

*The Third Brandeis
Tournament*

March 14, 2020

Brandeis University

415 South Street

Waltham Massachusetts

*Brandeis Academic Debate and Speech Society
Brandeis University*

Dear Forensic Directors,

The members of the Brandeis Debating Society cordially invite you to attend the second Brandeis Debate Tournament. We are very excited for you to join us in our second year as we grow our tournament. Please read our invitation fully, as it contains all the information you need regarding registration, tournament policies, and important dates. To ensure that your team is placed in our tournament, we encourage you to register as early as possible. While our official entry does not close until **March 10th**, the Tournament reserves the right to close entry and create waiting lists as needed.

Please note in addition to your registration form, Brandeis requires each school to submit a **SIGNED** Parental Waiver that students attend with permission. This waiver must be submitted **IN ADVANCE** of your arrival at the Tournament (**Thursday, March 12, 2020**) or your students will not be able to participate. Electronic submission is acceptable, with the original to be submitted at Registration on the day of the Tournament. Please submit electronically to brandeishs2020@gamil.com. The waiver can be found on the last page of the invitation. Your timely cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The Brandeis Academic Debate and Speech Society members hope that you and your team share in our excitement for, and anticipation of, this year's tournament. We are all looking forward to seeing you at Brandeis 2020!

Sincerely,

Wanchen Zhao, Tournament Director

REGISTRATION

DEADLINES

- Entry registration deadline: **Tuesday, March 10, at 6:00 PM**
- Fees and judging requirements are frozen on **Wednesday, March 11, at 8:00 PM**
- Any changes after the registration deadline must be sent to brandeishs2020@gamil.com and adamnir84@gmail.com

Any drops after Wednesday will incur a charge of \$10, in addition to the entry fee.

ON TOURNAMENT DAY

- Schools must register on-site between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM. See “Once on campus”, below.

ENTRY FEES: (Entry fee includes lunch)

- LD: \$20.00 per LD Debater
- PF Debate: \$30.00 per PF Team
- Hired judge fee \$75.00 per missing judge
- Drop fee: \$10 per drop after Wednesday at 8:00 PM. Please note that drop fees will be assessed in addition to the registration fees that are frozen on Wednesday
- Please make checks PAYABLE TO “Brandeis University”

JUDGING

Schools must provide

- One judge for every two debate teams or fraction thereof entered in Public Forum Debate.
- One judge for every three debaters or fraction thereof in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Judges must be available through finals.

Schools whose judges miss rounds may be subject to a \$25 fine per round missed. We do not want to fine you. We do want the tournament to run on time.

SAFETY

Students must be accompanied by an adult, approved by their school administration, who will be responsible for them during the entire time they are present at the Brandeis Tournament. The coach or designated responsible adult is expected to be physically present at the tournament site at all times when students from their school are there.

Schools are responsible for making sure all adults that they bring to the tournament have passed the CORI/SORI checks, required by Massachusetts State Law.

Due to legal precautions, the policy of the Brandeis Tournament concerning consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors, illegal use of controlled substances, vandalism, and destructive or disorderly behavior shall be: to disqualify involved contestants from further competition, to communicate the offending incident to the contestants' onsite guardians and parents, to insist on the contestants' immediate transportation home, to require financial reimbursement for all damages or liabilities caused directly or indirectly by the incident, to notify University Security and when necessary the local legal authorities. The precise remedy or remedies selected shall remain with the discretion of the Brandeis Tournament. We are required by law, University regulation, and Tournament charter to officially declare this policy, and we herewith comply.

DIRECTIONS TO BRANDEIS

Brandeis University is located at 415 South Street. General Assembly will be in the Olin-Sang Auditorium.

From the Masspike (I-90) Eastbound

Take exit 14 for I-95/Rt 128. Keep left for 95/128 North. While on the ramp, exit immediately onto exit 24 for Route 30. Bear left onto Route 30. Turn right at the first traffic light onto River Road. Follow this for 1.5 miles, where it turns into South Street. Brandeis is one-half mile ahead on the left, at 415 South Street.

From the Masspike (I-90) Westbound

Take exit 15B for Weston, Rte. 30. At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Park Road. At the traffic light, turn right onto Route 30. Turn left at the next traffic light onto River Road. Follow this for 1.5 miles, where it turns into South Street. Brandeis is one-half mile ahead on the left, at 415 South Street.

