# Welcome

Welcome to the 2013 Hollywood Invitational and USC Round Robin!

The University of Southern California will host the USC Round Robin for competitive varsity policy debate teams from around the country on October 31 - November 1, 2013.

Notre Dame High School and Harvard-Westlake Upper School will host the Damus Hollywood Invitational on November 2-4, 2013. Novice and varsity policy will be hosted at Notre Dame High School and novice and varsity Lincoln-Douglas will be hosted at Harvard-Westlake Upper School.

Invitations and registration for these events will all be posted on this website (see the tabs to the right).

We look forward to seeing you in Los Angeles!

Best wishes,

Mike Bietz, Director of Debate at Harvard-Westlake Upper School

Gordon Stables, Director of Debate at the Univesity of Southern California

Christina Tallungan, Director of Debate at Notre Dame High School

# USC Round Robin

We invite you to apply to attend the newly reconstituted USC Round Robin. We are offering the opportunity for high-quality competition for up to 16 teams on October 31 and November 1, 2013. Teams are then encouraged to stay and compete at the Damus Hollywood Invitational at Notre Dame High School from November 2 – 4, 2013.

Format: We will be dividing teams into two pods. Each pod will debate against a balanced schedule of seven preliminary debates with the top team from each pod advancing to a final elimination round. There will be two judges per preliminary round and three to five judges for the final round.

Judges: We ask that each team bring one judge per team. We will do our best to keep judging commitments modest with substantial judging from the USC Debate squad, staff and LA debate community.

Location: All competitors are invited to stay at the Radisson hotel next to USC’s campus. On each day of the round robin, one pod will be debating on campus and one pod will be debating in conference rooms at the Radisson. The pods will switch locations the next day. Further hotel information can be found on the website under the “Hotels” tab.

Fees: $200 per team

Basic Schedule:

Thursday, October 31

Round 1 9:00 am

Round 2 11:15 am

Lunch

Round 3 2:30 pm

Round 4 5:00 pm

Dinner (Dinner provided for all students. Coaches are invited to a dinner event at LA Live)

Friday, November 1

Round 5 9:00 am

Round 6 11:15 am

Lunch

Round 7 2:30 pm

Final Round 5:30 pm

Shuttles to Notre Dame Hotel (If Necessary)

# David P. Damus Esquire Hollywood Invitational

Welcome to the First Annual Damus Hollywood Invitational! We are excited to host the tournament on November 2-4, 2013. On Saturday and Sunday, novice and varsity policy debate will be hosted at Notre Dame High School; novice and varsity Lincoln-Douglas will be hosted at Harvard-Westlake Upper School. All Monday rounds will be hosted at the tournament hotel, the Marriott Courtyard Sherman Oaks/Los Angeles. We strongly urge teams to stay at the tournament hotel to help make hosting the tournament more affordable.

We are a quarterfinals bid to the Tournament of Champions in varsity policy and a finals bid to the Tournament of Champions in varsity LD. We also hope to have a diverse national pool of competitors in both varsity policy and LD that will ensure a better points standing for the NDCA Championships.

Entry limits are as follows: four (4) varsity policy teams, two (2) novice policy teams, six (6) varsity LDers, and four (4) novice LDers. All competitors must represent the degree granting institution at which they are currently enrolled and have an adult chaperone present at the tournament.

Registration will open on August 1st (5pm PT) at <http://hollywoodinvitational.tabroom.com>. Once teams register online, coaches should send in entry fees with a printout of the entry. All teams are placed on a waitlist until fees are received. Due to limited space, we urge teams to register and send in fees ASAP. Once the tournament space fills, we will start a waitlist for each event.

Some tournament highlights:

1. We are providing breakfast and lunch to coaches, judges, and competitors on Saturday and Sunday.
2. We will have mutual preference judging in varsity policy and LD.
3. 3rd and 4th year varsity debaters can judge the novice divisions of policy and LD.
4. Any teams that have paid in full will be able to do online registration on Friday night; hopefully, making it as convenient as possible for coaches who have paid tournament fees on time.

Please read the rest of the invitation for fees and more tournament policies. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Tallungan at Tallungan@gmail.com.

Best wishes,

Christina Tallungan Mike Bietz

Director of Debate, Notre Dame Director of Debate, Harvard-Westlake

# Policy Debate

Varsity and novice policy debate will be switch-side, cross-examination style, with an 8-3-5 format and 8 minutes of prep time. Varsity debaters should only include your finest competitors. Only debaters in their first year of competition may enter the novice division.

A school may enter a maximum of four (4) teams in the varsity division. A school may enter two (2) teams in the novice division. We have space for approximately 80 varsity and 30 novice teams.

