



NYPDL October 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 October Online Invitational on October 16th and 17th. 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 a Google Form on 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](#). Registration is due Saturday, October 9th at 6pm ET.

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, October 16th

9:00 - 10:00: Check-in and Mandatory Judge Training

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, October 17th

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

*Break and Divisions***

This tournament will feature **one open division**. Varsity and Novice teams will debate each other in prelim rounds. Power pairing will start after Round 1. **We will break separately to Varsity 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 three teams, you must bring two 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 is required. **If you are unable to meet the judge requirement, we reserve the right to break up an entry into two judges.**

A judge must be either a) a high school sophomore or older, or b) a high school freshman who has attended at least two high school debate tournaments.

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.