



# 2020 Ivy League Parliamentary Championship

**February 29 - March 1, 2020**

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Society

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Dear Speech and Debate Coach,

On behalf of the Columbia Debate Society, we are delighted to invite you and your team to the Ivy League Parliamentary Championship high school debate tournament on Saturday February 29th and Sunday March 1st, 2020 at Columbia University in New York. All elimination rounds will be judged by a hand-picked group of highly competitive college-level parliamentary Ivy League debaters, and we look forward to an exceptional level of debate throughout the weekend.

Our tab director will be Rodda John of Columbia University and founder of the New York Parliamentary Debate League. Our tab observer will be Everett Rutan from the Connecticut Debate Association. In addition to that league, Everett has run the Parliamentary divisions at Yale, University of Pennsylvania and Vassar, and teaches Parliamentary Debate at Dartmouth's summer debate camp.

This invitation and additional information is or will be posted on our tournament website, <http://ivyleagueparliamentary.tabroom.com>. If you have additional questions or need assistance please email us at [columbiadebate@gmail.com](mailto:columbiadebate@gmail.com). Please do not hesitate to contact us if your team is experiencing financial difficulties. We look forward to building a premier event for the high school parliamentary debate community. We hope to see you in New York in February/March.

Sincerely,

Grace Protasiewicz, Tournament Director  
Devyani Goel, Deputy Tournament Director



2020 Ivy League Parliamentary Championship  
High School Forensics Tournament

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Columbia University, February 29th - March 1st, 2020  
**For problems during the tournament, please contact:**

Tournament Director: Grace Protasiewicz (216) 789-0451

Tab Phone Number: Rodda John (917) 613-4279

Columbia University Public Safety: (212) 854-5555

Equity Officer: TBA

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*Note: Please read the entire invitation carefully. We hope it will answer most of your questions.*

## Registration

Please register for the tournament using on tabroom, at <http://ivyleagueparliamentary.tabroom.com>. If you are unfamiliar with tabroom, there are online instructions. We can also answer your questions about the system and help you to get registered properly.

We will initially limit each school to 6 teams, though we encourage you to register more if you have debaters who are interested in attending. All teams will be automatically waitlisted, but we will try to clear the waitlist so you have plenty of time to make reservations and travel plans.

We have space for approximately 80 teams and we will accept new registrations up until the week before the tournament (through February 22nd) but we will begin allocating additional entries above 6 to teams two weeks before the tournament (February 15th) so you will have sufficient notice.

## Divisions

We plan to offer a Varsity and Novice division. Any student of high school age may compete in the Varsity division.

*For this tournament a Novice is defined as someone in their first year of high school debate and who is in their Freshman or Sophomore year.*

- *Students who have debated in middle school and are in their Freshman year count as Novices.*
- *Students who debated as Freshman and are entering their Sophomore year are not Novices and must debate as Varsity.*
- ***Students who have never debated before but are in their Junior or Senior years are not Novices for this tournament regardless of their inexperience and must debate in the Varsity division.***

We feel it is important to give younger debaters experience in national tournaments and the Parli format, and we hope each school that attends will include at least one or two Novice teams in their initial six entries.

## Fees

### Registration

There will be a fee of \$90 per team. Please make checks payable to: Columbia Debate Society

Fees may be mailed ahead of time or paid at registration on February 29th. Teams with financial difficulties or who are travelling from afar should contact [columbiadebate@gmail.com](mailto:columbiadebate@gmail.com) for a reg break when submitting their registration.

### Fines and Deadlines

Unreported team drops day of tournament	\$30/team
Judge misses a preliminary round	\$50/round
Cost to replace building access wristband	\$10/wristband

### Merchandise & Food\*

Shirts	\$20/per
Sweaters	\$25/per
Water	\$1/bottle
Stickers	\$1/per sticker
Snacks	\$2/bag
Pizza (lunch)**	\$2.50/slice

**\*We will only accept cash or venmo for merchandise and food**

**\*\*Judges will be provided free lunch**

## Judging Requirements

Teams should bring one qualified judge for every two teams or part thereof ( $n+1/2$ : so three teams would mean two judges, as would four teams). We expect to have some judges available for hire at the rate of \$90 per judge. We charge by the team, so if you have one team not covered by a judge you may hire one-half of a judge's services for \$45. Hired judges are limited in supply, cannot be guaranteed, and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, with a bias in favor of teams coming from a distance and requiring an overnight stay.

