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The Yale Debate Association (YDA) is an undergraduate organization of Yale University in New Haven, CT. Every year, the YDA travels throughout the world to compete in Parliamentary Debate.

To encourage speech and debate activities among high school and college students, the YDA hosts several tournaments each year. Our five annual tournaments are the Yale Invitational Tournament, the Adams Cup Tournament, the Osterweis Tournament, the Yale APDA debate tournament, and the Yale College Intervarsity Tournament.

Yale Debate Association
Thirtieth Annual Yale Invitational Tournament

September 2022

Dear Speech and Debate Coaches:

On behalf of the Yale Debate Association, we invite you and your team to the thirtieth annual Yale University Invitational Tournament from Friday, September 30th, to Sunday, October 2nd. The tournament will feature Varsity and JV Lincoln Douglas Debate, Policy Debate, Varsity and JV Public Forum Debate, an open division in Congressional Debate, an open division in Parliamentary Debate, and eight Speech events (Duo, DI, EX, HI, INF, OI, POI, and OO).

We are beyond excited to welcome you back to New Haven after more than two years of online competition.

Year after year, our tournament grows and gains more national recognition for its high level of competition. Like last year, quarterfinalists in Varsity Lincoln Douglas debate, octofinalists in Public Forum debate, and semifinalists in Student Congress will earn bids to the Tournament of Champions. In addition, high-level competitors in DI, HI, Duo, EX, OI and OO will earn a bid to the University of Kentucky TOC.

We are pleased to offer a team of nationally recognized and successful tab coordinators. Lincoln Douglas Debate tab will be led by Crawford Leavoy, Policy Debate by Sheryl Kaczmarek, and Public Forum Debate by Jeffrey Kahn. Congressional Debate will be led by Kimberly Bayan-Berlat, and Parliamentary Debate by Everett Rutan. Speech tab will be led by Joe Vaughan. Our Tournament Chair will be Sarah Donnelly. The ability of our tab staff, as well as an excellent pool of judges, will help to ensure a smooth tournament.

If you need additional assistance, please email us at yaleinvitational2022@gmail.com. Best wishes for a restful and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing many of our old friends in New Haven in September.

Sincerely,
Alex Abarca, Arya Nalluri, and Lelan Hu
Tournament Directors

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Updates

Please take the time to read the whole invitation – there is critical information about the tournament and this packet likely answers many of your potential questions.

All tournament participants are expected to be familiar with our policies as they are outlined in later pages because this is the only way for us to ensure the tournament runs smoothly and efficiently for all parties involved. The most important thing to take note of are our directions and guidelines – we will be following these rules very closely.

Edits may be made to this document in the future, so we will keep note of any updates here.

August 1: corrected typo in registration open date, corrected Congress schedule, and removed mention of student preferential balloting.

August 2: edited payment instructions.

August 4: added a clarification in “A Note on In-Person” about the difference between Yale’s COVID-19 Policy and Visitors Policy, the latter of which applies to the Yale Invitational.

August 18: updated “Hospitality” with another hotel and lower prices

August 28: added a clarification to “Hospitality” and another hotel

September 5: added an update to our vaccination requirement, given the CDC’s recommendation of boosted shots specifically targeting the omicron variant of COVID-19

September 25: added “Event Locations,” which includes addresses, buildings information, and maps for competitors. Also updated “Food” under “Hospitality” with the notification that attendees are encouraged to pack their own meals.

An Update to Our Vaccination Requirement

With the recent FDA authorization and CDC recommendation of updated booster shots specifically targeting the omicron variant of COVID-19, the CDC definition of "up to date" on COVID vaccines has changed. Because the new (bivalent) booster shots have only been approved in the last few days, we cannot enforce a requirement that all participants have received these new shots. As such, we will enforce the previous CDC guidance about being up to date on vaccines (which was in place when the tournament invitation was originally posted): all participants must have completed a primary series and received at least one booster shot (if at least 5 months have passed since the completion of a Pfizer/Moderna primary series or at least 2 months have passed since the completion of a J&J initial shot).

There are still no exemptions to the vaccination requirement; all participants must have completed the initial vaccine series and the *first* applicable booster.

A Note on In-Person

It has been three years since we last welcomed you to New Haven for the Yale Invitational, and we are thrilled to finally have students competing on our campus, meeting other competitors, and sharing their ideas in-person, as this activity was meant to be. Our team has been working tirelessly to ensure that the return to Yale is as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

To aid in this process, ***all competitors must be fully vaccinated*** to ensure the health and safety of other students, staff, and the greater New Haven community. Yale Visitors Policy states that all visitors must be “up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.” There will be ***no exceptions to the vaccination requirement***, per Yale’s COVID-19 policy.

Please see the following websites for more information on the definition of “up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines.” International schools should consult the second link to verify that the vaccines used abroad comply with the Vaccine Requirements.

- [Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for People Vaccinated Outside the United States | CDC](#)

All participants will be required to ***submit proof of vaccination and a COVID-19 Vaccination Attestation for Visitors form***. Instructions for this are detailed later under “Required Forms.”

Many people have since contacted us with questions regarding Yale’s COVID-19 Vaccination Policy here. The line referenced is the following: “The university requires all students, faculty, staff, and postdoctoral/postgraduate trainees — other than those with an approved medical or religious exemption — to be fully vaccinated and to obtain a booster shot within 14 days of eligibility.”