From I-95 / 128 Southbound

Take exit 24 for Route 30. At end of ramp, proceed through traffic light (across Route 30) onto River Road. Follow this for 1.5 miles, where it turns into South Street. Brandeis is one-half mile ahead on the left, at 415 South Street.

From I-95 / 128 Northbound

Take exit 24 for Route 30. Route 30 is one of several options at this exit, so follow signs carefully. Turn left at the top of the ramp onto Route 30. Turn right at the traffic lights onto River Street. Follow this for 1.5 miles, where it turns into South Street. Brandeis is one-half mile ahead on the left, at 415 South Street.

PARKING

Participants may park in **Tower Lot** which is located adjacent to the Rabb Quad. This lot is near the top of the campus map on the last page of this invitation. It is to the LEFT of the Mandel Quad. See maps at end of invitation.

ONCE ON CAMPUS

General Assembly will be in the **Olin-Sang Auditorium**, Registration will be set up near this room. The Olin-Sang Auditorium is in the Olin-Sang American building, which is Building U11 on the campus map. It is located in the Mandel Quad and is near the top of the campus map on the last page of this invitation.

CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT: Wanchen Zhao, Tournament Director

EMAIL: brandeishs2020@gamil.com

MSDL Liaison: Adam Nir, assistant coach Needham HS, 617-680-8195,
adamnir84@gmail.com

LINCOLNDOUGLAS DEBATE

Brandeis will offer both varsity and novice LD debate, depending on registration numbers. Brandeis will use the national 2020 March-April topic (not yet selected):

Resolved:

PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE

Brandeis will offer both varsity and novice PF debate, depending on registration numbers. Brandeis will use the national **2020 March** topic (not yet selected):

Resolved:

Each school is limited to 10 Public Forum Debate teams in each division. Additional teams will be waitlisted and admitted based upon total registration numbers.

SCHEDULE: SATURDAY, March 14, 2020

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Registration, Location TBA
8:30 – 8:50 AM	Judge Briefing
9:00 AM	Round 1
	Rest of schedule to be updated once we know if we are single or double flighting, based on entries, judges, and rooms.
6:00 PM	Awards

Brandeis hopes to run at least 4 rounds in LD and PF, and is aiming for 5 preliminary rounds in both divisions, time permitting. We will hold out-rounds, time permitting.

Brandeis University Highschool Debate Tournament Permission Slip

I, _____, by my signature below, hereby knowingly, willingly and voluntarily consent to permit my child, _____, to participate in the _____ tournament at Brandeis University.

In consideration for my child's participation in the program I, on behalf of myself, my child, my executors, heirs, administrators and assigns, hereby release and forever discharge Brandeis University, its Trustees, officers, employees, agents and student groups, of and from any claims or causes of action arising from my child's participation in the Debate tournament. In addition, I hereby agree to release, indemnify and forever discharge Brandeis University of and from contribution or indemnification with respect to any claim made against my child by any person or entity in connection therewith, or against Brandeis in connection with my child's acts or omissions during the tournament. I permit my child to receive medical attention by Brandeis University emergency services. If I have any questions or concerns, I will contact the tournament's coordinators by email (brandeishs2020@gamil.com).

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understood the above statements, and I represent that I am of the specified legal age in my State of residence to bind myself to this Release. This instrument has been executed in and shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Please initial the following statements:

_____ I grant Brandeis University the right to take photograph or video of my child in connection with the program. I authorize Brandeis University to use and publish the same in print and/or electronically on websites, social media or other outlets to promote and publicize the program.

_____ I permit my child to eat food provided by the program/by the tutor.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

