

National Parliamentary Debate Invitational

The National Parliamentary Debate Invitational at Berkeley

November 13–14, 2021

Hosted by the University of California, Berkeley

Parliamentary Debate at Berkeley cordially invites you to participate in the fall semester's premier parliamentary debate tournament, the National Parliamentary Debate Invitational, on November 13 & 14, 2021, hosted at the University of California, Berkeley. **Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be hosting the tournament on a virtual medium, NSDA Campus.**

The tournament will feature an Open division and a Junior Varsity division, with each division guaranteed five preliminary rounds. All Open division rounds will be adjudicated by individuals holding a background in high school and/or college parliamentary debate. Following the conclusion of each round, judges will disclose the victor of the round and provide a constructive oral RFD of no more than fifteen (15) minutes in length. This tournament places a premium on providing a unique educational experience for all participants.

There will be one topic area, released on or around **Wednesday, October 27, 2021**, that will be used for two preliminary rounds and one elimination round. We will also disclose topic committee membership at that time. Both announcements will be released on Tabroom, as well as on the [Parliamentary Debate at Berkeley Facebook page](#).

The tournament reserves the right to collapse the Open and Junior Varsity divisions if required by tournament logistics.

The tournament will break to a full or partial double-octafinals elimination round. We will break brackets based on school affiliation. The tournament reserves the right to adapt the amount or structure of elimination rounds if required by tournament logistics.

We will also be hosting a mandatory equity forum during lunch on Saturday, discussing issues of bias, microaggressions, and harassment in the debate community.

Requirements for Entry

Entry Limit:

The entry limit per school is 6 entries per division; if for whatever reason you feel like an exception should be made, please email calparli@gmail.com.

Hybrid and Independent Eligibility:

We do allow hybrid and independent entries, just notify tournament administration about them before the entry deadline, by sending an email to calparli@gmail.com.

Junior Varsity Eligibility:

To compete in the Junior Varsity division, debaters must have no more than two years of prior debate experience.

Judge Requirements:

Each school will be required to provide 1 qualified judge for every two entries or fraction thereof. A single open-qualified judge can cover both an Open and a JV entry.

Open: A qualified judge is at least a high school graduate or equivalent AND a coach or former open debater. Experience in debate events outside of parliamentary debate is accepted. Any questions about what characterizes a qualified judge should be directed to calparli@gmail.com. Judges found to not meet judging qualifications will be removed from the judge pool, and schools will be charged relevant fees.

Junior Varsity: Anyone who satisfies above Open requirements, in addition to those who are at least a high school graduate or equivalent. Those who qualify as Open division judges are also inherently qualified as JV judges.

ALL judges will be required to provide a paradigm by Friday, November 5, 2021, and judges are highly encouraged to give an oral Reason For Decision after the round.

Additionally, due to delays caused by ballot distribution in the past, we require that **ALL JUDGES have individual Tabroom accounts** set up prior to the tournament. The tournament will be using online ballots only.

Schools will be charged **\$25 for every judge without an individual Tabroom account** linked to their entry at the start of the tournament. A team-wide Tabroom account that the judge can access is NOT

sufficient; they must have an individual account **and a paradigm**. This does not apply to teams that have hired judges from the tournament. Please email calparli@gmail.com for any questions about this.

Required Forms for Minors:

Any competitors under the age of 18 must fill out this waiver to attend NPDI:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C9cpyg6KkCZTUe92rZPgFPD1aXySbrLh/view?usp=sharing>

Please email completed forms to calparli@gmail.com by **12:00pm PST on Friday, November 12, 2021**.

Tournament Announcements:

Tournament-wide announcements, such as topics for each round, will be posted on this document:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ef9UdlyA9mEJUxPrqboA9ttOOoRsdLE4Sh5muyV0tE/edit?usp=sharing>

Announcements regarding tournament logistics may be emailed to registered schools via Tabroom.

Important tournament-wide announcements may also be posted on our Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/ParliDebateAtBerkeley>.

Payment & Fees

Payment:

Payments should be made through PayPal to the account associated with calparli@gmail.com by end-of-day **November 12, 2021**. Email us if you have questions about payment logistics.

- Invoices will be managed directly through Tabroom this year. You can view fees due and access your invoice under the “Fees” header when viewing your tournament registration.
- Please write in the notes/title of the payment: [School - NPDI Entry Fees Payment]
- If you need an invoice directly from Parliamentary Debate at Berkeley, email calparli@gmail.com to request one, no later than **November 7, 2021**. Please ensure that all entries and judges are finalized before making this request.
- If penalties are imposed for missing judges/paradigms, those will be added to Tabroom invoices during the tournament. All schools should check the “Fees” section after November 14 and pay any outstanding dues.
- If you have any questions, contact calparli@gmail.com.

Tournament Fees:

The cost of competing in the 2021 NPDI will be **\$50.00** per entry.

Any drops after **November 10, 2021** will be assessed the full entry fees.