We understand why this can be interpreted as permitting exemptions for Yale Invitational participants. However, exemptions are only granted for "students, faculty, staff, and postdoctoral/postgraduate trainees." Participants at the Yale Invitational are considered "visitors" and not any of the above. A “visitor” is "any individual who is coming to campus that is not a Yale student, employee, or trainee.” Policies for “visitors” differ from those for Yale University affiliates, and you can find more information on Yale’s Visitors Policy here: <https://covid19.yale.edu/visitors-policy>.

In addition, all participants are expected to follow university mask guidance and other health and safety guidelines. These will be communicated closer to the tournament, but you can find more information on Yale’s Visitors Policy in the above link. Other precautions, such as a virtual award ceremony, may be used depending on the public health conditions closer to the tournament.

Finally, should the COVID-19 situation suddenly worsen, and either Yale University or the Yale Debate Association decide that hosting an in-person tournament is no longer feasible, ***we reserve the right to transition to an online tournament***. This situation is very unlikely to arise, but given the unpredictable nature of the pandemic, we feel as if we should note this possibility. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to yaleinvitational2022@gmail.com.

Hospitality

We have arranged for group rates with several nearby hotels and have roughly 300 rooms reserved for the tournament. Unfortunately, many area hotels have increased their rates, but we were still able to negotiate substantial discounts for the tournament. These hotels range from a 2-minute walk to a 20-minute drive from Yale's campus. Our Hospitality director for this year is Shyla Summers. Any questions regarding accommodations can be directed to them at shyla.summers@yale.edu. Hotel information will be updated as price points for our hotel deals crystallize. *More rooms are pending.*

The New Haven Hotel is within walking distance of the Yale campus. We will be providing free shuttles from the Clarion and the Hampton Inn in Milford to Yale's main campus. Shuttles begin Friday night before rounds, and will run Friday after rounds, Saturday before and after rounds, and Sunday morning before rounds.

We will also be providing shuttles between Yale's main campus and high schools. Shuttle space is limited, so before the tournament, we will send out a sign-up form where teams can reserve free tickets for the shuttles. More information about signing up for shuttles will be sent out at a later date.

All other hotels are within a 30-minute drive from Yale, and we do not offer shuttle services between those hotels and the tournament.

To reserve rooms, please call the relevant number and note that you are booking in association with the Yale Invitational Tournament.

Tournament-Affiliated Hotels:

- The New Haven Hotel: (203) 498-3100 (Fully booked)
 - \$179/night
 - Reservation must be made by 8/31 to receive the group rate.
- New Haven Village Suites: (203) 777-5337
 - \$179/night
 - Rooms must be reserved by 9/15 to receive the group rate.
- Fairfield by Marriott Wallingford: (203) 284-0001 or [book here](#)
 - \$144/night
 - Reservation must be made by 9/14 to receive the group rate.
- Hampton Inn Milford: (203) 874-4400
 - \$179/night
 - Rooms must be reserved by 9/8 to receive the group rate.
- Clarion Hotel & Suites in Hamden, CT: (203) 288-3831
 - \$165/night
 - Rooms must be reserved by 9/27 to receive the group rate.
- SpringHill Suites in Milford, CT: (203) 283-0200
 - \$145/night
 - Rooms must be reserved by 9/3 to receive the group rate.
- Best Western Plus in North Haven, CT: (203) 239-6700 or [book here](#)
 - \$180/night
 - Rooms must be reserved by 9/20 to receive the group rate.

Other Available Hotels: (this list is not meant to be exhaustive, and you are allowed to book at any hotel you would like, including those not referenced on this list)

- Marriott Courtyard in Orange, CT: (203) 799-220

- Marriott Courtyard in Shelton, CT: (800) 321-2211
- Premier Hotel & Village Suites in New Haven, CT: (203) 777-5337
- Hampton Inn in West Haven, CT: (203) 932-0404
- Hampton Inn in Shelton, CT: (203) 925-5900
- Courtyard New Haven at Yale Contact: (203) 777-6221

Our hotels fill quickly, so please reserve your rooms as soon as possible. When you call, mention the Yale Debate Tournament to access the best rates. If you have any difficulties finding lodging, please email shyla.summers@yale.edu or yaleinvitational2022@gmail.com.

Food

Food will be available *only at certain locations* throughout the day for purchase so that attendees may eat between rounds. Due to lease agreements, the YDA is not allowed to sell food on certain properties, so competitors are *highly encouraged* to pack food ahead of time. Some locations will be within walking distance of coffee shops, restaurants, and other vendors, but these should not be relied upon. Wandering off to eat is not an excuse for being late to a round.

Adult Supervision and Independent Entries

This tournament is open only to institutions that award high school diplomas. Students must be representing the school they attend, and their entries sanctioned by that school. All students must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian, or by a school-approved adult guardian, teacher, or coach who is empowered to deal with emergencies, medical or otherwise. The adult guardian must be a high school graduate; high school students who have passed their 18th birthday do not count. All registrants must provide a name and phone number for an adult contact who will be present at the tournament and is responsible for the students in case of an emergency.

Code of Conduct and Safety

The Yale Debate Association would like to remind all attendees of the tournament of the following rules: (1) you must follow all laws from the city of New Haven, CT as well as Connecticut state law and U.S. federal law, (2) you must follow the rules and regulations of Yale University and comply with requests made by officials of the school. We also expect all participants to hold themselves to a high standard of conduct. These requirements include but are not limited to: (a) following instructions by those running the tournament and officials at the University. Do not wander off and do not go where one has been told not to go. (b) Treat all other attendees and all other people with respect. Do not harass or bully others. (c) Avoid creating safety/security risks for others (such as by propping open doors, going through the trash, bringing anything that could potentially be dangerous, etc.). If those running the tournament find that a participant has broken these requirements, we reserve the right to ban them from the tournament.