A qualified judge is an adult or college student who understands the activity, speaks English, and is experienced taking a flow and keeping time. A qualified judge knows how to decide the round, to assign ranks and speaker points, and to fill out a ballot including a reason for a decision. Judges familiar with Parliamentary debate are preferred, but experience judging other forms of debate is acceptable. We will post a guide for debaters and judges on the web site at least a month before the tournament which we hope your judges and debaters will review.

*This is not a tournament where there is sufficient time or resources to train judges. Please do not bring inexperienced judges to the tournament.*

## Supervision

All students must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, or by a school-approved adult guardian, teacher, or coach who is empowered to deal with emergencies, medical or otherwise. The adult guardian may not be another high school student: *high school students who have passed their 18th birthday do not count*. All registered teams must provide a name and phone number for an adult contact who will be present at the tournament and is responsible for the students in case of an emergency.

## Safety

The tab room phone number will be provided at registration. Please make all your students and judges aware of this number so they can contact tab. This number is for on-site issues only and will be answered only during the tournament.

The policy of the Columbia Ivy League Parliamentary Championship concerning consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors, illegal use of controlled substances, vandalism, and destructive, and other illegal or disorderly behavior is: (1) to disqualify involved contestants from further competition, (2) to communicate the offending incident to the contestants' on-site guardians and/or parents, (3) to require financial reimbursement for all damages or liabilities caused directly or indirectly by the incident, and (4) to notify the local legal authorities. The precise remedy or remedies selected will remain at the discretion of the tournament staff.

The Columbia Ivy League Parliamentary Championship staff reserve the right to refuse entry to the tournament to anyone—be they a competitor, judge or observer—at their sole discretion.

## Parliamentary Debate Format

We will follow the collegiate APDA style with the 7-8-8-8-4-5 format. We will provide a more detailed style guide for debaters and judges on the tournament web site at least a month before the event. For a broader discussion of the format please see the APDA web site, [apda.online](http://apda.online).

We will release one or more straight-link motion for each round, and debaters will have 15 minutes before the start of debate to prepare cases. Some rounds teams may be assigned sides, others motion and side will be determined by a coin toss.

The format is extemporaneous debate. Debaters are not permitted to use briefs, prepared cases, research material or the internet during their preparation period or during the debate. They may use laptop or tablet computers to take notes during preparation or the round, or to speak from the podium, but they may not use research material stored on said devices. They may use electronic devices to keep time. This does not mean that debaters cannot cite facts or references during the debate, only (following APDA guidelines) that these facts be generally well known or fully explained in the speech to both the other team and the judge so they can be critically evaluated.

## Schedule

The tournament will run on Saturday with out rounds on Sunday. We will have five preliminary rounds of single-flight debate breaking to quarter-finals in the Varsity Division, providing a sufficient number of teams. Novices will break to semi-finals. We will update you on this as registration progresses.

*Saturday, February 29th*

Time	Activity
9-9:30 AM	Registration and coffee
9:30-10AM	General assembly
10-11:30AM	Round 1
11:30AM-1:00PM	Round 2
1:00-2:00PM	Lunch
2:00-3:30PM	Round 3
3:30-5PM	Round 4
5-6:30PM	Round 5
6:30-7PM	Speaker awards and closing

*Sunday, March 1st*

Time	Activity
9-9:30AM	Check-in and coffee
9:30-11AM	Novice Semis and Varsity Quarter finals

11AM-12:30PM	Novice Finals and Varsity Semi finals
12:30-2PM	Grand Finals
2-2:30PM	Awards and closing

We will try to run on time and appreciate everyone's cooperation toward that end.

**Rules and schedule are subject to change. The tournament will make you aware of any changes at or prior to registration.**

## Equity

Creating a safe and equitable environment for all participants is one of Columbia Debate Society's top priorities. Our Equity Officer (contact information will be published prior to the tournament) will be present at the tournament and available as a resource. We aim to hold a tournament free from harassment on the basis of gender, race, sexual orientation, disability, or any other factor.

If you are made to feel uncomfortable or harassed, or if any other equity-related issue occurs, please feel free to contact the equity officer or submit an anonymous complaint. All complaints will be investigated by the equity officer and other tournament officials may be involved where appropriate with the complainant's consent. If the equity officer feels that a violation has occurred, repercussions may be applied (in consideration with the wishes of the complainant if provided) that include a verbal warning, requiring an apology, or removal from GA and/or the tournament.

Anonymous complaints may be submitted via a Google form, the link for which will be published prior to the tournament.

More information about equity can be found on APDA's website,  
<http://www.apdaweb.org/about/eof>.

