



## September Parliamentary Debate Invitational

Dear Parliamentary Debate Leader,

On behalf of the New York Parliamentary Debate League, we invite you and your debate team to the New York Parliamentary Debate League September Online Invitational. Our online tournaments this year will take place on a platform called Discord, so all debaters must set up a free account at [this link](#). Before the tournament, all registered debaters, judges, and coaches will receive a link to a Discord server where GA and all debate rounds will take place.

The New York Parliamentary Debate League was founded in 2016 as a student-run organization dedicated to fostering open and respectful discourse concerning modern day issues in the Parliamentary Debate style. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

You can register for this tournament through Tabroom. Please visit our [schedule page](#) for links to each tournament's Tabroom page.

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### ***Rules***

This tournament will be held in the format established by the American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA). We will release three resolutions 15 minutes prior to the start of each round. The resolution and side will be determined by coin toss. For more information about Parliamentary rules please visit our [Resources page](#), where you can find [informational YouTube videos](#), the [Vassar style guide](#), our [Rules FAQs](#) document, and more. If you would like to have a Zoom meeting with a member of the NYPDL board for more in-depth training or an overview of the league and our debate format, please email us at [nyparli@gmail.com](mailto:nyparli@gmail.com).

### ***Registration***

All judges and debaters must be registered on Tabroom at [this link](#).

## ***Schedule***

Please note that tournaments may run slightly over the time given in the schedule and that debaters should plan accordingly. All times listed below are in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

### ***Friday***

3:45 PM - 4:30: Optional Debate Workshop  
4:30 - 5:30: Registration, Judge Training and GA  
5:30 - 6:45: Round 1  
6:45 - 8:00: Round 2

### ***Saturday***

9:00 AM - 10:00: Check-In and GA  
10:00 - 11:15: Round 3  
11:15 - 12:30 PM: Round 4  
12:30 - 1:15 Lunch  
1:15 - 2:30: Round 5  
2:30 - 3:00: Award Ceremony and Break to Elimination Rounds\*\*  
3:00 - 4:15: Varsity Octofinals and Novice Quarterfinals  
4:15 - 5:30: Varsity Quarterfinals and Novice Semifinals  
5:30 - 5:40: Screen Break  
5:40 - 7:00: Varsity Semifinals and Novice Finals  
7:00 - 8:20: Varsity Finals

## ***Break and Divisions\*\****

This tournament will feature **one open division**. We will break separately to Varsity Octofinals and Novice Quarterfinals. Depending on registration size, we may adjust the break rounds.

## ***Team Size***

We encourage teams to consist of two debaters from the same school. However, we allow debaters to compete alone or compete with a debater from another school.

## ***Judging Obligations***

Each team is required to bring one judge for every two teams, rounded unfavorably — if you are bringing an odd number of teams, the last team will require their own judge. Judges must be present for all preliminary rounds and the round after their last team has been eliminated from the break. While experienced judges are preferred, judge training will be available. If you are

unable to meet the judge requirement we reserve the right to break up an entry into two judges. If you are interested in hired judges please contact us at [nyparli@gmail.com](mailto:nyparli@gmail.com).

### ***Fees and Dropped Entries***

There is no registration cost for this tournament. We reserve the right to cap the entries of schools who drop entries two days before the tournament.

### ***NYPDL Points***

This tournament will count for NYPDL and NPDL (National Parliamentary Debate League) points. Please visit our [website](#) for more information about NYPDL points, the NPDL Tournament of Champions, and the NYPDL championship.

### ***Management***

The Executive Board of the NYPDL will lead this tournament:

Michael Ding (Executive Director)

Rohan Mehta

Ariel Kirman

Natalie Sweet

Ishq Gutpa

Julia Bloch

Keerthan Kumarappan

Stella Anderson

Gaurov Bansal

Ryan Lafferty

Myra Malik

Lorenzo Lizzeri

Lola Owett

Jack Klein

Julia Kostin

Madhav Menon

Arya Patel

Ben Binday

Nan Dickerson

We look forward to seeing you all there!

And if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to email [nyparli@gmail.com](mailto:nyparli@gmail.com).