The tab room phone number will be announced on Tabroom in August. Please make all your students and judges aware of this number so they can contact tab during the tournament. This number is for on-site issues only and will be answered only during the tournament.

The policy of the Yale Invitational concerning consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors, illegal use of controlled substances, vandalism, and destructive, and other illegal or disorderly behavior is: (1) to disqualify involved contestants from further competition, (2) to communicate the offending incident to the contestants' on-site guardians and/or parents, (3) to require financial reimbursement for all damages or

liabilities caused directly or indirectly by the incident, and (4) to notify the local legal authorities. The precise remedy or remedies selected will remain at the discretion of the tournament staff. Every student must be accompanied to the tournament by an adult authorized by the student's school and/or parent to care for that student in the event of a medical or other emergency. The contact information for this adult must be given to tab at registration. The Yale Invitational takes no responsibility for the health and safety of students beyond notifying this accompanying adult of concerns or problems as we become aware of them. The Yale Invitational staff reserve the right to refuse entry to the tournament to anyone—be they a competitor, judge or observer—at its sole discretion.

Registration

Procedure

All registration will be conducted online at <http://yaleinvite.tabroom.com>. We cannot accept email or phone registrations, but we are happy to help you navigate the registration website. If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact yaleinvitational2022@gmail.com.

IE Speaker Codes will be reset on the Wednesday before the competition; therefore, **do not print codes** until you receive an email saying it is time to print codes. Field reports in the debate events will also be posted in advance of the tournament.

Some schools in the past have not reported all their drops to the tournament. An unreported drop is defined as a drop that occurs after the first round of that event ends. This harms our ability to panel rounds for good competition. Schools with *unreported* drops will be assessed a fee of \$50 per drop. Please notify tab immediately if a student falls ill or withdraws from competition during the tournament for safety reasons.

Registration Process:

This year for tournament registration, we will again begin with universal waitlist status. All entries will automatically be placed on a waitlist. Two weeks after registrations open, we will fairly and evenly take students off the waitlist. **DO NOT MAKE PLANE RESERVATIONS UNTIL YOUR ENTRIES ARE VERIFIED.** No schools will be given an additional entry beyond the initial limit until 7 PM on August 31st, to allow other schools a chance to register and get approval. Additional entry slots will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. The chart below shows the initial school limit in each capped event. This is NOT a guarantee that you will get this many slots, only a limit on how many slots might be granted before September 2nd.

Activity	Initial School Limit
Lincoln Douglas Debate	Distributed based on interest
Student Congress	18 total
Public Forum Debate	2 in Varsity, 1 in Junior Varsity
Speech Events	Distributed based on interest
Parliamentary Debate	3 teams
Policy Debate	5 total

We will hand out waitlist spots as they are available, but we cannot predict when that will be. That is a function of whether other schools drop entries, our ability to maintain a fair break, our ability to have a quality judge pool, and whether the administration can open up rooms.

In previous years, we have received countless emails asking us what the likelihood of getting off the waitlist is. The simple truth is that we cannot predict that due to several variables, but we can commit that we will notify waitlisted entries as soon as they are moved off the waitlist. **Though we usually have had a wait list through August, we have been able to accommodate almost every student that wanted to compete in the tournament.**

Please note, however, that we are extremely committed to ensuring regional and school diversity in our competitor pool. Schools which correctly follow registration need not worry about not receiving any entry slots. Schools wishing to enter a large number of entries in the same event, however, will not receive slots for additional entries before other schools receive their first slots. Some preference may be given to schools that have attended the Yale Invitational in the past.

Registration Open Date

We plan to open registration on *Wednesday, August 3 at 1:00 PM ET.*

Outstanding Fines

Just as last year, students from schools owing outstanding fines to our tournament will be permanently wait-listed until those fines are paid. Those schools will be registered after other schools based on space availability.

Caps and Limits

We have limited space to ensure a fair break in all divisions and to maintain the quality of our judge pool. We will impose limits where necessary. The following table details our initial event caps. As we gauge interest throughout registration, *we may raise the cap in some events* above these initial limits.

Event Caps

Varsity Public Forum Debate	180
JV Public Forum Debate	100
Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate	175
JV Lincoln Douglas Debate	100
Policy Debate	50
Congressional Debate	270
Parliamentary Debate	75
Speech Events	Caps based on initial interest

We reserve the right to change any of these limits as we see fit.

Varsity and Junior Varsity Status

Any student with more than two years' experience and those in 12th grade must enter Varsity. Any student who broke at a national tournament in JV last year should enter Varsity.

We will accept middle school students in JV. Middle school students with more than two years of debating experience should enter Varsity.

Students in the 9th grade, or students with no more than one year of debating experience, may enter Junior Varsity but should also feel free to enter Varsity.

We *strongly* encourage coaches to choose division with the educational purpose of debate in mind. That purpose is hurt if overqualified debaters compete in JV. Students should not enter JV to win trophies; JV is a learning division.

Required Forms and COVID-19

The deadline for submission of the Participant Supervision Agreement, Liability Waiver, Image and Recording Release forms, and Proof of Vaccination is Thursday, September 29th at 12 PM ET.

The Participant Supervision Agreement form is required for students to compete at the tournament. Only one authorized individual **per school** needs to fill out the form. The Liability Waiver and Image and Recording Release forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian **for each student** who is participating in the tournament.

All attendees (including assistant coaches and judges) must submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination to comply with Yale University's Visitors Guidelines. Once more, there will be no exceptions to this requirement per Yale University guidelines.

