



NYPDL April 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 April Online Invitational on April 24 and 25. The tournament will take place on a platform called Discord, so all debaters and judges must first set up a free account at [this link](#). After setting up an account, please join the Discord server at [this link](#).

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.

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.

Registration

Registration will be done through two Google Forms. Please register debaters [here](#). Please register judges [here](#).

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 Time.

Saturday

8:15 AM - 9:00: Optional Debate Workshop and Q&A

9:00 - 10:00: Check-in, Judge Training, and Equity Briefing (**mandatory**)

10:00 - 11:45: Round 1

11:45 - 1:30 PM: Round 2

1:30 - 2:15: Lunch

2:15 - 4:00: Round 3

4:00 - 5:45: Round 4

5:45 - 6:00: Screen Break

6:00 - 7:45: Round 5

7:45 - 8:00: Award Ceremony

Sunday

9:30 AM - 10:00: Check-In and GA

10:00 - 11:45: Varsity Octofinals / Novice Quarterfinals

11:45 - 1:30 PM: Varsity Quarterfinals / Novice Semifinals

1:30 - 2:15 Lunch

2:15 - 4:00 Varsity Semifinals / Novice Finals

4:00 - 5:45: Varsity Finals

5:45 - 6:00: End of Tournament

Equity

The NYPDL is committed to ensuring a safe and comfortable environment for all debaters, judges, and coaches and maintains a strict code of conduct that all students must adhere to. We have a comprehensive equity presentation in GA, and at least one equity officer will be available at all times. We will never ask students to debate about their identity or their lived experience, and we always write motions with equity in mind. Should you have any questions or specific concerns about our equity policy feel free to reach out to us. Equity resources, including equity officer contacts, an equity violation form, and post-tournament feedback, can be found under the “Equity and Tournament Feedback” section of our [Resources page](#).

Break and Divisions

This tournament will feature **one open division**. Varsity and Novice teams will debate each other. Power pairing will start after Round 1. **We will break separately to Open Octofinals and Novice Quarterfinals**. Depending on registration size and time, we may adjust breaks.

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 five teams, you must bring three judges. **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.

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. You can read more about the league's leadership [here](#).

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.