



2022 Ivy League Parliamentary Championship

February 26 - February 27, 2022

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Dear Speech and Debate Coach,

On behalf of the Columbia Debate Society, we are delighted to invite you and your team to the Ivy League Parliamentary Championship high school debate tournament on Saturday February 26th and Sunday February 27th, 2022. All elimination rounds will be judged by a hand-picked group of highly competitive college-level parliamentary Ivy League debaters and we look forward to an exceptional level of debate throughout the weekend.

This tournament will count for NYPDL and NPDL points.

Our tab director will be Rodda John of Columbia University and founder of the New York Parliamentary Debate League. This invitation and additional information is or will be posted on our tournament website, <http://ivyleagueparliamentary.tabroom.com>. If you have additional questions or need assistance please email us at columbiadebate@gmail.com. Please do not hesitate to contact us if your team is experiencing financial difficulties. We look forward to building a premier event for the high school parliamentary debate community. We hope to see you online in February.

Sincerely,

Katherine St George & Maryam Abbasi,

Tournament Directors



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

2022 Ivy League Parliamentary Championship
High School Forensics Tournament

Columbia University, February 26th - February 27th, 2022
For problems during the tournament, please contact:

Tournament Directors

Katherine St George (631) 965-8931

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Note: Please read the entire invitation carefully. We hope it will answer most of your questions.

Registration

Please register for the tournament via tabroom, at <http://ivyleagueparliamentary.tabroom.com>. If you are unfamiliar with tabroom, there are online instructions. We can also answer your questions about the system and help you get registered properly.

We will initially limit each school to 6 teams, though we encourage you to register more if you have debaters who are interested in attending. All teams will be automatically waitlisted, but we will try to clear the waitlist so you have plenty of time to make reservations and travel plans.

We will accept new registrations up until February 20th but we will begin allocating additional entries above 6 to teams two weeks before the tournament so you will have sufficient notice.

Divisions

We plan to offer a Varsity and Novice division. Any student of high school age may compete in the Varsity division.

For this tournament a Novice is defined as someone in their first year of high school debate and who is in their Freshman or Sophomore year.

- *Students who have debated in middle school and are in their Freshman year count as Novices.*
- *Students who debated as Freshmen and are entering their Sophomore year are not Novices and must debate as Varsity.*
- ***Students who have never debated before but are in their Junior or Senior years are not Novices for this tournament, regardless of their inexperience, and must debate in the Varsity division.***

We feel it is important to give younger debaters experience in national tournaments and the Parli format, and we hope each school that attends will include at least one or two Novice teams in their initial six entries.

Registration Fees

There will be a fee of \$20 per team. We will be accepting payment via check. Please mail checks to the following address:

Administration and Planning
Lerner 510, Mail Code 2601
2920 Broadway
New York, NY 10027

Please make the checks out to “The Trustees of Columbia University” and on the memo line, write “Columbia Debate Society.” Registration fees are due by February 24th. Teams with financial difficulties should contact columbiadebate@gmail.com for a reg break when submitting their registration.

Fines and Deadlines

Judge misses a preliminary round	\$10/round
Failure to bring required number of qualified judges	\$50/missing judge

Judging Requirements

Teams should bring one qualified judge for every two teams or part thereof ($n+1/2$: so three teams would mean two judges, as would four teams).

A qualified judge is an adult or college student who understands the activity, speaks English, and is experienced taking a flow and keeping time. A qualified judge knows how to decide the round, to assign ranks and speaker points, and to fill out a ballot including a reason for a decision. Judges familiar with Parliamentary debate are preferred, but experience judging other forms of debate is acceptable. We will post a guide for debaters and judges on the web site at least a month before the tournament which we hope your judges and debaters will review.

This is not a tournament where there is sufficient time or resources to train judges. Please do not bring inexperienced judges to the tournament.

Supervision

All students must have a parent or legal guardian that can be reached at all times, or a school-approved adult guardian, teacher, or coach who is empowered to deal with emergencies, medical or otherwise. The adult guardian may not be another high school student: *high school students who have passed their 18th birthday do not count*. All registered teams must provide a name and phone number for an adult contact who will be reachable during the tournament and is responsible for the students in case of an emergency.

Parliamentary Debate Format

We will follow the collegiate APDA style with the 7-8-8-8-4-5 format. We will provide a more detailed style guide for debaters and judges on the tournament web site at least a month before the event. For a broader discussion of the format please see the APDA web site, apda.online.

We will release at least one straight-link motion for each round and debaters will have 15 minutes before the start of debate to prepare cases. Some rounds teams may be assigned sides; others, motion and side will be determined by a coin toss.

The format is extemporaneous debate. Debaters are not permitted to use briefs, prepared cases, research material or the internet during their preparation period or during the debate. They may use laptop or tablet computers to take notes during preparation or the round, or to speak from the podium, but they may not use research material stored on said devices. They may use electronic devices to keep time. This does not mean that debaters cannot cite facts or references during the debate, only (following APDA guidelines) that these facts be generally well known or fully explained in the speech to both the other team and the judge so they can be critically evaluated.

Schedule

The tournament will run on Saturday with out rounds on Sunday. We will have five preliminary rounds of single-flight debate breaking to octofinals in the Varsity Division, providing a sufficient number of teams. Novices will break to quarterfinals. We will update you on this as registration progresses.

Saturday, February 26th

Time	Activity
10-10:30 AM	Registration
10:30-11AM	General Assembly
11AM-12:30PM	Round 1
12:30-2:00PM	Round 2
2:00-3:00PM	Lunch
3:00-4:30PM	Round 3
4:30-6PM	Round 4
6-7:30PM	Round 5
7:30-8PM	Speaker Awards and Closing

Sunday, February 27th

Time	Activity
10-10:30AM	Check-In
10:30AM-12PM	Novice Quarter- and Varsity Octofinals
12-1:30PM	Novice Semi- and Varsity Quarterfinals
1:30-3PM	Novice Finals and Varsity Semifinals
3-4:30PM	Grand Finals
4:30-5PM	Awards and Closing

We will try to run on time and appreciate everyone's cooperation toward that end.

Rules and schedule are subject to change. The tournament will make you aware of any changes at or prior to registration.

Equity

Creating a safe and equitable environment for all participants is one of Columbia Debate Society's top priorities. Our Equity Officers will be present at the tournament and available as a resource. We aim to hold a tournament free from harassment on the basis of gender, race, sexual orientation, disability, or any other factor.

If you are harassed or made uncomfortable (or if any other equity-related issue occurs), please feel free to contact the equity officers or submit an anonymous complaint. All complaints will be investigated by our equity officers; with the complainant's consent, other tournament officials may be involved where appropriate. If the equity officers determine that a violation has occurred, repercussions may be applied (with consideration for the wishes of the complainant if provided). Repercussions may include a verbal warning, requiring an apology, or removal from GA and/or the tournament.

Anonymous complaints may be submitted via a Google form, the link for which will be published prior to the tournament.

More information about equity can be found on APDA's website, <http://www.apdaweb.org/about/eof>.

In light of the topic selection issues of last year's tournament, we have identified procedures that precipitated those problems and have significantly altered our mechanisms for topic selection and review. Equity officers, in addition to reviewing the motions at the finality of the process, will be included throughout all stages of the process and will have veto power over the inclusion of any individual topic. We will also be specifically cognizant of topics that, while approachable and debatable on the college level, may not be appropriate at the high school level.

Online Software

The tournament will be hosted on NSDA's online campus. If you have any concerns about the use of this software or your access to technology, do not hesitate to reach out for assistance. Further details will be forthcoming.