In the United States, "Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination" refers to the initial vaccination series and booster doses if applicable. For more information, please see the following websites that outline this requirement. **International schools should consult the second link to verify that the vaccines used abroad comply with the Vaccine Requirements.**

- [Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for People Vaccinated Outside the United States | CDC](#)

Questions about forms, including about the submission process and the COVID-19 vaccination requirement, should be directed to Josh Leffler at josh.leffler@yale.edu.

Submission Instructions

The primary contact for each school will receive an email with links to complete each form.

- The primary contact or authorized official of the school must complete the Participant Supervision Agreement
- The primary contact must distribute the links for the Liability Waiver, Image and Recording Release, and Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination forms to the parents or legal guardians of each student
- The primary contact must distribute the link for the Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination form to every adult attending the tournament (including all coaches and judges)

It is the responsibility of each school, not the Yale Invitational, to ensure that the necessary forms are completed by all individuals attending the tournament (or their parents/legal guardians).

Entry Fees & Payment Instructions

Entry Fees

Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate	\$85 per entry
JV Lincoln Douglas Debate	\$75 per entry
Student Congress	\$65 per entry
Varsity Public Forum Debate	\$100 per team
JV Public Forum Debate	\$90 per entry
Policy Debate	\$80 per team
Parliamentary Debate	\$80 per team
Duo Interpretation	\$120 per entry
All Other Speech Events	\$60 per entry

Please see “Hired Judging” below for additional information about fees that may be incurred from hiring out judging obligations.

The Yale Debate Association is committed to making the Yale Invitational accessible to all students from all backgrounds. Please do not hesitate to contact us by August 20th if your team is experiencing financial difficulties. We are happy to offer financial aid and are willing to work with those students and/or teams in need.

Payment Instructions

Fees will be due before competition begins. If your school’s payment is late, that will be between you and your school, not the tournament and your school; payment is required *up front* to be eligible to compete

Digital methods (like Paypal, Venmo, or bank transfers) are strongly preferred, but we also accept checks, provided that the following instructions are met.

- Paypal (*Strongly preferred*) – Please pay by Paypal if you can. We will accept Paypal by the start of the tournament to yaledebatetreasurer@gmail.com.
 1. **Put your school name** in the notes section of the transaction. Otherwise, we will not be able to know if you paid!
 2. Select “for friends and family” when making a payment. If you do not send it through the family and friends method, we will have to charge you for the fee Paypal collects.
- Venmo – Our Venmo handle is @yaledebateassociation
 1. **Put your school name** in the notes section of the transaction. Otherwise, we will not be able to know if you paid!
- Bank transfers –
 1. **Put your school name** in the notes section of the transaction. Otherwise, we will not be able to know if you paid!
 2. Additionally, double check that you are **using the correct routing number (wire vs. electronic transfers)**, and note that the account name is Yale Debate Association.

3. If you'd like to process a bank transfer, please email us at yaleinvitational2022@gmail.com with the subject line "SCHOOL NAME – Bank Transfer." We will provide you with the relevant account information.
 - Bank address:
 - Bank of America
 - N.A. 222 Broadway
 - New York, NY 10038
 - Account address:
 - 37 Trumbull Street
 - Apartment 5B
 - New Haven, CT 06510
- Checks – If you must mail a check, please complete the following steps:
 1. Email yaleinvitational2022@gmail.com with the subject line "SCHOOL NAME – Payment by Check" and a note that you cannot pay by Paypal. Please do this in advance so we can communicate with you and note in our records to expect a check.
 - Checks must be made out to "Yale Debate Association" (Do not list anything else, like a person's name)
 - Write the memo as "SCHOOL NAME – Yale Invitational"
 - Checks can be mailed to:
 - Yale Debate Association
 - 206 Elm St PO Box 205955
 - New Haven, CT 06520
 2. Email yaleinvitational2022@gmail.com a proof of purchase order for fees or a USPS tracking number for your mail by Friday, September 10th at 11:59 PM Eastern. Unless we receive a tracking number by that time, we will assume payment will be made through PayPal. If you are concerned that your check will not arrive by the beginning of the tournament, please bring your check and pay in person. Again, please do not hesitate to contact us by August 20th if your team is experiencing financial difficulties.
 3. We will process your payment within 7 days of receipt and update your invoice on Tabroom.
- We do not accept credit cards or cash.

If you have a Vendor Form to fill out, email yaleinvitational2022@gmail.com. When emailing the form, please complete the required school information (i.e., name of school, advisor name, etc). This helps expedite the process and reduces the backlog. **When you send the email, it is important that you include in the subject line "Vendor Request - [School Name]"**.

We understand there may be changes during the week before the tournament, both increases and decreases, but we require payment before the tournament and will adjust your invoice and provide refunds as necessary.

Independent Entries

Unfortunately, we will not be allowing independent entries. All entries must be affiliated with a diploma-granting school and registered by an authorized adult from that school. This decision is final.

International Schools

Eligibility for international schools varies by country and region. Please contact us as early as possible at yaleinvitational2022@gmail.com to confirm your eligibility.