Schools may choose to pay a hired judge fee of **\$175.00** per uncovered entry. **Not a typo.**

Judge Penalty:

- If a team's judge misses any rounds, **the team will be charged \$20.00 for each missed round**. This does not apply to teams that have hired judges from the tournament.
- Schools will be charged **\$25.00 for every judge without an individual Tabroom account** linked to their judge entry by the start of the tournament. A team-wide Tabroom account that the judge has access to is NOT sufficient; they must have an individual account **and a paradigm**.

Fee Breaks:

Parliamentary Debate at Berkeley is firmly committed to expanding accessibility of debate. If entry fees are financially prohibitive, please contact us at calparli@gmail.com. We tend to be very generous in awarding fee breaks, but we cannot help you if you do not contact us first. We expect that any team receiving a fee break will cover their entries with qualified judges.

Competitor Rules

1. Prep Time:

During the twenty-five (25) minutes of prep time, debaters may utilize whatever resources they would like—printed materials, computers, phones, digital files, and Internet access are all allowed. They can also communicate with coaches and teammates.

Due to the online format of the tournament, the usual limitation to handwritten notes is no longer in effect. Debaters may type their notes during prep time, but they may not copy-paste, and they may not have other people type in their notes document.

Exceptions to these requirements can be made for the purposes of accessibility accommodations; email calparli@gmail.com to notify us of any specific accommodations we should account for. Potential rules violations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the tournament staff.

2. In-Round Materials:

During each round, debaters may only utilize notes that they or their partner prepared during that round's twenty-five (25) minutes of prep time. They may not access any notes that were prepared prior to that round's topic announcement. They may not access the Internet (except to connect to the video call for the round) or communicate with any outside parties.

Exceptions to these requirements can be made for the purposes of accessibility accommodations; email calparli@gmail.com to notify us of any specific accommodations we should account for. Potential rules violations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the tournament staff.

3. Speech Times:

Speech times for all rounds will be 7-8-8-8-4-5. There is no protected time in any speech.

4. Rebuttals:

No new arguments may be made in the rebuttal speeches.

POOs are allowed in rebuttals. POOs will stop time.

5. Flex Time:

This tournament will utilize flex time, which is a small window of time before certain speeches that allows debaters to ask questions of the other team, consult their partner, and/or prepare arguments.

Flex time occurs during the round at the following intervals:

- 2 minutes of neg flex before the LOC
- 2 minutes of aff flex before the MG
- 1 minute of neg flex before the MO
- 1 minute of aff flex before the PMR

The team controlling flex is allowed to ask questions of the other team, but not the other way around. For example, during the neg flex before the LOC, the negative team may ask questions of the affirmative.

Please note that there is no flex time in between the MO and the LOR.

Debaters aren't required to use their flex time if they don't want to. They don't have to ask questions for the entire time or prep for the entire time; it's up to them how to use it.

Schedule

***Tentative Schedule, subject to change:**

November 13, 2021

7:30 AM-8:00 AM: Registration

8:00 AM: Topic Announcement, Round 1

9:55 AM: Topic Announcement, Round 2

11:30 PM-1:00 PM: Equity Forum/Lunch

1:10 PM: Topic Announcement, Round 3

3:10 PM: Topic Announcement, Round 4

5:10 PM: Topic Announcement, Round 5

November 14, 2021

8:00 AM Topic Announcement, Elim 1

10:00 AM Topic Announcement, Elim 2

12:00 PM—12:30 PM Lunch

12:30PM--1:00PM Awards Ceremony

1:10 PM Topic Announcement, Elim 3

3:10 PM Topic Announcement, Elim 4

5:10 PM Topic Announcement, Elim 5

Past Results

NPDI I

September 8-9, 2012

Bishop O'Dowd High School, Oakland, California

Champions: Saratoga Agrawal & Chiang

Finalists: Bishop O'Dowd Accinelli & Perl

NPDI II

November 16-17, 2013

Bishop O'Dowd High School, Oakland, California

Champions: Dougherty Valley Konath & Wang

Finalists: Bishop O'Dowd Walsh & Zepeda

NPDI III

November 15-16, 2014

University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Champions: Dougherty Valley Bhargava & Ziaee

Finalists: Sonoma Academy Maciorowski & Kornfein

NPDI IV

November 14-15, 2015

University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Champions: Evergreen Valley Abushama & Cochinwala

Finalists: Campolindo Harvey & Moore

NPDI V

November 12-13, 2016

University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Champions: Sonoma Academy Kornfein & Saxena

Finalists: Evergreen Valley Zielinski & Shukla

NPDI VI

November 11-12, 2017

University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Co-Champions: The Nueva School Keller & Poler

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NPDI VII

November 10-11, 2018

University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Champions: Campolindo Bonet & Yuan

Finalists: The Nueva School Shahar & Xu

NPDI VIII

November 9-10, 2019

University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Champions: Menlo-Atherton Bodnick & Nori

Finalists: Quartz Canyon Prep Frazer & Brashears

NPDI IX

November 14-15, 2019

University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Champions: Papaya Valley Mani & Sharma

Finalists: Campolindo Ravikumar & Kenderski