The policy topic for the 2013 Damus Hollywood Invitational is as follows:

**Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic engagement toward Cuba, Mexico, or Venezuela.**

There will be six preliminary rounds in both varsity and novice policy. Varsity policy will break to double-octafinals and novice policy will break to quarterfinals. All Saturday and Sunday competition in these events will occur at the Notre Dame High School campus. All Monday rounds will occur at the tournament hotel, the Marriott Courtyard Sherman Oaks.

**Varsity Judging Requirements for Policy Debate**

There will be mutual preference judging in varsity policy. Only experienced policy judges may judge in the varsity division. "Experienced" is defined as at least a high school graduate who has competitive or coaching policy debate experience. Competitive college debate experience or a long history of coaching policy debate is most preferred. Inability to provide experienced judges may limit a team's entry and/or require a team to hire judges to fulfill their obligation. All varsity judges are required to post their judge philosophies on the wiki by October 23rd (12noon PT); the judge philosophy wiki can be found at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/>. We would like every school that wants to participate to do so; however, we require the best possible judging to ensure students have a positive competitive experience. If a school does not have experienced judges to fulfill their commitments, please contact Christina Tallungan at tallungan@gmail.com.

Obligations:

* 1 team = 4 Round Commitment (at least 1 judge)
* 2 teams = 6 Round Commitment (at least 1 judge)
* 3 teams = 10 Round Commitment (at least 2 judges)
* 4 teams = 12 Round Commitment (at least 2 judges)

In regards to elimination rounds, all judges are obligated to judge the first elimination round and/or one round beyond their last school's best competitive finish. Whichever requirement is later will apply. For example, if your school has a competitor in the octafinals, then your school's judges are all obligated through the quarterfinals. This rule is necessary to ensure the best possible judging for the tournament. Please make appropriate travel arrangements that honor these requirements.

**Novice Judging Requirements for Policy Debate**

Adults as well as students who are 3rd or 4th year varsity debaters are eligible to judge in the novice divisions. Coaches/Directors are responsible for ensuring that any varsity debaters are knowledgeable and responsible enough to fairly assess a novice debate round.

Obligations:

* 1 team = 4 Round Commitment
* 2 teams = 6 Round Commitment

In regards to elimination rounds, all judges are obligated to judge the first elimination round and/or one round beyond their last school's best competitive finish. Whichever requirement is later will apply. For example, if your school has a competitor in the octafinals, then your school's judges are all obligated through the quarterfinals. This rule is necessary to ensure the best possible judging for the tournament. Please make appropriate travel arrangements that honor these requirements.

**Penalty for Missing Rounds**

Please note there is a $40 per round penalty for any judges that miss their rounds. Please advise your judging staff that the team will be charged if they do not attend their debate rounds. We prefer not to charge any teams for missing debate rounds and this nuisance fee is only assessed to discourage judges from missing debates to ensure a high quality experience for all competitors.

**Hired Judging for Policy Debate**

There will be a limited number of LD and policy judges available for hire. Note that once you hire a judge, you are liable to pay for the judge hire EVEN IF you find you do not need the hire as the tournament approaches. This rule applies even in the event your school decides not to attend the tournament at all; your school will still be responsible for any judge hire and relevant drop fees. You must email Christina Tallungan at tallungan@gmail.com by October 1, 2013, at 12pm (PT) to hire judging.

# Lincoln-Douglas

Lincoln-Douglas will include varsity and novice divisions, with NFL rules and time limits. Varsity LD debaters should include only your finest competitors. Only debaters in their first year of competition may enter the novice division.

A school may enter a maximum of six (6) debaters in the varsity divisions and four (4) debaters in the novice division. We have space for approximately 120 varsity and 40 novice debaters in LD.

**The November/December NFL Lincoln-Douglas topic will be used; check the October *Rostrum***.

There will be six preliminary rounds in varsity and novice Lincoln-Douglas. Varsity LD will break to double octafinals; novice LD will break to quarterfinals. All Saturday and Sunday competition for these events will take place at the Harvard-Westlake Upper School campus. All Monday competition will occur at the tournament hotel, the Marriott Courtyard Sherman Oaks.

**Varsity Judging Requirements for Lincoln-Douglas Debate**

There will be mutual preference judging in varsity Lincoln-Douglas. Only experienced LD judges may judge in the varsity division. "Experienced" is defined as at least a high school graduate who has competitive or coaching LD debate experience. Inability to provide experienced judges may limit a team's entry and/or require a team to hire judges to fulfill their obligation. All varsity judges are required to post their judge philosophies on the wiki by October 23rd (12noon PT); the judge philosophy wiki can be found at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/>. We would like every school that wants to participate to do so; however, we require the best possible judging to ensure students have a positive competitive experience. If a school does not have experienced judges to fulfill their commitments, please contact Christina Tallungan at tallungan@gmail.com.