Registration Procedures and Deadlines

Some schools in the past have not reported all their drops to the tournament; this harms our ability to panel rounds for good competition. Schools with *unreported* drops will be assessed a fee of \$50 per drop. Please notify Tab immediately if a student falls ill or withdraws from the competition during the tournament. **All times are in ET.**

Wednesday, August 3 rd , 1:00 PM	<i>Online registration begins at yaleinvite.tabroom.com.</i>
Thursday, September 1 st , 5:00 PM	<p><i>Congress registration due.</i> We may accept requests for late additions in Congress by email until September 23rd. Acceptance will be based on availability in chambers. No legislation from late additions will be accepted.</p> <p><i>Congress bills due on Tabroom.</i> Bills without authors or schools will be returned for revision. Do not submit legislation as a PDF. These will also be returned to the coach for revision.</p>
Monday, September 12 th .	<i>Docket assignment released on yaleinvite.tabroom.com.</i>
Monday, September 19 th , 11:59 PM	<p><i>Last day for new entries due in all events (or as events hit their caps). We fill fast so register early.</i></p> <p><i>Registration fees are frozen and judge burdens are frozen unless you are dropping all entries in an event. At this point, rooms are paid for, and judges are hired. That means you owe us the money and the judges, <i>whether or not</i> you come. If you do not meet your judge obligation or drop a judge after this deadline, you will be charged for a hired judge and a \$100 fine. We will notify you if we are unable to fulfill any hired judge requests. Make hired judge requests early to increase your chance of us being able to meet demand.</i></p> <p><i>Last day for judge registration & names due for all events besides LD. We will likely run out of hires long before this; be sure to request hired judges early.</i></p>
Wednesday, September 28 th	<p><i>LD MPJ ratings can be entered online.</i> Your judging must be the judging you registered online by the judging deadline. Substitutes will not be accepted.</p> <p><i>Judge registration and names due for LD due, and the judge pool will be locked. Any judge substitutions or swaps will incur a fee and are subject to other penalties (see LD MPJ section below).</i></p>

Thursday, September 29 th , 12:00 PM	<i>All required permissions and school forms are due.</i> See the “Required Forms” section of this document for more information.
Friday, September 30 th , 12:00 PM	LD MPJ ratings are due. MPJ is closed at this time.
Friday, September 30 th , 2:30-4:00 PM	<i>Debate Registration.</i> Schools with debaters must register by 4:00PM at the registration location closest to their competition site, whether or not they have changes. We will release information as to where registration locations are closer to the tournament. Teams that do not register by 4:00 PM will be fined \$50 an entry. Please do not come to registration early; schools that come early hamper our setup.
Friday, September 30 th , 5:00 – 6:00 PM	<p><i>Speech, Parli & Congress Only Registration.</i> All Speech, Parli, and Congress schools must complete a form confirming registration details and the contact information of the head coach if they are not coming to debate registration. In the event that we are missing liability forms, COVID-19 verification, or payment, the tournament staff will use this information to contact you. The relevant form will be sent out at a later time.</p> <p>Schools that are contacted for outstanding items should pay their registration fees virtually ASAP or on Saturday morning at tab between 8:00 and 10:00 AM (we do not accept credit cards or cash; only checks or online payments). Please do not come to registration early; schools that come early hamper our setup.</p>

Judging

Obligations by Entry

Lincoln Douglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One qualified judge for every three LDers (for both Varsity and JV) ● Judges are obligated to judge through Octofinals OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later. ● Judges must have paradigms posted on their Tabroom accounts.
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One qualified judge for every two Policy teams ● Judges are obligated to judge through Quarters OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later. ● Judges must have paradigms posted on their Tabroom accounts.
Public Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One qualified judge for every three PF teams (for both Varsity and JV) ● Judges are obligated to judge through Octofinals (the second round on Sunday) OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later. ● Judges must have paradigms posted on their Tabroom accounts.
Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One qualified judge for five Congress entries; one additional qualified parliamentarian for six or more Congress entries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1-5 entries = 1 judge ○ 6+ entries = 1 judge & 1 qualified parliamentarian ● Judges are obligated to be on call for all rounds of the tournament, though they likely will not judge every round. ● Qualified Congress judges may be asked to cover rounds in another event. Please indicate when registering which other pool a Congress judge would like to judge if we cannot use him/her in Congress. ● Please mark judges available to act as a parliamentarian when entering info on Tabroom.
Parliamentary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One qualified judge for every two Parliamentary teams. ● Schools must select at least one judge to be available for all elimination rounds on Sunday. The rest of the judges are obligated to judge through Octofinals OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.
Speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One qualified judge for every five Speech entries, rounded up. ● Judges are obligated to be on call for all rounds of the tournament, though they likely will not judge every round. ● Qualified Speech judges may be asked to cover rounds in another event. (We will not assign judges to other events without first speaking to them).

Schools may not hire out their entire obligation in a division. This means that if you are a lone student for your school in a division, you must provide your own judge.

We assume judges will stay for the duration of the tournament unless we hear otherwise. *You must contact us if you are leaving.*

Judge Changes

Please note that the judges you bring need to be the judges you registered online by the deadline. You may not substitute another judge in a rated pool. Substituting another judge in a rated pool isn't good enough; people have rated your old judge, not your new judge. Schools that change their judges after online strikes and Mutually Preferred Judging ratings in LD **have opened will lose all their strikes and ratings in the division(s) in which they made the offending changes**. Do not bring judges unregistered by the deadline; we cannot use them. If you have a judge who has an emergency and cannot come to the tournament, you will have to pay the dropped judge fee to keep your ratings because we will not be changing the judge pool at the last minute. The pool will be locked by 5 PM on Wednesday, September 28th. There will be no changes possible after that time, and any judges that drop will incur a judge hire fee.

Judge Expectations

Please keep in mind that a qualified judge understands the activity and is either experienced sitting in the back of the room with a ballot or flow pad or has been carefully trained by the team they are accompanying. A qualified judge knows how to assign ranks or wins/losses, speaker points, and knows how to fill out a ballot. All judges must be older than high school age. Please do not try to sneak in an untrained ringer. When you provide an unqualified judge, we usually find out about it only after a number of competitors have been unfairly adjudicated.