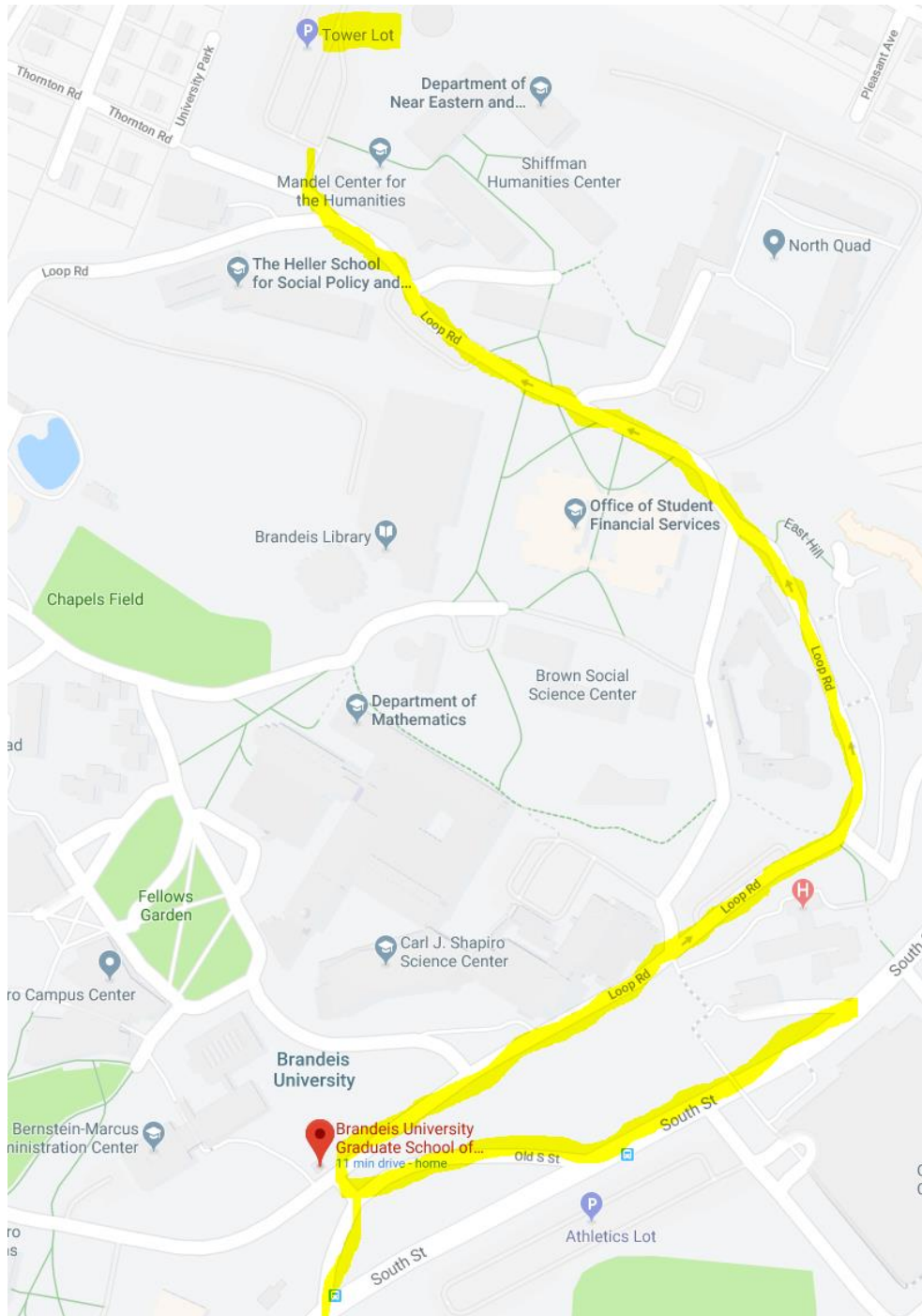
Date

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION *(please print)*

Child name	
Child date of birth	
Primary emergency contact	
Parent / guardian name	
Relationship to child	
Primary phone	
Secondary phone	
Secondary emergency contact	
Parent / guardian name	
Relationship to child	
Primary phone	
Secondary phone	

Maps – Pages 1 of 2: Getting to Brandeis

Use directions on p. 5 of this invitation, or Google maps or similar software to get to the main entrance of Brandeis University on South Street in Waltham. After driving onto campus, take a right onto the one-way loop road, and follow it to the entrance of the Tower parking lot.



Maps – Pages 2 of 2: Portion of campus where tournament will be held

Map also available here: <http://www.brandeis.edu/gsas/images/color-map.pdf>



After parking in the Tower parking lot (presumably named for the water tower just to the east), walk to the cluster of buildings numbered U11 – U15 in the drawing above. **Registration is in the Olin-Sang building (U11).** The buildings we will be using for the tournament are:

- Golding (U12)
- Lown (U13)
- Olin-Sang (U11)
- Rabb (U15)
- Shiffman (U14)