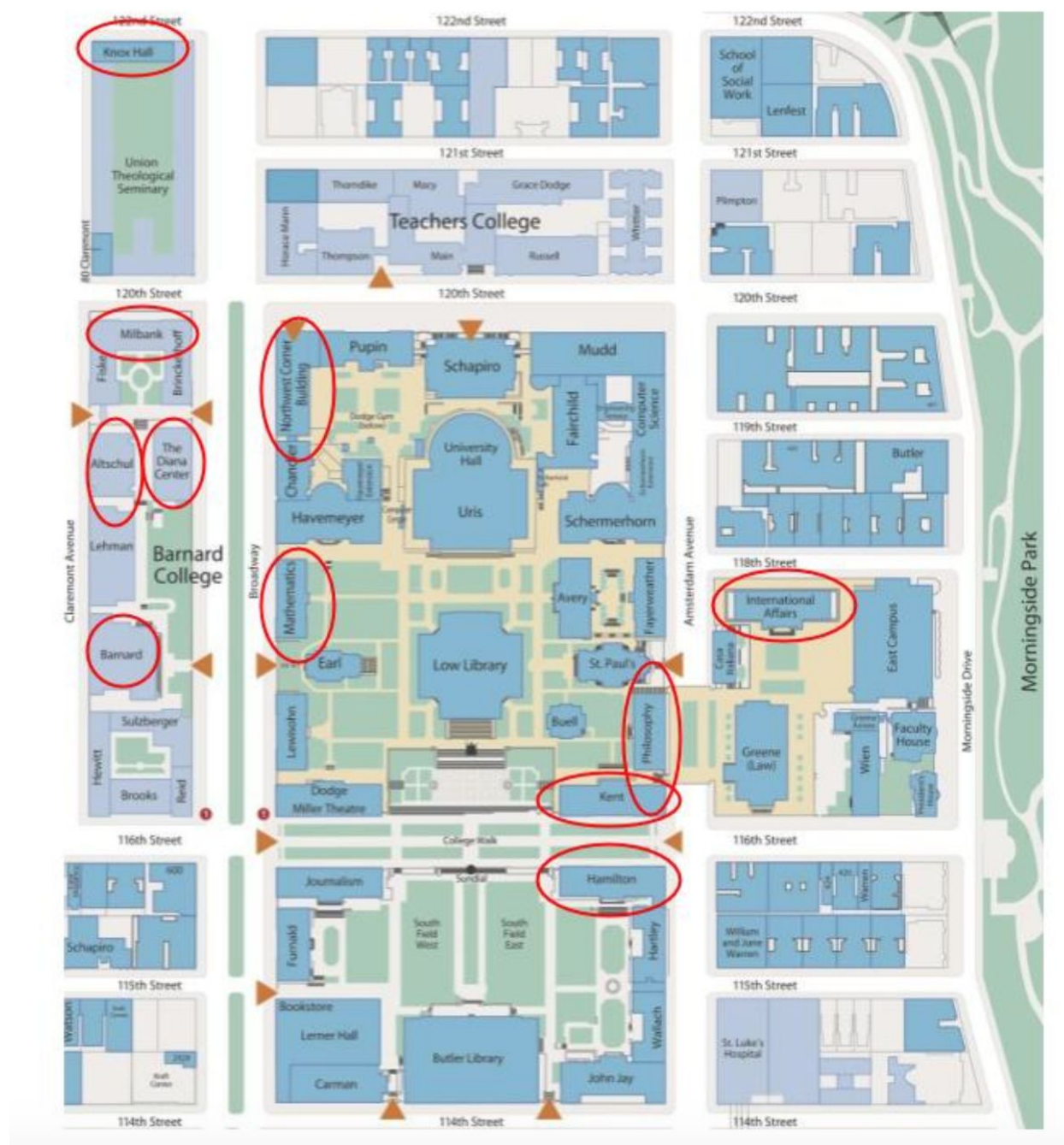
## Transportation and Lodging

Columbia University is located in the Upper West Side of Manhattan, by the 116<sup>th</sup> Street Station off of the Subway 1 line. The tournament will occur on Columbia's and adjacent Barnard College's campus. Limited metered street parking is available on side streets and on Morningside Avenue between 125<sup>th</sup>-110<sup>th</sup> Street.

We are currently in the process of securing a discounted room rates with nearby hotels. Updates on the process will be sent via email.

## **Campus Map**





## Building Codes

MIL-Milbank  
 BAR-Barnard Hall  
 DIA-The Diana Center  
 ALT-Altschul

HAM-Hamilton  
 IAB-International Affairs Building  
 PHI-Philosophy  
 NOC-Northwest Corner Building

KEN-Kent  
 KNX-Knox  
 MAT-Math