Paradigms (PF/Policy/LD)

We require all debate judges to post paradigms under their Tabroom accounts profile. In any case, judges should be willing to indicate before a round to competitors a general sense of their vision of debate (if any) or a sense of their experience, to aid competitors in choosing how best to make their arguments. **Debate entries will not be allowed to submit preferences and strikes unless all of their judges have paradigms. This is true for Policy, PF, and LD.**

Tabroom.com

Your Tabroom account should be linked and ready by Monday, September 26th.

All events will post updates on yaleinvite.tabroom.com. Please make sure that you have your notifications sent to your cell phones, and that all your team, including students and judges, are plugged in. Students and/or judges who miss rounds will not be forgiven because of "technical problems." It has been our experience that most technical issues result from the students' or judges' Tabroom.com profile not being linked correctly or contact information (cell phone and email) not being provided within the profile.

We will also be asking for judge cell phone numbers at registration on the tournament website. Keep in mind that the more judge cell numbers you register, the fewer times we'll be calling you. The more contact information that we have for your judges, the easier it will be to resolve questions or issues that may arise during the tournament.

Schools whose judges fail to appear for an assigned round will be fined **\$50** for each round. Judges fined may compensate by judging rounds beyond their assignment. *We do not want your money; we want judges to show up.* However, schools with unpaid fines will not be given ballots or awards, and they will be prevented from registering at other tournaments we run until those fines are paid. *Our tab staff runs*

many, many tournaments. Don't break the rules, or else you may be prevented from competing at other tournaments.

Hired Judging

We are also committed to hiring a quality pool of judging. Given the relatively small number of judges in the New Haven area, however, bringing this pool to Yale is both complex and expensive. To aid us in that effort, the registration system will ask you to explicitly request judge hires.

Please request early; we will not harm the quality of our tournament by oversubscribing hired judging.

For LD, *judges dropped after registration is frozen on Wednesday, September 28th will incur a substantial fee.* Similarly, if you add a judge after September 28th, you still have to pay for the hired judges you signed up for.

For all events that are not LD, the above rule holds for *Monday, September 19th*. If you add a judge after September 19th, you will still have to pay for the hired judges you signed up for, and if you remove a judge, this will incur a substantial fee.

Please note also that we will not allow schools to hire out their whole commitments in any event category. This is to say you must bring **at least one judge in every event you are competing in.**

We charge for hired judges by the student, not by the whole judge. For example, if you have seven IE students entered, and only one judge covering five of those students, you owe two hired judging fees. This system is fairer because it does not require you to hire a whole judge just to cover a fractional obligation.

Speech or Congress hired judges cost \$50 per entry they cover. If you have 12 entries and two judges, your hired judge costs \$100. Congress judging carries a maximum charge of five entries. You do not need to hire for entries beyond your first 5 (\$250).

Public Forum Debate	\$150 per entry (team)
Policy Debate	\$150 per entry (team)
Lincoln Douglas Debate	\$150 per entry (debater)
Congressional Debate	\$50 per entry (debater); 5-entry max charge
Parliamentary Debate	\$100 per entry (team)
Speech Events	\$50 per entry

LD Mutually Preferred Judging

Yale will again be using Mutually Preferred Judging in LD Debate. Each debater in the Varsity division, provided their judging obligation is covered, will be able to rank all judges from 1-6 (6 being a strike). Conflicts will be handled separately, and instructions will be provided for defining conflicts both for teams and for judges; keep in mind that a conflict is a judge who likes you too much, not another chance

for you to get more strikes. Students found to be misusing conflicts face repercussions up to and including disqualification from the tournament. We wish to emphasize that we expect students participating in non-school sponsored “club programs” are expected to follow the conflict regulations set forth by both their school and their club. Debaters who are discovered to not be following any set of conflict guidelines applicable to them can lose all of their preferences.

MPJ ratings will be available on yaleinvite.tabroom.com on Tuesday before the tournament. They will close Friday at 12 PM. If you are not getting a ranking option when you go into your online registration, your judging obligation was not covered.

Event Information

Varsity and Junior Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate

The resolution will be the September-October National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) topic. Both LD divisions will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format. Debaters will have 5 minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken based on record, high/low adjusted points, double-adjusted points, opponent's record, total points, judge variance, and coin flip, in that order. There will be six rounds in both Varsity and JV; the break will be to double-octofinals in both LD divisions. If necessary, there will be a run-off in VLD of 4-2s.

Policy Debate

Policy Debate will be using the NFHS resolution. Teams will give eight-minute constructive speeches, three-minute cross-examinations, and five-minute rebuttals and will have eight minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken using the same criteria as Lincoln Douglas Debate. The break will be to the appropriate elim. We will host an open room with WiFi available for collaborative tournament prep throughout the tournament. This room will stay open during Friday and Saturday rounds.

Public Forum Debate

There will be both Varsity and Junior Varsity divisions of Public Forum Debate. We will follow all NSDA rules. The tournament will be using the NSDA topic for September/October of 2022. Ties will be broken using the same criteria as Lincoln Douglas Debate. The Varsity division will break to triple octofinals; our intent is that all JV teams with a 4-2 record will also break to elimination rounds.

Student Congress

There will be a single, open division of Congressional Debate. There will be three preliminary sessions. Sessions 1 through 3 will take place on Saturday, and the Semifinal and Final Sessions will take place on Sunday.

Please mark judges available to act as a parliamentarian when entering judge info on Tabroom.

