



Yale Debate Association 28th Annual Yale Invitational Tournament

We hope you are doing well. We are very excited to welcome you all to our tournament this fall. Although we are still finalizing details regarding the Invitational, we wanted to provide some information to help you as you formulate your plans. We will release our full invitation (with a complete calendar, tournament schedule, our entry fees, and additional policies) in late July, and registration will open on Tabroom on August 1, with all entries placed on a waitlist to start. Please direct questions to yaleinvitational2020@gmail.com.

Event Name	Entry Caps	Judge Ratio	Days of competition	TOC Bid Level
Lincoln-Douglas (Varsity & JV)	200 V, 150 JV	1: 2 LDers	Friday afternoon - Sunday	Quarters
Public Forum (Varsity & JV)	200 V, 150 JV	1: 2 PF Teams	Friday afternoon - Sunday	Octos
Policy Debate (Varsity & JV)	100 V, 75 JV	1: 2 Policy Teams	Friday afternoon - Sunday	N/A
Congressional Debate	240	1: 8 students	Friday afternoon - Sunday	Top 60
Parliamentary Debate	100	1: 2 Parli Teams	Saturday & Sunday	N/A
8 Individual Events: HI, DI, OI, POI, OO, Info, Extemp, Declamation	160 each	1: 5 entries	Saturday & Sunday	25-72 = Top 7 72-125 = Top 14 >125 = Top 24

Please note:

- Debates are single-flighted to prevent Zoom fatigue and over-burdening students and judges.
- We reserve the right to make adjustments to entry caps, merging of divisions, and other details.
- Divisions of Varsity and JV debate are separate (i.e. you may not cover VLD entries with JV judges).
- **All speech events will be live.** In order to accommodate public safety restrictions, we will not be offering duo interpretation. Declamation will be offered for this year only. Double entry is permitted, except for extempers.
- Congress will **not** have student preferential balloting for this year, due to the logistics of an online format.
- Unfortunately, we will not allow independent entries. All entries must be affiliated and registered with a school.

Scheduling (Exact times tentative)

The Yale Invitational will run from Friday, October 2, to Sunday, October 4. Registration will take place on Friday. Round 1 check-in for debate events will take place at 4pm ET. Saturday check-in for all events will take place at 8:30am ET. The awards ceremony will take place no later than 7pm ET Sunday. A detailed schedule will be in the invitation.

Judging

All judges must have Tabroom accounts, and provide their phone numbers and emails. All judges must be qualified and/or trained. Hired judging availability will be extremely limited. Additionally, schools may **not** hire out their entire obligation in a division. This means that if you are a lone debater for your school, you must provide your own judge.

Online Adaptation

We are making relevant changes to ensure our tournament offers an educational environment and enjoyable experience for all, even if online. We are working diligently to transition our competition to an online platform. We are working with our hospitality team to provide you with a memorable virtual tournament experience, a Yale away from Yale. We look forward to welcoming you online. Please contact us with any questions at yaleinvitational2020@gmail.com.