

# **2012 University of Michigan H.S. Debate Tournament Invitation**



The 2012 University of Michigan High School Debate Tournament  
Friday, November 2nd- Sunday, November 4th, 2012  
Tournament of Champions (TOC) Octafinals Bid Tournament

On behalf of the University of Michigan and Michigan Debate Program, we are pleased to invite you to attend the 17th Annual University of Michigan High School Debate Tournament. The tournament will be held on the Central Campus of the University of Michigan on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 2nd-4th, 2012. The tournament will provide competition in the Varsity and Novice divisions of two person (policy) debate. The tournament has been certified as an OCTAFINALS TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS QUALIFIER FOR POLICY DEBATE IN THE VARSITY DIVISION.

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

Teams must register by Monday, October 8th, space permitting. Tournament entry and judging fees are also due at this time. Fees should be mailed to 2205 Michigan Union, 530 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Checks should be made out to Michigan Debate. If for some reason you can't pay by check, we should be able to accept Visa, American Express, and Mastercard credit card payments via our webpage-  
<http://www.michigandebate.com>. No refunds will be issued after October 8th.

We will accept as many entries as we have available rooms. If we have filled up by the time you register, we will have a waiting list available. Last year we reached capacity in both divisions and had to turn several entrants away, particularly those who registered informally. Please enter early to assure your teams a spot at the tournament. All registration and entries should be done at [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com). The exact URL for our tournament registration can be found at <http://umdebatetournament.tabroom.com>

We will again use ordinal judging preferences and require judges to enter their ballots online. Final registration will be held in the Schembechler Suite from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn Ann Arbor South on Friday, November 2nd. You will receive tournament packets (including a campus map, the final schedule, restaurant suggestions, etc.) at registration.

## **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

The schedule is always subject to change based on entries. The varsity division will consist of seven preliminary debates: two preset rounds on Friday and five additional preliminary rounds on Saturday. Round 3 will be paired high-high and rounds 4-7 will be paired high-low. Round 4 will be lag-powered off rounds 1 and 2. Rounds 5-7 will be power-matched. The top 32 teams will clear to a Double Octafinals on Sunday morning. All preliminary and elimination rounds will be held on the Central Campus.

The novice division will also consist of seven preliminary rounds: two preset rounds on Friday and five additional preliminary rounds on Saturday. Round 3 will be paired high-high and rounds 4-7 will be paired high-low. Round 4 will be lag-powered off rounds 1 and 2. Rounds 5-7 will be power-matched. The Novice division is currently scheduled to clear to Octafinals on Sunday morning.

To maximize ordinal judge preferences, each team entered has a 4 round prelim judging obligation. All judges are obligated for the first elimination round. Judges are further obligated to judge one round after the elimination of their last team. Schools whose judges or replacement judges do not meet their obligations can have their teams prevented from competing.

## **TOURNAMENT FEES**

Fees for the tournament are \$100.00 per team. A limited number of hired judges will be available at \$140.00 per uncovered team. In other words, a full judge would cost \$245.00 and cover two teams.

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## **LODGING**

The tournament hotel is once again the Hampton Inn Ann Arbor South and they gave us a rate of \$94.00 per night. The address of the Hampton Inn is 925 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 and their phone number is 734-665-5000. Their webpage address is <http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/michigan/hampton-inn-ann-arbor-south-ARBVWHX/index.html>. When making reservations make sure to tell the receptionist that you are with the UM Debate 2012. If you are having difficulty making a reservation, please ask to speak with Tera L. Fox, Director of Sales- (734) 665-5000, ext: 118. There are plenty of restaurants located near the tournament hotel, including lots of fast food options and a few late night spots like Damon's and Red Robin.

This year, we've secured a secondary block of hotel rooms at the Courtyard by Marriott for \$109.00 per night. This property is located right next to the Hampton Inn Ann Arbor South. Their address and contact information is 3205 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, MI 48108, Phone: (734) 995-5900. The webpage address for our block of rooms is <http://cwp.marriott.com/arbch/michigandebate/> When making reservations make sure to tell the receptionist that you are with University of Michigan Debate. If you are having difficulty making a reservation, please ask to speak with Sales Coordinator Amber Leja (Ext. 6154) or Sales Manager Debbie Bleecker (734-827-2510 Direct Line).

## **TABROOM**

I am pleased that that Greg Achten of The Harker School has agreed to be in charge of the tabroom again.

## **WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS**

We are pleased to be able to provide free wireless access this year for all competitors, judges, and coaches. In order to receive this access, you will need to provide the complete names and e-mail addresses of everyone to Aaron Kall by Friday, October 26. Please e-mail this information to Aaron at [akall@umich.edu](mailto:akall@umich.edu).

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Aaron Kall, Director of Debate, [akall@umich.edu](mailto:akall@umich.edu)  
David Heidt, Assistant Director of Debate, [davheidt@umich.edu](mailto:davheidt@umich.edu)

The University of Michigan Debate Team, 2205 Michigan Union, 530 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

(734)239-3996- Aaron Kall's Cell Phone (always try first)  
(734)764-6808- Michigan Debate Office  
(734)763-5902- Michigan Debate Office Fax

## **DATES AND DEADLINES**

Tuesday, October 2- Courtyard by Marriott Hotel Block Expires (Space Permitting).

Monday, October 8 - Registration Deadline and all Tournament Entry and Judging Fees are due. No refunds will be provided after this date.

Tuesday, October 9- Hampton Inn Ann Arbor South Hotel Block Expires (Space Permitting).

Friday, October 26- Names and e-mail addresses of those who want internet access is required.

Friday, November 2nd, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Registration at the Hampton Inn Ann Arbor South Schembechler Suite

Friday, November 2nd, 1:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.- Late Registration on Campus at Angell/Mason Hall- Fishbowl area

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## **Tournament Schedule**

\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*

### Friday, November 2nd:

10:00 am- 12:00 pm- Registration at the Hampton Inn Ann Arbor South Schembechler Suite

1:30 pm- 2:00 pm- Late Registration on Campus at Angell Hall

3:00 pm- Round 1 and 2 pairings released Online and at Tournament Buildings

4:00 pm- Round 1 (Preset)

6:00 pm- Round 2 (Preset)

### Saturday, November 3rd:

7:00 am- Pairings released Online, at the Hampton Inn Ann Arbor South, and on Campus

8:00 am- Round 3 (High-High)

10:00 am- Round 4 (Lagged Powered and High-Low)

12:00 pm- Lunch Break

1:00 pm- Round 5 (High-Low)

4:00 pm- Round 6 (High-Low)

6:00 pm- Dinner Break

7:00 pm- Round 7 (High-Low)

### Sunday, November 4th:

7:00 am- Elimination Pairings Released Online, at the Hampton Inn Ann Arbor South, and Tournament Buildings

8:00 am- Varsity Double Octafinals and Novice Octafinals

10:00 am- Awards Assembly in an Angell Hall Auditorium immediately following Varsity Double Octafinals and Novice Octafinals

11:00 am- Varsity Octafinals and Novice Quarterfinals

2:00 pm- Varsity Quarterfinals and Novice Semifinals

5:00 pm- Varsity Semifinals and Novice Finals

8:00 p.m.- Varsity Finals

The University of Michigan Debate Program is located in the Dean of Students Office within the Department of Student Affairs at the University of Michigan, the premier Big Ten University.