Please note that **registration for Congressional Debate is due before that of other events**, on Thursday, September 1st, so we can create docket assignments. We will add late entries as we have drops in the released chambers. We will assign dockets (for prelims and outrounds), and publish both on the Yale Invitational website by **Monday, September 12th**. Final chamber assignments will be published at least 1 hour prior to session 1.

This year, we will be accepting legislation for preliminary rounds, and the tournament will provide **legislation for elimination rounds**. The legislation submission process will be announced shortly, and an update will be posted on the Tabroom page. The deadline for submission will be Thursday, September 1st at 5:00 PM.

Parliamentary Debate

There will be a single, open division of Parliamentary Debate. We will follow the American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA) format with its 7-8-8-8-4-5 speech times. For a full style guide, please visit the tournament website. We will release the straight-link resolution 15 minutes before the start of each round. There will be **five** rounds with a break to quarterfinals. We may run partial/full octos depending on the size of the field.

Speech Events

Students will be limited to entering a maximum of two events. We will again be scheduling *five preliminary rounds* instead of four. Students entered in Extemp are not allowed double enter.

Students may enter each event only once. Students may use the same source material in only one event. For example, a student may not perform the same piece for OI and DI. Students performing the same source material in more than one event will be disqualified from *both events* at tab's discretion. Two works from the same collection, volume, or anthology do not qualify as the same material. However, two cuttings from the same work do. Feel free to email us in advance if you have questions about this rule.

Extemp, Informative, Oratory, DI, HI, POI, and Duo will follow *National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA)* rules and guidelines. Oral Interpretation of Literature will follow *National Catholic Forensic League (NCFL)* rules and guidelines. We will use the NCFL's guidelines for published material in Interp events. The grace period will be 30 seconds for all speech events. Any IE participant who exceeds the grace period may not receive a rank of one in the round. Any further penalty will be at the discretion of the judge. A participant may be penalized for a time violation only if the judge has used a precise timing device and notes the penalty on the ballot.

Speech events will break to either quarterfinals or semifinals based on the size of the events. An event with 60 or more competitors will break to quarterfinals. Speech tabbing will be cumulative throughout the tournament, with the worst prelim score dropped. We will advance as many students tied on ranks as logistics permit to each consecutive elim round. If there are too many tied competitors to advance all competitors with a given cumulative score, ties will next be broken by reciprocal ranks. Students on the edge of breaking who are tied on both ranks and reciprocals will always be advanced to the next elim round. The Extemp final round will feature cross-examination in accordance with NSDA rules.

Source Integrity

Debate:

All students must bring copies of all sources, which must include the full context of the citation, not simply a retyped list of short sentences and quotes. Upon request, competitors must make these sources available to their opponent(s) in the round and/or their judges (after the round). Debate entries failing to do so or debaters who significantly misrepresent sources in the round may be disqualified at tab's discretion.

Speech:

Speech contestants should have the full original source and their cutting of all material in interpretive events available at the tournament. Oratory and Extemp students should have the text of any material they cite in their speeches available at the tournament. Students misrepresenting sources or using unavailable sources may be disqualified at tab's discretion.

Equity

We will be putting together an equity team for our tournament in efforts to provide an improved speech and debate environment. These individuals will put out an equity policy and be on call during the tournament to act as a resource for students and judges pertaining to equity-related issues.

Scheduling

All times and events are subject to change. Any changes will not significantly affect the starting or ending times of the tournament. Please remind your competitors to be on time for their events. The rounds will begin at the scheduled time with or without them present. A final official detailed schedule will be posted the week of the tournament.

All times are in ET.

A detailed schedule will be provided in advance of the tournament, along with any changes to the schedule.

Tournament Schedule: Speech

All speech events will run five preliminary rounds in all events. Double entry is permitted, except for Extemp. Judges are obligated for all rounds.

A final schedule will be posted close to the tournament attendants can expect that rounds will run between 8:30 AM until around 8:30 PM on Saturday and 9 AM until Awards on Sunday.

Tournament Schedule: LD/PF

All rounds double-flighted. Judges are obligated to judge through Octofinals OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.

Friday

4:30 PM	Round 1
7:00 PM	Round 2

Saturday

9:00 AM	Round 3
11:30 AM	Round 4
2:15 PM	Round 5
4:45 PM	Round 6
7:30 PM	Triples/First elim

Sunday

9:00 AM	Doubles/Second elim
10:45 AM	Octas/Third elim
12:15 PM	Quarters/Fourth elim
1:30 PM	Semis/Fifth elim
2:45 PM	Finals/Sixth elim

Tournament Schedule: Policy

All rounds single-flighted. Judges are obligated to judge through Quarters OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.

Friday	
4:30 PM	Round 1
7:00 PM	Round 2
Saturday	
9:00 AM	Round 3
12:00 PM	Round 4
3:00 PM	Round 5
6:00 PM	Round 6
Sunday	
9:00 AM	Octos/First elim
12:00 PM	Quarters/Second elim
3:00 PM	Semis/Third elim
6:00 PM	Finals/Fourth elim

Tournament Schedule: Student Congress

You may split your judge obligation between days and sessions in order to reduce judge fatigue, but you must fulfill the obligation for all sessions.

Saturday	
8:00 AM	Session 1
12:30 PM	Session 2
5:00 PM	Session 3

Breaks posted as soon as possible

Sunday	
8:30 AM	Semifinals
1:00 PM	Finals
5:00 PM	Awards

Tournament Schedule: Parliamentary

All rounds are single-flighted. Schools must select at least one judge to be available for all elimination rounds on Sunday. The rest of the judges are obligated to judge through Octofinals OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.