Obligations:

* 1-2 competitors = 6 Round Commitment (at least 1 judge)
* 3-4 competitors = 12 Round Commitment (at least 2 judges)
* 5-6 competitors = 18 Round Commitment (at least 2 judges)

In regards to elimination rounds, all judges are obligated to judge the first elimination round and/or one round beyond their last school's best competitive finish. Whichever requirement is later will apply. For example, if your school has a competitor in the octafinals, then your school's judges are all obligated through the quarterfinals. This rule is necessary to ensure the best possible judging for the tournament. Please make appropriate travel arrangements that honor these requirements.

**Novice Judging Requirements for Lincoln-Douglas Debate**

Adults as well as students who are 3rd or 4th year varsity debaters are eligible to judge in the novice divisions. Coaches/Directors are responsible for ensuring that any varsity debaters are knowledgeable and responsible enough to fairly assess a novice debate round.

Obligations:

* 1-2 competitors = 6 Round Commitment (at least 1 judge)
* 3-4 competitors = 10 Round Commitment (at least 2 judges)

In regards to elimination rounds, all judges are obligated to judge the first elimination round and/or one round beyond their last school's best competitive finish. Whichever requirement is later will apply. For example, if your school has a competitor in the octafinals, then your school's judges are all obligated through the quarterfinals. This rule is necessary to ensure the best possible judging for the tournament. Please make appropriate travel arrangements that honor these requirements.

**Penalty for Missing Rounds**

Please note there is a $40 per round penalty for any judges that miss their rounds. Please advise your judging staff that the team will be charged if they do not attend their debate rounds. We prefer not to charge any teams for missing debate rounds and this nuisance fee is only assessed to discourage judges from missing debates to ensure a high quality experience for all competitors.

**Hired Judging for Lincoln-Douglas Debate**

There will be a limited number of LD and policy judges available for hire. Note that once you hire a judge, you are liable to pay for the judge hire EVEN IF you find you do not need the hire as the tournament approaches. You must email Christina Tallungan at tallungan@gmail.com by October 1, 2013, at 12pm (PT) to hire judging.

# Fees/Entry Process

Complete online registration at <http://hollywoodinvitational.tabroom.com>.

After completing online registration, send your fees with a printed copy of your entries to:

Notre Dame High School

Attn: Christina Tallungan/Debate

13645 Riverside Drive

Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

All teams are placed on the waitlist until fees are received. Teams will be accepted on a “first come, first served” basis based on when fees are received. Once receiving your fees, we will mark your entries as “In” the tournament on the website.

If you wish to enter more competitors above the school limit, please enter them on the website and email Christina Tallungan at tallungan@gmail.com. You do not have to send entry fees for extra entry requests until they are accepted off waitlist.

**Entries will not be confirmed without payment in advance. Except for the penalties or the fees for extra entries, we will not collect fees at registration on Friday night.** If you have illness or change in entries for any reason, fees can be refunded until **12pm Pacific Time on October 18th; no refunds are available after this date**.

Please make all checks or money orders payable to “Notre Dame High School.” We will **not** accept purchase orders in lieu of a check or a money order for fees.

**Refundable Fees (refundable until October 18th at 12pm PT):**

School Fee - $25/Each School

Novice LD - $45/Each Competitor

Varsity LD - $65/Each Competitor

Novice CX - $75/Each Team

Varsity CX - $100/Each Team

**Non-refundable Fees:**

Hired Judge Fee - $200/Per uncovered policy team & $150/Per uncovered LD debater

Late Drop Penalty (In addition to entry fee; applies ONLY to entries carelessly dropped after 10/30/13 5pm PT) - $50

Missing Judge Penalty - $40/per judge per missed round

# Deadlines

While there is not an official deadline to enter the tournament, we operate on a “first come, first serve” basis and we will probably fill all space at the tournament. As a result, each school should send in its entries and fees as soon as possible.

Please pay careful attention to the below deadlines to avoid paying any penalties and/or to avoid losing preference privileges in varsity LD and policy.

AUGUST 1st (5pm PT) - Registration opens at

 <http://hollywoodinvitational.tabroom.com>.

OCTOBER 1st (12pm PT) - Hired Judging Deadline. Email Christina Tallungan at

 Tallungan@gmail.com if you need hired judging.

 Hired judging will NOT guaranteed after this deadline. Noted hired judging fees are non- refundable.

OCTOBER 18TH (12pm PT) - Fees frozen for any entries “in” the tournament at

 this point.

OCTOBER 23RD (12pm PT) - Judge Entry Deadline. Schools must enter names of

 all their judges.

 Judge Philosophy Deadline. All varsity LD and policy judges must have a judge philosophy posted at

 <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/>.

 \*All varsity judges must be entered and have judge philosophies posted on the wiki at this point for a school to have the privilege of judge preferences for

 their varsity competitors.

OCTOBER 29TH (5pm PT) - Mutual preferences available for varsity LD and policy at <http://hollywoodinvitational.tabroom.com>.

