

Saturday

7:30-8:30: Registration and Breakfast in Hutchison Hall

8:30: Round 1 Start

11:00: Round 2 Start

1:30: Lunch in Green Lounge

2:30: Round 3 Start

5:00: Round 4 Start

7:00: Dinner in Green Lounge

8:00: Round 5 Start/New debater teach-in

Sunday

7:30-8:00: Breakfast

8:00: Open Round 6/Nov Round 5

10:30: Quarters Start (or Semis)/Nov Octos

12:00: Lunch in Green Lounge

1:00: Awards in Hubbell Auditorium

1:30: Semis Start (or Finals)/Nov Quarters

4:00: Finals Start (if Quarters)/Nov Semis

6:30: Novice Finals (if Nov Octos)