Saturday	
9:00 AM	Round 1
11:00 AM	Round 2
2:00 PM	Round 3
4:00 PM	Round 4
6:00 PM	Round 5
Sunday	
9:00 AM	Octos/First elim
11:00 AM	Quarters/Second elim
1:30 PM	Semis/Third elim
3:30 PM	Finals/Fourth elim

Event Locations

We are very excited to welcome you back to New Haven for the 30th Annual Yale Invitational! We understand that for many of you, this will be your first time competing in New Haven, so we are providing as many resources as possible to make your tournament experience as easy as possible.

To that end, *please read all the relevant information for your event*. Competing in-person is fantastic, but lost students are often the biggest obstacle to the tournament running on time. We will have tournament staff stationed at every building and a generous number of signs directing you to rooms, but the more you familiarize yourself with the information below before the tournament, the easier your days will be.

Finally, as per our tournament’s Code of Conduct, students must take care of their competition rooms throughout the weekend. The YDA has partnered with local schools to accommodate our competitors, but if any damage or mess is found on the property after the competition, the Yale Invitational will no longer be allowed to host. The same is true for Yale’s campus. Any guest found damaging property will be barred from future participation and be held responsible for the financial cost of damage incurred.

Maps

The addresses for each location the Yale Invitational will be using are updated on Google Maps. For Yale buildings, Yale’s [official campus map](#) is very helpful.

Summary Chart

As in previous years, we are very proud to be partnering with several other schools in New Haven to host our competition on Friday and Saturday. All events will compete on Yale’s campus on Sunday, but due to the high number of competitors the Yale Invitational accepts every year, we split our tournament across several buildings for the best debate experience possible. More information on locations is available below under “Guide by Event”.

Event Locations by Day			
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
PF	Hillhouse HS	Hillhouse HS	Yale
LD	Yale	Yale	Yale
CX	Yale	Yale	Yale
Parli	N/A	Troup School	Yale
Congress	N/A	Albertus Magnus	Yale
Speech	N/A	Yale and Co-op HS	Yale

Name	Address
Hillhouse HS	480 Sherman Parkway, New Haven, CT 06511
Troup School	259 Edgewood Ave, New Haven, CT 06511
Albertus Magnus College	700 Prospect St, New Haven, CT 06511
Cooperative Arts and Humanities High School (Co-op HS)	177 College St, New Haven, CT 06510
Yale	Various locations (More information below)

Guide by Event

PF:

PF will be hosted at Hillhouse HS on Friday and Saturday.
Hillhouse HS is located at 480 Sherman Parkway, New Haven, CT 06511.

On Sunday, PF will be on Yale's campus. Yale Building TBD.

LD:

LD will be on Yale's campus for the entire tournament.

For Friday and Saturday, Varsity LD will be competing at the Watson Center.
The Watson Center is located at 60 Sachem St, New Haven, CT 06511.

For Friday and Saturday, Junior Varsity LD will be competing in a small group of buildings nearby the Yale Center for Engineering Innovation and Design (otherwise known as the Becton Center) at 15 Prospect St, New Haven, CT 06511.

The exact locations of the JV LD rooms are listed here:

Competition Room	Building	Room Code	Address
JV LD - 1	Dunham Laboratory	DL 120	10 Hillhouse Ave, New Haven, CT 06511
JV LD - 2		DL 220	
JV LD - 3		DL 316	
JV LD - 4	Leet Oliver Memorial Hall	LOM 200	12 Hillhouse Ave, New Haven, CT 06511
JV LD - 5		LOM 201	
JV LD - 6		LOM 205	
JV LD - 7		LOM 206	
JV LD - 8		LOM 214	
JV LD - 9		LOM 215	
JV LD - 10	Mason Laboratory	ML 104	9 Hillhouse Ave, New Haven, CT 06511
JV LD - 11		ML 211	

Sunday locations are TBD.

CX:

CX will be on Yale's campus for the entire tournament.

For Friday and Saturday, CX will be at Linsly-Chittenden Hall (LC).
LC can be accessed through the High Street entrance. LC is at 63 High St, New Haven, CT 06511.

On Sunday, CX will be on Yale's campus. Yale Building TBD.

Parli:

Parli will be hosted at Troup School on Saturday.

Troup School is located at 259 Edgewood Ave, New Haven, CT 06511.

On Sunday, Parli will be on Yale's campus. Yale Building TBD.

Congress:

Congress will be hosted in Aquinas Hall at Albertus Magnus College on Saturday.

Aquinas Hall is located at 915 Winchester Ave, New Haven, CT 06511.

On Sunday, Congress will be on Yale's campus. Yale Building TBD.

Speech:

Speech will be hosted at Co-operative Arts and Humanities High School (Co-op HS) and on Yale's campus on Friday and Saturday. Co-op HS and Yale are within close walking distance of each other (less than 5 minutes), so double-entered students will still be able to compete in events located in two different buildings.

The two Yale buildings Speech will be using are Linsly-Chittenden Hall (LC) and William L. Harkness Hall (LC).

LC can be accessed through the High Street entrance. LC is at 63 High St, New Haven, CT 06511.

WLH can be access through its Cross-Campus entrance (the entrance facing the big, green lawn). WLH is at 100 Wall St, New Haven, CT 06511.

Locations by speech event are listed here:

Event	Building	Address
Duo	Co-op HS	177 College St, New Haven, CT 06510
DI		
HI		
POI		
EXT	Yale (LC)	63 High St, New Haven, CT 06511
INFO	Yale (WLH)	63 High St, New Haven, CT 06511
OI		
OO		

On Sunday, Speech will be on Yale's campus. Yale Building TBD.