 Preferences will close on Friday before registration.

OCTOBER 30TH (12pm PT) - Online Entry Deadline. All correct competitor names and drops must be entered online to avoid a

 $50 nuisance fee.

NOVEMBER 1ST (6-9pm PT) – Online registration and registration at the

 Marriott Courtyard Sherman Oaks.

# Hotel

Marriott Courtyard Los Angeles Sherman Oaks (15433 Ventura Blvd. Sherman Oaks, CA 91403) will serve as the only tournament hotel for the Hollywood Invitational. Monday elimination rounds will be held at this hotel.  All schools are strongly encouraged to stay at the tournament hotel. While there may be some cheaper options, these options are often farther away from the tournament, which means battling significant L.A. traffic, or they are not quality properties.

Rates are $105 per night for a king or double queen room with 1-4 occupancy. Deadline to book this rate is *October 15, 2013*. Please make your reservations early to guarantee the block rate; most decent hotels near the schools are at least $50 per night more per night.

Please reserve your hotel rooms through this link: [http://cwp.marriott.com/laxsf/dhi/](http://cwp.marriott.com/laxsf/dhi/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

Parking: The Marriott Courtyard has significant space for buses. The parking fee for buses is $60/night. Please call the Marriott Courtyard to reserve your bus parking. Car parking is self-park in a structure behind the hotel. Car parking in the structure is $15/per night. There is limited street parking near the hotel, but please read the street signs carefully to avoid being ticketed or towed.

For USC Round Robin Competitors:  Set-up Hollywood Concierge Services to make your transition smoother from the Round Robin Hotel to the Marriott Courtyard Sherman Oaks on Friday, 11/1/13. The Hollywood Invitational staff will help you with luggage transfer, registration, and hotel check-in on Friday. Please email Christina Tallungan, Director of Debate at Notre Dame High School, at tallungan@gmail.com for further details.

# Transportation

We strongly recommend flights into LAX or Burbank airports, not Long Beach or Ontario. Burbank Airport is the closest; however, it is smaller and fares are sometimes significantly more than LAX. Burbank is approximately 11 miles from the tournament hotel; LAX is approximately 18 miles from the tournament hotel. Please note that the freeways you will be travelling are very congested so leave ample travel time (Love LA!).

There may be limited shuttling between Notre Dame and Harvard-Westlake if necessary. It is easiest to rent a vehicle or bring a bus. The tournament has not negotiated any special rates with rental car companies.

### Directions for Harvard-Westlake Upper School

**Address:** Harvard-Westlake Upper School, 3700 Coldwater Canyon Studio City, CA 91604

**Parking Instructions:**

TBD – See tournament announcements as tournament approaches.

**Directions from Tournament Hotel:**

Via freeway - Turn left onto Ventura Blvd, Turn left onto Sepulveda Blvd, Turn right onto on-ramp to 101 Freeway South, Exit Coldwater Canyon, Turn right onto Coldwater Canyon, Turn left onto Harvard-Westlake Upper School campus.

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Via side streets - Turn left onto Ventura Blvd, Turn right onto Coldwater Canyon, Turn left onto Harvard-Westlake Upper School campus.

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**Directions from Notre Dame High School:**

Turn left out onto Woodman from parking lot, Turn left onto Riverside Drive, Turn right onto Coldwater Canyon, After passing Ventura Blvd, Harvard-Westlake will be on your left hand side.

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### Directions for Notre Dame High School

**Address:** Notre Dame High School, 13645 Riverside Drive, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

**Parking Instructions:**

Park in the school lot off of Woodman Avenue. *If the school lot is full or you have a bus*, there is additional parking BEHIND the shops (Bank of America, Ross, etc.) diagonally across the street from the school.  Bus parking can be found in this lot. If you park in front of the shops, your car is subject to be towed so please make sure to park behind the shops to avoid this costly nuisance.

**Directions from Tournament Hotel:**

Via freeway -  Turn left onto Ventura Blvd, Turn left onto Sepulveda Blvd, Turn right onto the on-ramp to the 101 South Freeway, Exit  at Woodman Avenue, Turn left onto Woodman Avenue. The school is on the corner of Woodman Avenue and Riverside Drive. Turn right into the parking lot on Woodman Avenue. if driving a bus, please unload passengers in the small turnout off of Woodman Avenue just before the parking lot.

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Via side streets - Turn left on Ventura Blvd., Turn left onto Hazeltine, Turn right onto Riverside Drive, Turn left onto Woodman Avenue, Turn right into the Notre Dame parking lot on Woodman.

Google Maps - http://goo.gl/maps/Zs9SL
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**Directions from Harvard-Westlake:**

Turn right onto Coldwater Canyon, Turn left on Riverside Drive, Turn right onto Woodman Avenue, Turn right into Notre Dame parking lot.

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